



**Newsletter 13 Saturday 4th December 2021**



## Message From The Headteacher

### Advent is here!

Last Sunday marked the beginning of Advent and we celebrated this in school with a beautiful assembly led by Year 3. The children read, danced, acted and sang brilliantly – they were all wonderful. They performed twice – once to the juniors and then to the infants. It was a great performance and a confidence building experience for them all. The first Advent candle was lit to mark that the waiting for Christmas has begun.

The performance has been recorded and will be shared with Year 3 parents/carers as soon as possible.

Thank you to Ms Gannon, Ms Deans and Mrs O'Brien for supporting the children to create such a prayerful and engaging assembly. Every child was given a gold star to write a prayer of hope and put on their class Christmas tree.



### Christmas Events and Activities in School

**Advent Assembly 2 on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December led by Year 4**

**Early Years (Reception Class) Nativity on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

**Advent Assembly 3 on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December led by Year 5**

**KS1 Nativity on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

**Advent Assembly 4 on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christmas Carols for all school in the school yard on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christmas class parties on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

**School closes at 1.30pm on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December.**



As I said in last week's newsletter.... *'Unfortunately, with a heavy heart, I have made the decision that we will **not** be able to invite parents and carers into school to watch the Christmas performances and nativity plays. I know this will be very disappointing for our families but it is my priority to keep children, staff and our school families as safe as possible, especially as we lead up to the Christmas period.'*

This decision has been reinforced more recently by the additional Covid measures we have been asked to implement by Public Health Liverpool. *When we have looked at these against our own risk assessment we would NOT be able to implement some of the Covid measures we have been instructed to, to create a safe environment to permit parents into school to watch the performances live.*

We will film all of the performances and will share with parents/carers via our school YouTube channel. More information will follow about how to access this.

**School Covid Safe Risk Assessment** – this will be updated and put onto our website to include the additional public health measures.

### **Subway and lack of safe crossing across West Derby Road**

Last Friday we had a visit from several Liverpool councillors and our local MP Paula Baker to once again look at the significant health and safety issues we have continued to raise with them about the subway and lack of safe crossing on West Derby Road. They all agreed it was an unacceptable situation and that action was needed. As a school we will hold them to these actions in every way we can. But we need your help too. Report your concerns directly to the council at <https://liverpool.gov.uk/environmental-problems/rubbish-and-litter/street-cleaning/>

And of course, it is always more powerful to include a photograph. The more reported concerns - the greater chance we will have of securing immediate and long-term solutions.

**Christmas Hampers** ..... Look out for a letter from our Year 6 Head and Deputy pupils who are leading a special Christmas project to support families in our school and parish.

**Have a lovely weekend – Alyson Rigby**





This week is the beginning of Advent and our Collective Worship theme has been **Advent Hope**. We started the week with a fabulous assembly led by children in Year 3 on Monday and, in class, the children have reflected on hope - where they find hope and how they can spread hope.

**Hope: Isaiah 9:2,6**  
Waiting hopefully.

Once a long time ago, people felt as though they were living in the dark. Then something happened.

It was as though a great light brightened up their lives and brought them joy.

A child has been born to us.

A son is given to us. And these are the names he has been given:  
Strong Friend,  
Powerful God,  
Ever-loving Father,  
Bringer of Peace

Based on Isaiah 9:2, 6 (God's Story 2)

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November

**Hope**

Dear Jesus,  
As Advent begins, help us to be beacons of hope, love, joy and peace.  
Guide us and help us to keep our lights shining so that we may guide others on the path to you.

Amén

**Hope: 1 Thessalonians 3:12**  
Always keep your heart ready.

**KEEP GOD IN YOUR HEART**

choose **HOPE**

Dear Jesus,  
As Advent begins, help us to be beacons of hope, love, joy and peace.  
Guide us and help us to keep our lights shining so that we may guide others on the path to you.  
Amen

Friday for when Jesus will come again.  
Think about the person you want to be.



**Dear Jesus,**  
**As Advent begins, help us to be beacons of hope, love, joy and peace.**  
**Guide us and help us to keep our lights shining so that we may guide others on the path to you.**  
**Amen**

**Hope: John 1:5**  
Light in the darkness

The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has never put it out.

Dear Jesus,  
As Advent begins, help us to be beacons of love, joy and peace.  
Guide us and help us to keep our lights shining so that we may guide others on the path to you.  
Amen

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

**Hope: John 1:5**  
Where is Nazareth?

Dear Jesus,  
As Advent begins, help us to be beacons of hope, love, joy and peace.  
Guide us and help us to keep our lights shining so that we may guide others on the path to you.  
Amen

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December

**Let Your LIGHT Shine!**

How will you help others and share the light of Jesus this Advent & Christmas?

lights shining so that we may guide others on the path to you.  
Amen

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

How does this reading from the Bible make you feel?

Advent Hope Love Joy Peace

Read the **Parish of St Michael & Sacred Heart Newsletters** and **The Wednesday Word**

**THE Wednesday WORD**  
Good News for Families

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION  
**POPPY APPEAL**

We raised £76.75

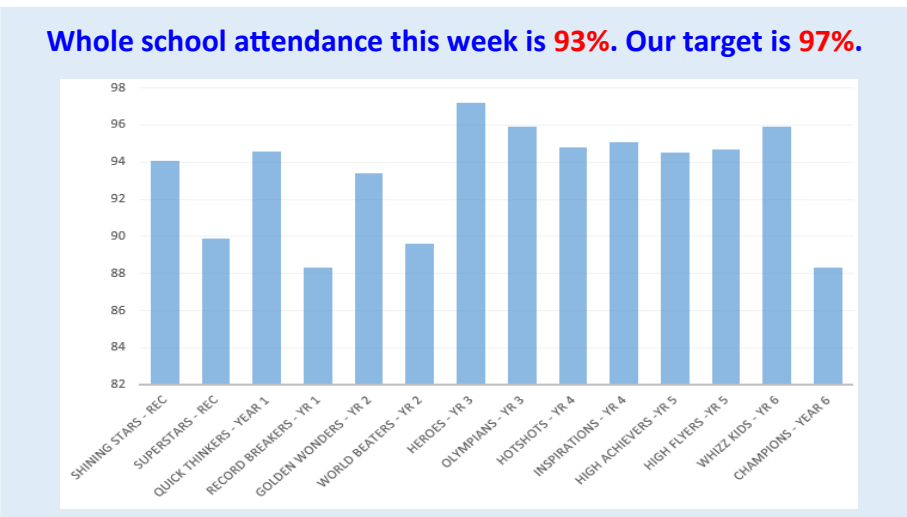
Thank you

**Reception—Help Your Child Read Workshop**

In the session we looked at introducing letter sounds, their pictures and their letter formation. We then looked at how we put this altogether to encourage children to read words, sentences, and eventually stories. The Reception children have made amazing progress in their reading skills thus far in the school year - we are so proud of them! If you need more information see Miss O’Kane.

**Support This Christmas**

Do you need help with toys, clothes and food? Please call the office (0151 263 8460) and leave your name. Mrs Birch will contact you for a confidential chat to see how we can support you this Christmas.



**Happy Birthday**

Aziel Ogbeide  
Kaaviya Sutharsan  
Michelle Idemudia  
Gladwin Jeemon  
Samantha Burjanska  
Thomas Daulby  
Ella-Rose Hughes  
Catalin Tanase  
Evi Onowighose  
Omid Rezaei  
Bernice Ozabor

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**Be Ready Be Respectful Be Safe Be in!**



On Friday the police, dog handlers and fire service visited our school to speak to Years 5 & 6. This was planned following feedback from our recent Community Meeting about the tragic incident at the Liverpool Women's Hospital and the impact this had around our school. The services talked about their role and how they keep us safe. Furthermore, the children got the opportunity to ask questions and clarify things that they were unsure about or worrying about.



## Following the tragic incident in the city centre this week, please see below support services that are available to children and young people in Liverpool.



### OUT OF HOURS AND EMERGENCY CARE

Below are some options available to children and young people in Liverpool:

#### You May Just Want Someone To Talk To ...

Below are some phone numbers and links that may be useful:

#### ALDER HEY CAMHS - CRISIS CARE TEAM

Alder Hey Crisis Care Team – 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Crisis Care Team offer advice, consultation, and direct intervention to children/young people. and their Families. Contact the team 24/7 on **0151 293 3577**.

#### YOUNGMINDS CRISIS MESSENGER

If you are a young person experiencing a mental health crisis, you can text the YoungMinds Crisis Messenger for free, 24/7 support. **Text YM to 85258**

For more information visit YoungMinds website [here](#)

#### NHS 111

Where trained health professionals can give you health advice and information 24 hours a day.

Telephone: 111

[Click here to go directly to the NHS 111 website](#)

#### THE SAMARITANS

Offer a 24-hour confidential helpline. Samaritans volunteers listen in confidence to anyone in any type of emotional distress, without judging or telling people what to do.

Telephone: 08457 90 90 90

Textphone: 08457 90 91 92

[Click here to go directly to the Samaritans website](#)

#### CHILDLINE

Childline is here to help anyone under 19 in the UK with any issue they're going through. Whether it's something big or small, our trained counsellors are here to support you.

Childline is free, confidential and available anytime, day or night. You can talk to us on the phone, by email or through [1-2-1 counsellor chat](#). Whatever feels best for you.

Telephone: 0800 1111

[1-2-1 Counsellor Chat](#)

[BSL Users](#)

[Click here to go directly to the Childline website](#)

#### You May Need To See Someone ...

At times children and young people may become distressed and need to be seen in an emergency. The following is available for children and young people in Liverpool:

#### GP OUT OF HOURS SERVICE

A GP is available when your local surgery is closed during evenings, weekends and Bank Holidays. If you need urgent healthcare which cannot wait until the next working day, you can access a GP via the GP Out of Hours service. Call your Doctor's surgery on the usual number and you will either be transferred to the Out of Hours service, or there will be an answer phone message with details of how to access it. The out of hours service operator will take details of your call and pass these to a doctor or nurse, who will contact you and, depending on your circumstances, will offer you one of the following options:

\* Telephone advice

\*An appointment at a healthcare service in your area that evening

\*A home visit

#### ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY: CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 0-16 YEARS

If a child or young person becomes distressed or shows signs of becoming a risk to others or themselves they should be taken to [A&E at Alder Hey Children's Foundation Trust](#) following receipt of parental/carer permission. The Specialist mental health service provided by this trust operates a duty on-call system and a clinician will be called to attend A&E to support and provide an assessment of the child or young person. A Psychiatrist on-call system operates through the evening.



# St Michael's Catholic Primary School

## Term Dates 2021-2022



### Autumn Term 2021

**Term:** Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September to Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021

**Half term:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021 (school closed)

**Terms ends:** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021



### Spring Term 2022

**Term:** Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**Half term:** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022 (school closed)

**Term ends:** Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022



### Summer Term 2022

**Term:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April to Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**Half term:** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 (school closed)

**Term Ends:** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**May Bank Holiday:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022 (school closed)

#### Staff Development Days (School closed for pupils)

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Two extended twilight sessions

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*'With Jesus we can **achieve** what we **dream** and **believe**'*