



St Michael's Catholic Primary School

With Jesus we can Achieve what we Dream and Believe!

Newsletter 8

Saturday 23rd October 2021

Contact Us



Guion Street, Liverpool, L6 9DU



Diary Dates

Tuesday 21st December

Last day of Autumn Term

School closes at 1:30pm

Free School Meals - All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free school meals regardless of your income. **Click here to apply for free school meals.** You will get an instant decision.



0151 263 8460



contact
@stmichaelscatholic
primary.co.uk



@STMTuebrook



The Parents App



https://
stmichaelscatholic
primary.co.uk/

Keep In Touch

In the interest of your child's safety and well being we need:



- * a named adult that can be contacted at all times
- * at least 3 up to date telephone numbers
- * a call if your child is absent from school (Press 1 to report a pupil absence)

If there is no contact a home visit will be carried out. If there is still no contact we may need to call the police for a welfare check.

Is your child in Year 6?

New Secondary School

You must complete the online application for secondary school by 31st October.



liverpool.gov.uk/admissions

Click [here](#) for the Transfer Information book.

Head Teacher Weekly Message

Dear Parents

On behalf of all the staff I wish you and your families a lovely half term holiday. It has been a busy first half term in school with many different activities for the children to get involved in.

Today we said a fond farewell to Ms Beth Wright who has taught in year 6. She has been a teacher here at St Michael's for just over six years. Ms Wright has been an excellent teacher and is highly respected by all her colleagues in school. She has led many of our musical productions with the choir over the years, bringing joy and happiness to all. We will all miss her greatly but wish her well in her new role.

We will look forward to welcoming all our children back on **Monday 1st November**.



Infant Building Entrance & Exit Change From Monday 1st November

New Infant Entrance (Infant Gate)



New Infant Exit (Nursery Gate)





This week in **Collective Worship** our theme has been Joy & Integrity: Celebrating God's Creation linked to our Harvest Festival assembly led by Year 2.

Joy & Integrity: Mark 10:32-45

We are here to serve.

Play the video to see this gospel story about Jesus and His disciples.

Thursday 18th October

Joy & Integrity: Genesis 8:22

Celebrating God's Creation.

Creator God,
Today we are thankful for...
The rainbow colours of your world
Brilliant fruit that is good to eat.
The light of day and the darkness of night.
The beauty of the changing seasons,
Nature's patterns of seedtime and harvest.
Thank you!
Amen



of the year
the most joy?
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Who's job is it to look after our planet?

Joy & Integrity: Psalm 8:3-11

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you feel when you look at the sky?
you think the writer of the psalm felt? Why?

love.
Wednesday 20th October

Church Visit

On Tuesday Year 4 demonstrated excellent behaviour on their trip to St. Michael's church. Father Fitz was there to welcome them and show them around. They said prayers for homeless people, sang hymns and thanked God for their own homes and families. They really enjoyed their visit and hope to go again soon.



Year 2 Harvest Assembly



On Thursday, the whole school went 'Green for CAFOD.' Year 2 led our Harvest Assembly saying thank you for the food we have to eat. They made a rainbow using fruit and vegetables - thanking God for the farmers that grow our food. But they also told us about climate change and how it is affecting people's lives. The money we collected on Thursday will be sent to CAFOD so that they can help people around the world when their homes are at risk from climate change. In school, the children were all invited to make a pledge about what they can do to help protect our planet.




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



BE BRIGHT & BE SEEN this winter



When the clocks go back it will start getting dark earlier on. This makes it more important than ever to make sure that you can be seen when you're out and about near roads.

How many ways can you think of to make yourself bright?

Check over the page for some top tips!

5 top tips on how to BE BRIGHT & BE SEEN

- 1 Brightly coloured or fluorescent clothing shows up well in daylight and at dusk when you're heading to and from school.
- 2 If you're out and about when it's dark wear reflective items to make sure you can be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or wristbands work well. Remember, fluorescent clothing doesn't work after dark!
- 3 Don't forget to accessorise! Even small items such as clip on reflectors, armbands and stickers on your outfit or school bag are a great way to improve your visibility.
- 4 If you like to cycle, remember that it's the law to have clean and working lights at night (white at the front, red at the back), as well as a rear reflector. It's good to fit spoke reflectors too.
- 5 Of course, 'Being Bright' helps drivers to see you but that won't guarantee that you keep safe. You still need to make sure that you stop and look in all directions for traffic every time you cross.

Be Bright,
Be Seen

THINK

HALLOWEEN SAFETY GUIDE



Before you go Trick or Treating, make sure you're fully prepared and stay safe.

ROAD SAFETY

- Plan Your Route - No one wants to find themselves far away from home on Halloween.
- Dress with care - Remove your mask, and make sure the road is clear before crossing.
- Know your curfew - Make sure you know when you are expected home, to save your parents any unwanted worry.



WHERE TO KNOCK

It is important only to trick or treat at houses which are well lit, or which are decorated with Halloween themed decorations. Some people may not want to be disturbed.



COSTUME

If you are dressing up this Halloween, why not add some reflective accessories to your spooky get up, to make sure you are extra visible to cars. Small light up goodies are also a good way to make yourself visible to night time traffic.



CHECK YOUR SWEETS

Make sure you or your parents check your sweets to make sure you are not allergic to any of your Halloween treats, or that you have received any treats that aren't worth eating - nobody wants to be poorly for Bonfire Night.

ENJOY!

Last but not least, enjoy your time Trick or Treating on Halloween night, it only comes around once a year, so make the most of it!

TRICK
OR
TREAT

www.primaryteaching.co.uk

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Happy Birthday

Nada Abushraa
Macauley Critchley
Layla Luckova
Dheur Mukoko Mary Yosief
Antony McGowan
Suet Yee Wong Jacob Erickson
Summer Henesy
Maksymilian Mydlo
Kaiden Braithwaite
Dilliet Yemane
Miss Hughes Mrs Fagan
Mrs Haynes

pageborders.org



Family Support Dawn Foxon, our school Family Support Worker, is available to talk privately about any concerns or issues.

Call Dawn Foxon 07712235811 email dawn.foxon@liverpool.gov.uk



Reception



This half term we have been settling into school. We have been learning where all the toys and resources are kept and are beginning to learn how to tidy up! We have also been learning all about 'ourselves' and our new friends. We have had a lot of new names to learn. We have also learnt that we have lots of similarities and differences, and that it is okay to be different!

We have really enjoyed getting creative and love drawing and painting pictures, we have also been using 'loose parts' to create some fantastic art work.



We have enjoyed a number of different stories this half term, and have used a story map to help us retell the story of 'Monkey and Me'. We have also been focusing on some well known stories to help us with our work on the number 3. These include 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears', 'The Three Little Pigs' and the story of 'Owl Babies'.

We have received some messages from the characters from our stories and we have enjoyed sending and receiving some messages to each other. One day we even found some messages left on our bananas!



We have spent this half term focusing on numbers to 3 and we are now getting really good at subitising (looking at groups of objects and knowing how many there are without counting). We have also been working on shape recognition and repeated patterns. Some of us can even do a pattern with three colours.

We have been doing daily phonics sessions and have now covered the first 16 sounds. We are improving our listening skills by playing lots of 'Fred Talk' games.

Keep practicing your letter cards at home and see how speedy you can get. You might even be able to start making some words with your cards eg; cat, dog, sat, mad, sad.



Liverpool
City Council

Dear Parent or Guardian

The #OPAL holiday activity programme is a packed half term programme bursting with great activities and delicious meals every day.

Children and young people will be able to access hundreds of activities throughout the half term holidays, including specific provision available for children with SEND or additional needs, at no cost to you. Many of the activity providers are holding Halloween themed week of activities as well as **boxing, trampolining, football, pony riding, music, dance, circus skills, cycling, cooking, climbing, films, gardening, arts and crafts, forest school, photography, trips out, yoga, djing, ice skating** and many other exciting opportunities.

To find out where your nearest scheme is please click on this link - [October Half Term Play and Activities \(OPAL\) – Merseyside Play Action Council](#) or visit www.Merseyplay.com and click on the OPAL link.

When you have chosen an activity, you will need to contact that organisation to book a place. If your child has any additional needs or dietary requirements then please discuss this with the organisation when you book.

Liverpool City Council is working with local schools, voluntary and community organisations, and childcare providers to provide the OPAL programme.

Included is information regarding additional support available for residents who may have been affected by recent events such as changes to benefits, energy price increases, furlough ending or for anyone struggling to make ends meet.

Regards *Sally Dobbing* Sally Dobbing - HAF Project Manager

Additional Support

Benefits advice

Request benefits advice or get help with Universal Credit claims today at www.liverpool.gov.uk/bms or check if you qualify online at www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators. You can also call freephone 0800 028 3697 or visit any One Stop Shop. You can also speak to your landlord if you're a social housing tenant.

Debt

Your local Citizens Advice can help you deal with debt. You can book appointments with the city centre money advice team on 0151 233 2771. Call 0344 848 7700 or visit www.citizensadvice.liverpool.org.uk to find your local office. For details of other organisations go to www.liverpool.gov.uk/debt

Council Tax—Call us today on 0800 028 3686 if you're having problems paying your Council Tax, have Council Tax arrears, are struggling to pay back overpaid Housing Benefit or owe other debts to the council.

Free school meals—Apply today at www.liverpool.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals or call free phone 0800 028 3697 and your family could save over £400 per year and your child's school can receive up to £1,900 additional funding for every eligible child.

Housing—Housing Options provides help and advice if you are homeless or threatened with homelessness. Call us on freephone 0800 731 6844. Visit any of our One Stop Shops – www.liverpool.gov.uk/onestopshops or call 0151 233 3000

Fuel - Our Healthy Homes team can provide free help and advice if you're struggling to pay your fuel bills, and energy saving hints and tips to help keep you warm and your bills low. They may also be able to help with replacement boilers and windows. Visit www.liverpool.gov.uk/housing/fuel-poverty-and-energy-efficiency/ or call them on freephone 0800 0121 754.

Council Tax Support

Council Tax Support helps you pay some of your Council Tax if you are on a low income or claiming certain benefits. You can claim whether you own your home or rent, or whether you're working or unemployed.

Find out more: www.liverpool.gov.uk/benefits/housing-benefits/council-tax-support/

Discretionary Housing Payments

Discretionary Housing Payments (DHP) can give you short term help to pay your rent when Housing Benefit or Universal Credit does not meet your rent in full. You can apply if you receive Housing Benefit or the housing cost element of Universal Credit or there is a shortfall between your rent and benefit entitlement.

Find out more: www.liverpool.gov.uk/benefits/housing-benefits/discretionary-housing-payments/

Liverpool Citizens Support Scheme

If you find yourself in crisis you can apply for support to get food and basic necessities for you and your family including gas and electric vouchers (urgent needs) and furniture and household essentials (home needs). An emergency or crisis might be a fire or flood, or you have had to move due to violence or fear of violence, or you are leaving care or prison and need support to stay in the community.

Find out more: www.liverpool.gov.uk/benefits/help-in-a-crisis/liverpool-citizens-support-scheme/

Foodbanks in Liverpool

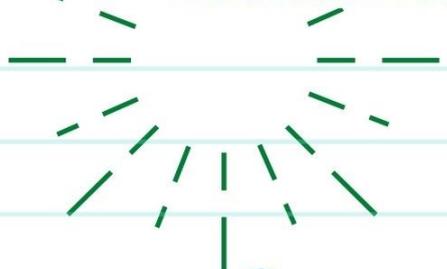
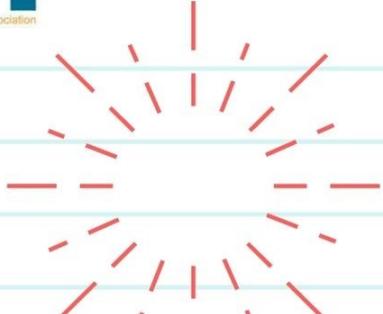
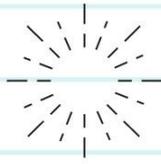
Your local foodbank can provide at least three days' emergency food and support to people in crisis. You can get a voucher from your: health visitor, social worker, local citizens advice or charity organisation and take your voucher to your local Trussell Trust foodbank to receive your emergency food. Your local church or community centre may have their own system and you may not need a voucher.

Find out more: www.liverpool.gov.uk/benefits/help-in-a-crisis/foodbanks/

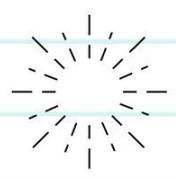
Short-term benefits advance

If you're waiting for your first benefit payment and don't have enough money to cover food and essential items such as rent, gas and electric you can ask your local Job Centre for a short-term advance.

Find out more: www.liverpool.gov.uk/benefits/help-in-a-crisis/short-term-benefit-advance/

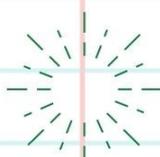


MANAGING YOUR CHILD'S WORRY



All parents, carers and staff are welcome

You will learn:



20/10/21 10am

13/12/21 4pm

How worry differs from anxiety

The importance of allowing our children to worry

Effective ways to control worry

Learning children about the anxiety response

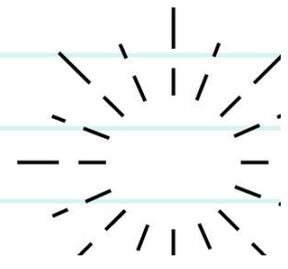
Explore ways to communicate with children about

worry



self-help strategies to support

worry and anxiety



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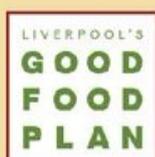
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Term Dates 2021-2022



Autumn Term 2021

Term: Thursday 2nd September to Tuesday 21st December 2021

Half term: Friday 22nd October to Friday 29th October 2021 (school closed)

Terms ends: Tuesday 21st December 2021



Spring Term 2022

Term: Wednesday 5th January 2022 - Friday 8th April 2022

Half term: Monday 21st February – Friday 25th February 2022 (school closed)

Term ends: Friday 8th April 2022



Summer Term 2022

Term: Monday 25th April to Tuesday 19th July 2022

Half term: Monday 30th May to Monday 6th June 2022 (school closed)

Term Ends: Tuesday 19th July 2022

May Bank Holiday: Monday 2nd May 2022 (school closed)

Staff Development Days (School closed for pupils)

Wednesday 1st September 2021

Friday 17th September 2021

Friday 22nd October 2021

Monday 28th February 2022

Two extended twilight sessions

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