

#### Message From The Headteacher

**Dear Parents and Carers** 

Wow! It is hard to believe we are very close to the end of January. It is lovely to see the days gradually staying lighter for longer.

Last week in assembly one of the headteachers' weekly challenges was for each class to ponder together the following question,

#### 'What would be the one thing you would like to change about the world?'



Each class reflected on this question and after class discussions agreed on the one thing they would like to change.

Each class put together a power point slide to showcase what they had decided. The responses of the children, to this question, are quite

simply inspirational. I felt quite emotional as I read them. Their ideas are insightful, thought-provoking - and what a better world we would all live in if all of these changes happened!

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Make sure everyone has a voice Everyone to be kind Look after the world -pick up litter and put in bin Everyone to be respectful People not to be judged based on their appearance Everyone to be treated equally A world without racism Equality for all Offering free school meals to all children around the world All people able and free to choose their own religion Girls to have the same opportunities as boys around the world

As always, I am super proud of all our children and staff.





Olympians: To make the world a fairer place we would like to change how people are treated. We want everyone to be treated equally no matter what religion, race or background they are. Let's celebrate our diversity with POSITIVE words.

#### A spotlight on PE

School Rules: On the day your child has PE they must come to school in their school PE kit or school uniform. They CANNOT come to school in other sports or leisure clothes. If they do not have a school PE kit they will be provided with one for the lesson.

#### <u>PE kit</u>

PE kit (Available from school supplier Lisa –top and bottom £12.99) OR Plain white T Shirt/blue or black shorts /blue or black jogging bottoms from any supermarket.

We are super happy with either.

Footwear a plain trainer or pump.

Jewellery is not part of our school PE/uniform policy: No Jewellery except for a wristwatch (not with a telephone) and small stud earrings. Children wearing other pieces of jewellery will be asked to remove them safely and the teacher will keep them securely and return them to the parent/carer at the end of the school day.

Nails: No false nails or nail varnish. (If worn at the weekend please remove before school day begins).

PE kit and uniform rules are shared with parents/carers as children join our school and all are asked to abide by them. These rules help to keep children safe and able to fully participate in their PE lessons.

Thank you for your support with this.

I wish you all and your families a lovely weekend. Best Wishes Alyson Rigby





How many years have you worked at St. Michael's?

**Almost 6 years** 

How old were you when you decided you wanted to become a learning mentor?

I was 16 and I carried out work experience for 2 weeks in an SEN school and I loved it

What's the best part of being a learning mentor?

No day is the same, and I get to do different interventions to support the children every day.

What is the first thing you do when you come to school?

Set up for breakfast club.

What is your favourite intervention? Why?

I love sensory circuit because there is a range of techniques you can do.

Do you have any hobbies? If yes, what are they?

I love baking! And my favourite is making fudge.

Thank you for your time, we have enjoyed getting to know you a little more.



'This week our <u>Collective Worship</u> themes have been Forgiveness and Respect as Thursday 27th January is Holocaust Memorial Day. In Collective Worship, the children have had an opportunity to hear about the Conversion of St Paul and reflect on the forgiveness of Jesus. We have talked about the importance of forgiveness in our lives and the meaning of 'Love thy Neighbour.'



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# Year 3-Olympians

We have been busy bees this week in the Olympians! We have been reinventing the Rapunzel fairy tale and giving each other some feedback on our work – what we like about it and how it could be improved further. We then got to create and write our own fairy tale. We blew Miss Gannon away by using adjectives and expanded noun phrases to describe our characters and settings, by using direct speech between characters and using adverbs to give extra detail to how a character does something.





@OlympiansStm

We have been learning about fossils and how they are formed. We created an investigation using icing sugar for the sea bed, dog biscuits for the remains of dead animals and ripped up tissue for sediments, rocks and shells. We applied pressure to represent layers of rock over time. We became archaeologist and geologists by carefully unpicking each layer of rock to find the fossil.



We have been counting in 3s, making equal groups of 3 this week. We have now started counting in 4s and making equal groups of 4.





In DT we have looked at different books with different mechanisms: levers and flaps.



We love reading in the Olympians!



Thank you to our parents and carers for your continued support and remember to follow our twitter page to keep up to date with our class.



# St Michael's Catholic Primary School

# **School Meals**



We are delighted to confirm that we are launching a new school meals service from 1<sup>st</sup> February provided by <u>Food For Thought</u> a not for profit company whose ethos is based on providing healthy, fresh, tasty and attractive school meals for our children.

We are really looking forward to our new menus which start next week. Menus can be viewed on the school website and the following link:

# **School Meals Weekly Menus**

Good luck to our School Cook, Mr Mahony, and the catering team for the launch of our new service. We want all children to enjoy the delicious food on offer. Exciting times!







a not-for-profit school meals company owned by its schools



# Look, Say, Sing, Play Launch in Merseyside!

When: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022, 10am – 12pm

We're launching a local campaign to help parents & carers have more high-quality interactions with their baby (under 2) to support

brain development

Please come along and see how you can share campaign resources with the parents, carers and families you support.

For more information about the Launch itinerary and details of how to book below:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/247250933197



## 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 8th April 2022

#### Summer Term 2022



Term: Monday 25th April to Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022 Half term: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Monday 6th 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**'

## **St Michael's Catholic Primary School**

### Term Dates 2022-2023



#### Autumn Term 2022



Term: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September to Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022 *Pupils: Autumn Term 1 – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October* Half term: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022 *Pupils: Autumn Term 2 – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October to Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December* Terms ends: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022

#### Spring Term 2023



Term: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January - Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023 *Pupils: Spring Term 1 – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January to Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February* Half term: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023 *Pupils: Spring Term 2 – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February to Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April* Term ends: Wednesday 5th April 2023

#### Summer Term 2023



Term: Monday 17th April to Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023 *Pupils: Summer Term 1 – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May* Half term: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023 *Pupils: Summer Term 2 – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June to Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July* Term Ends: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023 May Bank Holiday: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023

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



Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022 Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022 Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023 Two extended twilight sessions