

Message From The Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your family had a lovely half term.

Prayers and support for the people of Ukraine

In our **Ash Wednesday** assemblies we offered our prayers for the people of Ukraine, for peace in Ukraine and across the world.

Here is a prayer that you may wish to use with your families as we join as a school community to pray together.

Loving God,

We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world.

Amen.

How can we help?

As a school we would like to support the work of the charity **UNICEF.** This is a special children's international charity. This charity is helping to support children in Ukraine.

A sincere thank you for all the donations we received yesterday and today as part of our World Book Day celebrations. So far we have raised £140 - we will continue to fundraise in various ways over the next few weeks.







First Aid Supplies

We are going to donate some first aid supplies to a local Polish community centre who are collecting medical supplies to take over to Ukraine to help people who need medical help and support.

Thank you for all of your support.



NO PARKING ON WEST DERBY ROAD NEAR SCHOOL -this is a serious safety hazard!

We are seeing more and more cars, from our families, parking on West Derby Road near the Junior gate entrance. These cars park on part of the pavement. There are double yellow lines along this section of the road which alerts drivers that parking is not permitted.

These parked cars are causing a serious health and safety hazard for our children and families collecting and dropping off children at the end and start of the day.

Please DO NOT PARK in this area. I have once again reported this to the Liverpool Council and raised the matter with our local MP Paula Barker and councillors.

Please find a safe place to park.

Covid Update

We have updated our school Covid Safe Risk Assessment in light of the fairly recent government changes. A copy of this is on the school website and <u>here.</u>

I wish you all a lovely and safe weekend

Best Wishes

Alyson Rigby Headteacher



On Wednesday, @LFCFoundation along with @Red Neighbours invited some of our children to come and see (and get a picture with) the Carabou Trophy.

What a fantastic opportunity! Myself and Miss Gannon had to jump in on the action too!







This week our Collective Worship theme has been **Equality** as Fairtrade Fortnight continues, we have also celebrated the start of Lent with an Ash Wednesday service. In Collective Worship, the children have had an opportunity to reflect on what scripture tells us about all people being equal and deserving a fair chance. If you would like to find out more about Fairtrade - look at the Fairtrade website or CAFOD Fairtrade with your children.







Year 5 — High Flyers



In High Flyers this week we have covered so much in our new topics. In **English** we have started to study the Highwayman. In **Maths** we have tackled tricky two digit by two digit multiplication for the first time. In **History** we have learned all about the structure of Anglo-Saxon Britain. We can tell you all about the seven kingdoms, in particular the important Kings of Mercia and Wessex. In **Art** we created digital Art in the style of Frieda Khalo. We took photos of ourselves on our Chromebooks, used a Computer program to edit them, we then printed these pictures and created surreal backgrounds using pencils and shading.



We are excelling in our map reading topic in **Geography** and can find locations using longitude and latitude coordinates, AND using 4 and 6 digit ordnance survey coordinates. In **Spanish** we have learned the months of the year and we LOVED playing games based on them. We have started our new **Science** topic: materials and we are learning about which processes are reversible and which are not. We created an amazing version of the song: In the Jungle during our **Music** sessions with Rosy that included 5 different singing parts and 2 instrumental parts.



In our **swimming** session this week, many of us swam over 3 metres without stopping, using the proper breathing technique for the first time. What an achievement! We have worked really hard in **Guided Reading** sessions to improve our answers from the NFER Reading tests that we completed before half term. We have also started a brand new class read, Anglo-Saxon Boy by Tony Bradman.

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



Thursday was a very special day for us at St. Michael's, a day we all love to celebrate... World Book Day! From princesses to wizards, Mary Poppins to Cruella Deville, we donned our favourite costumes (or pyjamas to snuggle up for a bedtime story) and celebrated all things reading!





























We made our very own storyteller hats which do weird and wonderful things when you put them on, we spent quality time listening to each other read stories, and we had the chance to recommend our favourite books to one another...and these are just a few of the wonderful activities which have taken place. Have a look at #STMworldbookday on Twitter to see more of our book-ish fun!











WORLD BOOK

DAY

3 MARCH 2022

25

YEARS























Side-by-side

An immersive event exploring the art of accompaniment

Join us for this interactive event, exploring the vision of a Church that walks together and accompanies people in life and faith. We'll consider how deepening our existing practice of accompaniment will help our Catholic community be recognised as relevant and impactful, and how it will offer us all hope for growth.

Give it a try in a carousel of enriching workshops. Everyone will be given a resource pack to take away and use in schools, parishes, local communities and families.

We invite you to attend with a partner, to accompany one another throughout the day (if you are coming alone, let us know and we'll pair you up with someone).

Tea, coffee and lunch will be provided.

To register, email your name, parish and which event you will be attending to registration@rcaol.org.uk by 6 March for in person events and 25 April for the Zoom event.

"Are you prepared for this adventure?"

Pope Francis

Saturday 19 March 10am-4pm

St Margaret Clitherow Centre Liverpool Archdiocesan Office Croxteth Drive LIVERPOOL L17 1AA

Sunday 20 March 12-6pm

Optional Mass at 11am celebrated by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon followed by the event 12-6pm

Venue as above

Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 April 7-9pm each day Both these days comprise one event Online via Zoom



For more information, visit: www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/side-by-side



The Liverpool ASD Training



Liverpool City Council

Team

The Liverpool ASD Training Team are providing a series of virtual drop in advisory sessions via zoom plus telephone consultation.

They are for parent/carers wishing to talk in a private one to one setting about any questions or concerns they may have about their child. You do not require a diagnosis of ASD to book your place.

Please contact the team directly to book a suitable date and time. email: asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk

School Coffee Morning/Afternoons

The Liverpool ASD Training Team are offering face to face or zoom base coffee morning/ afternoon for parents' who will be supported by a school staff member. This is an opportunity for parent/carers whose children have or are awaiting an Autism Spectrum Diagnosis and wish to talk in a group setting about any questions or concerns they may have about their child.

Schools will book one of the sessions, we would then send you a link for the meeting that the school can forward onto parents who may benefit from attending the session.

Do not hesitate to contact the team if you have further questions To book your place please email your choice of date and time to <u>asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk</u>

Dates for March 2022

- Monday 7th March
- Tuesday 8th March

Wednesday 9th March

Thursday 10th March

Friday 11th March

Times for each date

Morning 10am – 11.30am Afternoon 1pm – 3pm There is some flexibility with these times.



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

Spring Term 2023



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

Summer Term 2023



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

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