

St Michael's Catholic Primary School

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Diary Dates

Tues 17th & Wed 18th May
Parents Evening
Friday 27th April
School closes (normal time)
Tuesday 7th June
School reopens

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your family are well and that you all enjoyed the bank holiday weekend. It was a lovely treat having a three day weekend.

Parent and Carer Evening Summer Term 2022

We are delighted that now many of the covid safe restrictions have been removed we are able to host an in person style parent/carer evening.



This will be a great opportunity for you to get an update on how your child/children are progressing in all areas of their school work.

We want to give all our parents some additional time in light of this being our first 'normal' parent/carer evening since the national pandemic. Therefore we will host these meetings over two nights:

Tuesday 17th May 3.30pm-6.30pm and Wednesday 18th May 3.30-6.30pm

You will also have an opportunity to look through your children's work and see some of the lovely class work displayed in their classroom.

In the infant hall you will be able to sample some of our school dinners –this will help to give you a flavour of the types of meals children receive at lunchtimes. Please pop in and taste the range of samples. A cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit will be available if you want a quick drink in between meetings.

Mr. Smith, Ms Cornett (School Learning Mentors), Mrs Birch (Safeguarding Lead and SENCO) and I will available to meet with any parents/carers to discuss any school concerns or suggestions.

Fond Farewell to Ms Maddocks

Today we have said goodbye to Ms Maddocks, a Higher Level Teaching Assistant. Ms Maddocks joined our school six years ago as a Learning Support Assistant. After securing a Higher Level Teaching Assistant Qualification she was promoted to this post.

Ms Maddocks has been a wonderful member of our staff working across most age groups in the juniors. She is a popular member of staff with the children, who have many happy memories of her here at St Michael's. The children presented her with lovely cards, a beautiful flowering plant and a delicious box of chocolates!

We all wish her well for the future.

Year 6 SATs

Next week our Year 6 pupils have the national tests in **Reading**, **Maths**, **Grammar** and **Spelling**. They begin on Monday and will be completed on Thursday.

The children have worked very hard all year to prepare for these tests and should be very proud of how committed they have been to ensure that they perform to the best of their ability. All we ask is they try their best..... and we know they will!

Thank you to the Year 6 team of staff who have supported the children so effectively and with such care. (Ms Sillitoe, Ms Gordon, Ms Whittaker, Ms Ghazali and Ms Cornett)

Lots of luck Year 6you are all superstars!

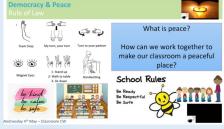
I wish you all a wonderful weekend Best Wishes Mrs Rigby



This week our **Collective Worship** themes have been **Democracy & Peace** -celebrating, in the week when local elections take place all over the UK, our classrooms at St Michael's as places where we work together peacefully. The children have had an opportunity to reflect on how each of them can contribute to make their classroom a place of peace









Generous God,
Support us in all we do
As a vine supports its branches,
And help us to support each other.
Especially in our classrooms,
Working and learning together.
Amen.



KS2 SATs Briefing for Parents and Carers

On Wednesday the Year 6 staff held a meeting, discussing how parents can support their children in preparing themselves for the SATs week. We had a fantastic turnout of parents, and it was great to share with them how proud we are of the children's hard work, determination and dedication this year.

Advice for Year 6 children:

- All we ask is that you try your hardest we want you to do your best!
- Have a relaxing weekend, doing some activities to take your mind off schoolwork.
- Get plenty of sleep and eat well, this will help your brain to be fully awake and alert.
- Read all the questions carefully. This can help you to avoid silly mistakes.
- Don't panic. There may be questions you think you can't answer. Take a deep breath.
 Read it again. You can always move on and go back to it later. It's often better to write something rather than nothing.
- Remember that the Year 6 SATs last for 4 days out of your whole life and they don't
 measure all of your wonderful skills and talents.
- We are so proud of you!

We made 'you are one smart cookies- we can do this!'

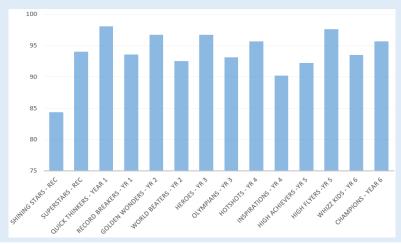






Whole <u>school attendance</u> this week is 94.6%. Our target is 97%.

Be Ready Be Respectful Be Safe Be in!







Nursery—Shooting Stars



Since returning to nursery after the Easter break, we have been super busy. We have started our new topic on 'Food' and, over the last two weeks, we have been looking at different pieces of fruit. We are looking forward to exploring different types of vegetables next week.







Thank you for your continued support each day, it is always appreciated. Please remember to ensure your child has a spare pair of clothes in nursery every day in case they get wet.

On our writing table we have enjoyed observing a variety of different fruit and using our drawing skills to create our own versions of these fruit. The pictures surrounding this will show you a snapshot of some of our wonderful activities. We have been learning how to use different shapes to represent our ideas and make our drawings more complex, for example drawing lines inside a pineapple to create the 'spikey leaves.'







During story time, we have enjoyed listening to the story, Handa's Surprise. We know this story well and we know what pieces of fruit Handa had in her basket – we can even remember what animal stole what fruit from her basket. In nursery, we now know what an avocado is and that it is a type of pear that has a stone inside – this was one of the types of fruit Handa had in her basket.







Throughout our play time we have been learning how to use different resources and how to play alongside our friends. Over the last two weeks, we have settled back into nursery life, and we are allowing our friends to play with us. We have been working hard on solving conflict with each other through discussions and talking about how some of our friends may feel in different situations.

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.

This week we had a 'tasting' session where we were able to try some different fruits that we hadn't heard of or hadn't eaten before. In our taste test we tried: mango, strawberries, grapes, raspberries, blueberries, kiwi, peach, lemon, and lime. We all had a try of each piece of fruit, even though we decided we liked some and we didn't like others.



Our 'Stay and Play' sessions are back up and running every Friday. It has been wonderful to see so many parents coming in to play with their child. We love getting to know more about your child and seeing you play alongside them.

These sessions are:

8:45am - 9:15am (morning children)

12:15pm – 12:45pm (afternoon children)





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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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Term Dates 2022-2023



Autumn Term 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



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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