

Dear Parents and Carers Friday 30th September 2022

Feast Day of St Michael -what a wonderful celebration!

Message from the Headteacher

On **Thursday we** celebrated our special school day with an assembly for all the children across year 1-6. Whizz Kids and Champions (Yr6) led it superbly. It was great that Father FitzGerald joined us too.

Year 6 shared prayers, reflections and two songs that helped us learn more about our special school saint and reflect on the many things that we all enjoy about being part of our school family. Each class across the school captured all the 'Acts of Kindness' they had observed in school by children and staff on a presentation sheet of paper which they shared in the assembly for all to listen to. What a wonderful range of 'Acts of Kindness'.

As a feast day gift we presented each class with a beautiful large poetry book called 'The Lost Words'. The book has a great selection of poems and stunning illustrations. It is national poetry day on Thursday so a perfect gift!

Today the children have continued the celebrations. These feast day celebrations have been combined with the Liverpool Maths Day Party work. The children have had a wonderful time.

Important Information for parents/carers: A change to the school day timings

Starting on **Monday 31st October** (after half term) the end of our school day will be extended by 10 minutes. We will finish the school day across the school at **3.20pm**. This is for all the school Nursery to year 6.

End of Day: School gates will open at 3.20pm

Summary of school times:

Start of day:Morning: Gates open at 8.40am and registration begins at 8.50 amEnd of day :Afternoon: Gates open at 3.20pm

Updated Nursery Times:

Morning Nursery 8:50am - 11.50am Afternoon Nursery 12:20pm - 3:20pm *Please ensure you arrive to drop off and collect children on time. Thank you for your support with this.*

School Closed on Friday 7th October – Staff training day

<u> Birthday Cakes – Do not bring into school</u>

Please do not send into school birthday cakes for your child's birthday. We are unable to cut up and share with class. We always ensure that the class sing 'Happy Birthday' on a class members' birthday and we include their name in our weekly newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend—Alyson Rigby – Headteacher





'This week in Prayer time our theme has been **Forgiveness.** During classroom prayer time, children have been invited to reflect on what forgiveness feels like. On Thursday we celebrated St Michael's Feast Day with a wonderful assembly led by Year 6 - we used the assembly to launch our Mission Review getting children talking and thinking about what they think is important about our school. This week, each class has had the



opportunity to plan their own celebration in response to their Come

Father Fitz: Father Fitz visited the High Achievers in Year 5 this week. Next week he will be visiting the High Fliers in Year 5.



We thank you for your love and your promise to be with us. At school or work, at rest or play, help us to feel near to you and hear your voice. Guide us to always do our best in every situation and to love one another.

Dear God

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

Safeguarding

At St. Michael's School ensuring the safety and welfare of every child is of paramount importance to us. We strongly believe that every child has the right to feel safe and supported and we know that in order for this to happen every member of our communiMrs Birch Safeguarding Lead





ty has a responsibility to safeguard all our children. All staff and governors receive regular Child Protection Training and updates. If you have any questions, concerns or issues please speak to a member of the team or alternatively, call school Mrs Birch. Visit the school <u>Safeguarding</u> and <u>Online Safety</u> web pages for more information.



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

http://www.stmichaelscatholicprimary.co.uk/family-support-worker/

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Year 5—High Flyers



Welcome to the High Flyers' classroom. We have loved the first four weeks of Year Five. We have made an amazing impression on teachers by showing commitment to and interest in our learning. It was lovely to be able to welcome some of our parents to the welcome meetings earlier in the half term.

Trip to Knowsley Safari Park

We were so lucky that in our second week back in school this year we were able to go on the rescheduled trip to Knowsley Safari Park. As Mr Ferry was unable to attend to his injured ankle, we loved to spend time with our lovely class teacher from last year Mrs Forbes. impeccably behaved and enjoyed seeing the many wonderful animals.



Curriculum

We have really enjoyed studying Mars for our English topic. We have written our very own Mars transmissions from the point of view of someone left on Mars after a failed NASA mission. We can't wait to do some acting and record them in front of the green-screen. In Maths we have been working so hard during our place value topic and have begun to use 5, 6 and even 7 digit numbers. In History, we have begun to study the origins of the Roman Republic. It is fascinating to see how this famous civilisation came to exist and we can't wait to study it further.



Holy Communion

Well done to everyone in our class who has celebrated their first Holy Communion. We loved the special service arranged by Mrs Lester and the joyful party when we got back to school.





We have really settled into Year Five well and we know that this year is going to be full of successes and opportunities to celebrate.

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.





Here is the World Beater's Mathematician of the Week! His ability to work out calculations mentally is amazing! He has shown massive amounts of enthusiasm for Maths during lessons and loves to learn a new skill. Well done!

Head Teacher

Awards

Year 1	Míylah	Rodeeyah
Year 2	Elona	Zana
Year 3	Laysíe	Kryspín
Year 4	Lucíe	Abbie
Year 5	Summer	Kiranítha
Year 6	Austeja	Dílliet



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As a special treat, as part of our Feast Day and Maths Party Day we arranged for an Ice Cream van to come to school!







657-659 West Derby Rd Liverpool L13 8AG (Right on Tuebrook roundabout)

An Hour For Others is our local charity who aim to inspire positive change in the community

Please check out our events page HERE for our children's groups which will be starting on Tuesday 20th September at our community hub.

Monday's & Wednesday's 3.45pm - 5pm for 4-6 years old

Monday's & Wednesday's 5pm - 7pm for 7-10 years old

Tuesday's & Thursday's 4.30pm - 7pm for 11-13 years old

ALL SAINTS

(1 November)

We celebrate the lives of special and ordinary people who have responded to God's invitation to love.

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)

(2 November)

Today and throughout the rest of November we pray for those who have died. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

(21 November)

ADVENT

(Begins 27 November)

Advent means 'coming'. We think of the coming of Jesus when he was born but we also think of his promise that he would come again at the end of time. It is a time of waiting and preparing. It is only in the last week of Advent that we focus upon the events to be celebrated at Christmas.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(8 December) This feast marks the first stage of the existence of Mary, the mother of Jesus. She was 'full of grace' from the very beginning and co-operated with God throughout her life.

CHRISTMAS DAY, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

(25 December) On this day we begin our celebration of the birth of Christ.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - COME AND SEE AT HOME AUTUMN TERM 2022

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This term we will be studying the three themes of Domestic Church (Family), Baptism and Confirmation (Belonging) and Advent and Christmas (Loving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics. Children in EYES and Years 2,4 5 6 will also spend time studying either Islam or Hinduism.

DOMESTIC CHURCH - FAMILY

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Early Years	MYSELF - God knows and loves each one	
Year 1	FAMILIES - God's love and care for every family	
Year 2	BEGINNINGS - God is present in every beginning	
Year 3	HOMES - God's vision for every family	
Year 4	PEOPLE - The family of God in Scripture	
Year 5	OURSELVES - Created in the image and likeness of God	
Year 6	LOVING - God who never stops loving	

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Make a collage using family photographs of all the significant family members—grandparents, parents, children, aunts, uncles etc. who show God's love. Write underneath it "We show God's love to one another." Include those who have died.

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk to someone who has been to a Baptism and/or Confirmation about their memories of this celebration.

DAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION - DECONGING		
	3 rd October - 4 ^{rb} November	
Early Years	WELCOME - Baptism: a welcome to God's family	
Year 1	BELONGING - Baptism: an invitation to belong to God	
	family	
Year 2	SIGNS AND SYMBOLS - Signs and symbols in Baptism	
Year 3	PROMISES - Promises made at Baptism	
Year 4	CALLED - Confirmation: a call to witness	
Year 5	LIFE CHOICES - Marriage, commitment and service	
Year 6	VOCATION AND COMMITMENT - The vocation of	
	priesthood and religious life	

DTISM AND CONFIRMATION - RELONGING

OTHER FAITHS 7-18th November

Pupils in Nursery, Reception, Years 2, 4 and 6 will study various aspects of ISLAM. Pupils in Years 1, 3 and 5 will study various aspects of HINDUISM.

k them what they have been learning about.

If you're family are Muslim or Hindu, help your child prepare to share their knowledge of their faith.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS - LOVING 21" November - 16th December

Early Years	BIRTHDAY - Looking forward to Jesus' birthday
Year 1	WAITING - Advent: a time to look forward to Christmas
Year 2	PREPARATIONS - Advent: preparing to celebrate
	Christmas
Year 3	VISITORS - waiting for the coming of Jesus
Year 4	GIFT - God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus
Year 5	HOPE - Advent: waiting in the joyful hope for Jesus, the
	promised one
Year 6	EXPECTATIONS - Jesus born to show God to the world

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Discuss with the children how your family welcomes visitors to your home. Find out about some Christian symbols for Advent e.g. Advent wreath, calendar, Jesse tree. Use the CAFOD or Missio websites to get a religious Advent calendar.

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

Staff Development Days (School closed for pupils)



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