

Message from the

Headteacher

### Newsletter Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Another very busy and exciting week in school:

Anti-Bullying Week for all Year 2 visit to Church Children In Need Charity for all School Photographer A visit to the Anglican Cathedral for a special performance by the choir using sign language

There are updates on these in this newsletter –enjoy reading about them.

#### Our School 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1872-2022

# We are marking this important school milestone this week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> November. The table below details the planned activities.

#### St. Michael's 150 Year Celebrations

This year marks the 150<sup>th</sup> Year of St. Michael's Catholic Primary School! As this is such an amazing achievement we will be celebrating throughout the week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> November. Here is a timetable of the events that we have planned. It is going to be a fantastic week!

Monday 21st November	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November
November	November		November	
Each class will celebrate a different decade. This will include looking at the music, clothing, food, artwork, games etc. and lots of fun activities.	Each class will celebrate a different decade. This will continue on from Monday.	<ul> <li>Back to school in 1872! We would like the children to dress up as Victorian children. This could include:</li> <li>Shawls/scarves</li> <li>Trousers rolled up or inside long socks</li> <li>Hair in a bun</li> <li>Flat caps</li> <li>Waistcoats</li> <li>Waistcoats</li> <li>Aprons</li> </ul>	Celebration Assemblies for parents: 9.15 am Years 3 and 4 10.15 am Years 1 and 2 2.15 pm Years 5 and 6 Please come along!	Party day! The Children of Today! The children can wear their own clothes and there will a special party lunch and a party in each class!

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> –** Back to 1872 in the 'Victorian Era'. We are inviting all staff and children to dress up as in Victorian style clothes. The photographs above will give you a few ideas. Alternatively, the children attend school in normal school uniform. Everyone will have a great day.

**Thursday 24**<sup>th</sup> – We would like to invite parents and carers (year 1 -6) into school for an anniversary celebration assembly and enjoy a hot drink with a cake.

Here is the schedule: Please Note slight changes to first timetable

Classes	Time	Venue
Year 3 and Year 4	9.15am	Junior Hall
Year 1 and Year 2	10 15 am	Junior Hall
Year 5 and Year 6	2.15pm	Junior Hall

**Friday 25**<sup>th</sup> – Each class will be hosting a celebration party with traditional party games and some treats for all the children to enjoy. There will also be a special celebration party lunch on this day too. All children are invited to wear party and own clothes. **Let's party!** 

#### Christmas Activities and Assemblies 2022

Activity/Assembly	Date	Class	Invitation for parents and carers to join us
Advent Assembly One	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> Novem- ber at 9.15am	Year 3	All parents and carers welcome (yr3)
Advent Assembly Two	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am	Year 4	All parents and carers welcome (yr4)
Advent Assembly Three	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Decem- ber at 9.15am	Year 5	All parents and carers welcome (yr5)
Advent Assembly Four and Christmas story	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Decem- ber at 9.15am	Year 6	All parents and carers welcome (yr6)
Reception Class Nativity Story Play	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am	Reception	All parents and carers welcome (Reception)
Infant Nativity Story Play	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am and 2.15pm	Year 1 and 2	All parents and carers welcome (yr1 and yr2)
Carols in the courtyard	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Decem- ber at 2.15pm	Whole school	All welcome
School Christmas Dinner And Christmas Jumper day	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> Decem- ber	Whole school	School children only
Christmas Santa Dash!	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> De- cember	Whole school	School children only

We are all very excited that we are now able to invite parents and carers into school to join in our Christmas Assemblies and some activities. We look forward to seeing you at as many as possible. Tea, coffee and mince pies will be served before each assembly and nativity to help everyone enjoy even more this festive time.

Have a lovely weekend

Alyson Rigby



# AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



Tuesday: 
O Choir Yr 4,5,&6 
Art Club Yr 2
Cheerleading Club Yr 2

Wednesday <sup>(2)</sup> Wellbeing Club KS2 with Miss Cornett Thursday <sup>(2)</sup> Dance Club Yr4 <sup>(2)</sup> Drama Club Yr5&6 © Guitar Club © Reading Tuition Yr2 © Maths Tuition Yr3 ☺Writing Tuition Yr4 ☺ Maths Tuition Yr4 ☺Makaton Club



十〇 This week, our Prayer time theme has been Respect linked to Anti-Bullying Week. Monday saw the launch of the week with an Anti-Bullying Assembly. In classroom prayer time, the children were invited to reflect on the importance of showing respect to everyone and showing love through kind words and concern for each other.



Father Fitz: Fr Fitz visited the Golden Wonders in Year 2 this week, next week he will visit World Beaters in Year 2.

Dear Jesus We thank you for our friends. Help us to value and respect the things that matter to them. And to share with them true friendship in return. Amen

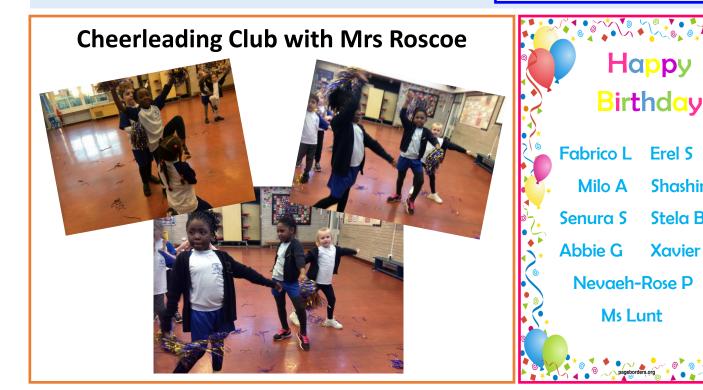
Church Visits: This week Year 1 have visited St Michael's church as part of their RE curriculum. Next week, Year 2 will visit church.'

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

Shashini M

Stela B

Xavier S





# **Shining Stars**



All the children in Shining Stars have settled so well into life at St Michael's. They are all learning so many new skills on a daily basis. They are becoming more independent learners and are getting so much better at helping each other around the class-room, especially at tidy up time. Check out all the learning we have been doing this week.

#### **Anti-Bullying week**

In Shining Stars this week we have had a big focus on what it means to 'Be respectful' We understand that this means being kind. We have used our collective worship time to discuss and reflect on this. We know that one kind word or action can change a person's day for the better. During our circle time we all made a pledge to try our best to be kind. Samuel said 'Being kind means sharing the bikes', Sihas said that 'Being kind means letting others join in our play' Lola said 'We need to be kind to everyone'. We passed a smile around our circle and this made everyone feel happy. We enjoyed listening to the story 'Kind' and were able to talk about our own feelings.





#### **Talk for Writing**

In our 'Talk for Writing' we have been innovating the story 'Monkey and Me'. We changed all of the animals from the original story and made up some new actions to help us retell the story. We have made our own story maps and acted out the story using puppets and farm animals. Ask your child if they can retell the story to you.

#### RE

In Come and See we have been learning about Isalm and Muhammed's dad came into our class to talk to us about how he prays. He very kindly brought in his special prayer mat, beads and Quran.

#### Maths

In Maths we have been exploring the number 4. We enjoyed listening to and joining with the story 'Four Groovy buttons' We then had a go at making four in different ways. We have been exploring which shapes have four corners and four sides and will continue this work next week. At home why not see if you can find things which have four corners and four sides.







#### **Children in Need**

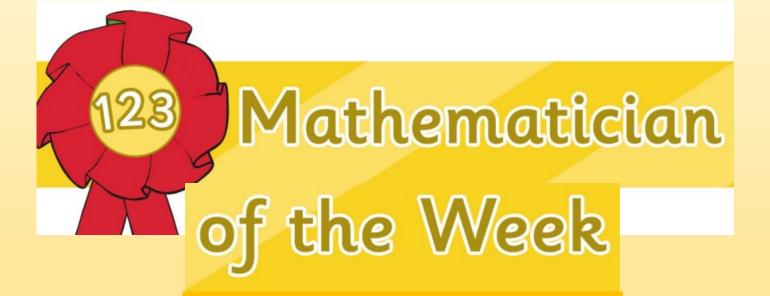
On Thursday we all came to school in our own clothes and decorated biscuits, raising money for 'Children in Need.

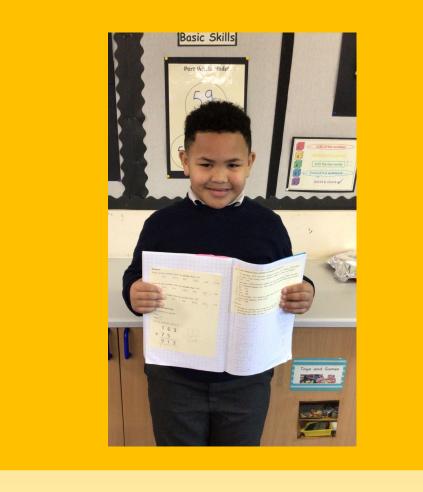
#### Learning through play

The children love spending time playing both indoors and out and this is an important part of our Early Years Curriculum. In Reception we have a well resourced classroom which is set up to help the children make choices and become more independent. This play based approach helps the children develop problem solving skills, imagination and creativity, language and observation skills as well as helping them to build better relationships with one another.

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 Mathematician of the Week for the Olympians in Year 3! He has been resilient and persevered this week in subtracting 3 digit numbers exchanging in both the tens and hundreds column. He now has the confidence to do this independently ensuring he shows his working out. He is now working on 2 step addition and subtraction word problems to apply this skill! Well done! You are mathematical superstar!



The children below have gone <u>Above and Beyond</u> in school this week. They have been rewarded with a certificate and a hot chocolate with cream, marshmallows and biscuits. Well done!





## Do you need support this Christmas?



We can help with food, clothes and toys. Call Mrs Birch or Miss Cornett for a confidential chat.



Do you need support this

Birch for a confidential chat on 07921292412



# Attendance

Well done to our winners. Let's keep on pushing towards 100% attendance in all classes!

CLASS	% Attendance	
INFANTS		
SHINING STARS - RECEPTION	91.7%	
SUPERSTARS - RECEPTION	92.6%	
QUICK THINKERS - YEAR 1	96%	
RECORD BREAKERS - YEAR 1	94%	
GOLDEN WONDERS - YEAR 2	96.7%	Best attendance winners
WORLD BEATERS - YEAR 2	92.3%	
JUNIORS		
CLASS	% Attendance	
HEROES - YEAR 3	95.7%	
OLYMPIANS - YEAR 3	97.3%	
HOTSHOTS - YEAR 4	98.7%	Best attendance winners
INSPIRATIONS - YEAR 4	96.7%	
HIGH ACHIEVERS - YEAR 5	97.9%	
HIGH FLYERS - YEAR 5	93.8%	
WHIZZKIDS - YEAR 6	98%	
CHAMPIONS - YEAR 6	97.5%	

Golden Wonders & Hotshots won this week's mini disco for best class attendance. Well done

# Anti Bullying Week & Children in Need

The children have been doing activities around anti bullying all week. On Thursday, we had a special performance from a drama group called Altru Drama. They came to do their "Noisekeepers" performance for Y1—Y6, and then did workshops with some of the classes. As well as that, on Thursday, we had our annual Children in Need day. Here are some photos from across the week:



# Anti Bullying Sign Language Choir 2022

In previous newsletters, you will have seen photographs of the children practicing sign language in order to perform at the Anglican Cathedral. This Thursday was the big day. The sang with 100s of other children, in front some very important people. After the performance, the children got to meet Miss England, the Lord Mayor of Liverpool and the High Sheriff of Merseyside. It was a wonderful morning and we can't put into words how proud we are of the amazing children of St Michael's who took part. There was a reporter and photographer from Southport Reporter Newspaper. If you click <u>here</u>, it will take

you to the article about the project. You can watch the performance on YouTube by clicking <u>here</u>













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"With Jesus, we can achieve what we dream and believe"

### ATTENDANCE INITIATIVE

As part of St Michael's Attendance initiative, all pupils who achieve 100% attendance each week will win a raffle ticket to post in our school attendance post box every Friday. This initiative will from from:

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November ~ Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December

At the end of the term, pupils can win some fantastic prizes including:



- Family Cinema ticket
- Chrismas Hamper
- Asda Shopping Vouchers
- Christmas Stocking

WE HAVE 6 WEEKS OF THIS TERM REMAINING. THE MORE WEEKS YOU ARE IN SCHOOL, THE MORE TICKETS YOU GET. THIS INCREASES YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING ONE OF THESE AMAZING PRIZES.

COME ON ST MICHAEL'S! LET'S SEE HOW MANY WEEKS WE CAN ACHIEVE 100 % ATTENDANCE... Ms Hayes & Mr Smith







### The ASD Training Team

The Liverpool ASD Training Team are providing a series of Virtual Group Q & A advisory sessions via zoom.

They are for parents/carers who have any questions or concerns about their child, in regard to pre and post Autism diagnosis. It is also an opportunity to speak with an ASD trainer and other parents.

The sessions will be 2 hours long, you can choose to join anytime with in those two hours or stay for the duration. You do not require a diagnosis of ASD to book your place.

### Dates: December

Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>		9.30am - 11.30am 1pm – 3pm
Wednesday 14th	Time	9.30am - 11.30am
	Time	1pm – 3pm
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Time	9.30am - 11.30am
	Time	1pm – 3pm

If you would like to book onto one of the sessions, please email: <a href="mailto:asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk">asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk</a>



### We received this lovely letter from the Whitechapel Centre

St Michael's Catholic Primary School Guion Street Liverpool Liverpool L6 9DU

14 November 2022

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Dear Alyson,

On behalf of The Whitechapel Centre I would like to thank you for your recent donation of £130.00. We are very grateful to you for thinking of us and our clients, your donation really does make a difference.

The Whitechapel Centre is the leading homeless and housing charity for the Liverpool region. We work with people who are rough sleeping, living in hostels or struggling to manage their accommodation. We are committed to help people find and maintain a home and learn the life skills essential for independent living.

Last year we supported 4,000 people in Liverpool who were experiencing homelessness. It's only thanks to the generosity of supporters like you that we're able to continue our life-changing, life-saving work.

We believe prevention is the first step in the fight against homelessness. We aim to offer support in housing at every step of the journey of homelessness, from the moment a person is at risk of losing their home, right through to those who have become entrenched in a 'street lifestyle'. With this in mind, we also prevented 1,050 individuals from becoming homeless thanks to interventions for those at risk including dropin advice sessions, benefits advice and personal negotiation with landlords and agencies.

We supported a further 2,467 homeless people into the right accommodation for their needs. We also ensured 332 people had access to education and employment activities to enable them to continue to live independently.

Because of your support and generosity our vital services remain open to all, operating 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, a 24hr public helpline (0300 123 2041), and dedicated Street Outreach Teams.

We know that there are so many more people in Liverpool who still need our help, and, with your ongoing support, we'll continue to offer help to anyone who needs it. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Ruth McCaughley Fundraising Manager 0151 207 8639 / 07795 616717 ruth.mccaughley@whitechapelcentre.co.uk

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# Friends of St. Michael's Meeting

# Wednesday 30th November at 9:00am

We are setting up a new group to raise valuable funds for our school through a variety of exciting events for our children and families. Come along to support and strengthen our school community.



See Mrs Roscoe or Mrs Birch if you require further information.

# Our Family Support Worker can help you!

There are drop in sessions every Tuesday at 9:00am

Come along for a private chat. She can discuss any issues or concerns you have.



See Mrs Birch for further details.

# Jamie Cranham



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# **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