



'Learning together through love, friendship, forgiveness and faith'

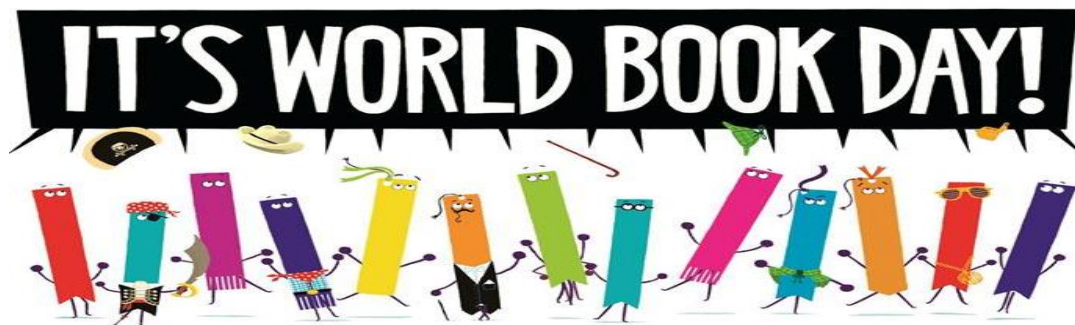
Friday 18th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this email finds you all safe and sound from Storm Eunice. Not quite how we expected this half term to end. I do hope next week promises to be a better week for us all.

Next half term, we would like to welcome Parents back on site for drop off. All three gates will open at **8.40am** and will close at **8.55am**. We would very much like to continue to encourage the children's **independence, resilience and confidence**, when walking into class. The children have excelled coming into school. During drop off, class teachers will be in class greeting your child and preparing the children for the start of the day. Parents will not be able to enter the school building for health and safety. If you do need to talk to the class teacher, please email the school office and the class teacher will respond as soon as they are available, either by phone call or an email.

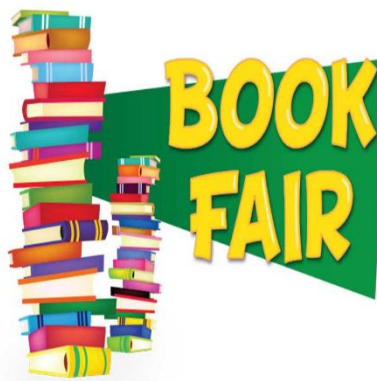
The school gates will open at the end of the school day at **3.10pm** and classes will be dismissed on the playground at **3.15pm**. *Please wait* for the class teacher to dismiss your child. We have had several children disappearing, without being dismissed, because parents have called their child over. *Please be patient*. As a reminder, during pick up, Reception will be based by Reception gate, Year 1, by Year 1 ramp, Year 2 near the main door, Year 3 located by the Library windows, Year 4 and 5 outside Year 4 and 5 door and Year 6 next to the Adventure playground. Please remember, once your child has been dismissed into your care, your child is your responsibility. No child is allowed on the Adventure playground for health and safety.



World Book Day is the first week back after half term, **Thursday 3^d March**. The children have been encouraged to come dressed in their Pyjamas, onesies, dressing gowns and to even bring their slippers to wear in class. Please see attached poster as a reminder.

We recently had a sort out of our huge selection of books in school, refining and reorganising them slightly. There are a variety of books that we no longer wish to keep in school. We would like to give the children of St Michael's the opportunity to take some of these home. Therefore, on World Book Day (**3.3.2022**), we invite the children to bring in **£1** which they can use to purchase a few of the books. The money raised, can then be used to purchase further resources which will benefit the children's learning.

Book Fair is coming to St Michael's. The children will have an opportunity to buy a book or two during Book Fair week. Children in **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** will be invited on **Tuesday 15th March**, during the day and Parents of children in these year groups can pop in afterschool. Children in **Years 3, 4, 5 and 6** will have the opportunity to look and buy on **Wednesday 16th March** and Parents of Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 can pop in on this day to buy afterschool. Thursday will be an extra day if any child or parent changes their mind and wants to buy additional books afterschool.



'Come Work with Me' will be an opportunity for Parents/Carers to come into school and work with their child/ren and their peers in their class. If you have more than one child, you will have an opportunity to pop in and out of their classrooms during the afternoon. The afternoon will be based on an Art/DT activity. This will take place on **Wednesday 23rd March 2 – 3pm**. It will be a great opportunity for you to see your child's classroom and to work with your child and their peers. More information will be sent out nearer the time.

We also have a Science week and staff are busy planning exciting lessons. We are looking forward to sharing our Science week with you on Twitter. Staff have been busy tweeting lots of different things happening across the school. We are very aware you have not been in school, and this is one way we can share all the amazing things we have been doing! Please 'like' and 'comment'. It would be great to get our St Michael's community involved and the children and staff can see you are checking us out.

We are already busy planning our **Easter celebrations at St Michael's Church**. This will take place on **Wednesday 6th April** after morning registration. There will be an Easter Bonnet Parade from our youngest children, Reception and Year 1 and Year 5 will be leading our Easter celebrations. There will also be lots of singing. The invitation is open to all our Parents. We very much hope you will be able to join us. More details will follow nearer the date.

Dates for your Diary....

What?	When?
World Book Day	Thursday 3 rd March
Parents' Meetings	WB Monday 7 th March – 11 th March
Book Fair	Tuesday 15 th March EY/KS1 Wednesday 16 th March KS2 Thursday 17 th March an extra day
Come Work with Me	Wednesday 23 rd March 2 -3 pm (Art/DT)
Church Easter	Wednesday morning 6 th April
Last day of School	Friday 8 th April 1.30pm
Inset Day	Monday 25 th April
School Open Summer 1	Tuesday 26 th April

It has been lovely wishing your child/ren a '**Happy Birthday**' when they come into school in non-uniform. It is nice for all the children and staff to celebrate and recognise it is someone's birthday. I've also had several children in the mornings letting me know when it is their mums and dad's birthdays! So, to all the parents this half term, 'Happy Birthday!' Please remember if your child/ren have a birthday over half term, they can come into school, first day back in non-uniform.



Before we know it, the last day of term is **Friday 8th April**. School will close at **1.30pm**.

School will reopen for staff on *Monday 25th April* for INSET and reopen for children on *Tuesday 26th April*.

We wish you a safe and restful half term and we look forward to seeing you all back in school on **Monday 28th March**.

Warmest regards,

Mrs T Ball

Interim Headteacher