



St. Michael's C.E. Primary School
learning together through love, friendship, forgiveness and faith

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents, Carers,

Monday cannot come soon enough! The staff are really looking forward to welcoming all the children back, hearing all their news and generally returning to the routines of school life, after all this time away from the classroom and friends.

While this is an exciting and much awaited time, the language being used in the press, about our return on March 8th, can create anxiety amongst families, particularly as there is an emphasis on 'catching up' and 'lost learning'. Dragonfly, are an organisation which focuses on the importance of promoting pupil wellbeing. I think their different perspective and advice in their 'Reasons to be Reassured' are valid and well worth sharing with you.

Reasons to Feel Reassured

1. We are returning to what we know. Schools are places of routine and structure - even if these routines have had to change, the predictability of the school day will be hugely reassuring for many.

2. Teachers are trained to respond to what's in front of them. There is no such thing as 'normal' when it comes to learning. All learners are individual and teachers respond to where the young person is, not where anyone says they should be.

3. 'Learning' (in this context) is a verb, not a noun. This means that we can't lose learning like it's a tangible thing. Some learning just hasn't taken place yet. Young people will take the lead from us, so if we don't talk of 'catching up', they won't feel they need to.

4. Equally, learning is a process, not a product. We can't buy 'learning' and we can't give 'learning'. Learners have to be ready to learn and this relies on relationships and wellbeing.

5. Intrinsic motivation comes into play. In New Zealand, during the Christchurch earthquakes, young people missed huge amounts of school, however results did not suffer. Young people knew what they needed to do to succeed.

6. It's back to school, not back to learning. As adults, we can look back and see that school was one place where we learned, but not the only place. Some children will have learned huge amounts during this time, just in unexpected ways.

7. We don't know what we don't know. We can only speculate what the impact of the pandemic will be on young people. Yes, unfortunately for some it will have taken a great toll, but for others they will have built their character in ways we didn't know possible – resilience, creativity, self-sufficiency are all words we have heard a lot from parents and young people in the last year.

Taken from 'Reasons to be reassured. 'From Dragon Fly February 2021

I would like to reassure parents that pupil wellbeing is always a priority at St Michael's. All staff in school will be extra vigilant when the children return and we will continue to sensitively address any identified concerns.

Thinking ahead, the following are dates for the diary and events for us all to look forward:

World Book Day -March 11th in school

Children are invited to dress creatively to express a word or as their favourite character, from a much loved book.

Easter Egg Hunt -March 31st in school

All children are invited to take part in this event. The PTA are requesting a donation of £3 per child towards the cost of the chocolate eggs. More details will follow from the PTA shortly.

Sports Day

KS1 and KS2 Thursday June 24th on the school field 9am -11.45am, weather permitting.

In the event the above date is cancelled, the date for KS1 and KS2 will be Monday June 28th.

Reception Tuesday June 29th on the Astroturf – weather permitting.

In the event the above date is cancelled, the date for Reception will be Wednesday June 30th.

At the time of writing to you, there is no guidance about when we can safely invite parents back into school. We are keeping our fingers crossed that you will be able to join us for this event.

Reports

Individual pupil reports for years 1-6, will be sent home in the last week of the spring term.

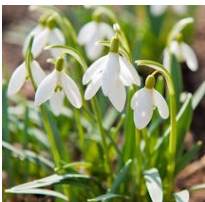
Parent/Teacher Conferences

Class teachers will be contacting parents in the week beginning April 19th, to arrange a phone conversation for the following week, to discuss their child's recent report and progress.

Kindest regards

Lorna Anderton

Headteacher



AWARDS



The following children were awarded a certificate for being “RESILIENT”

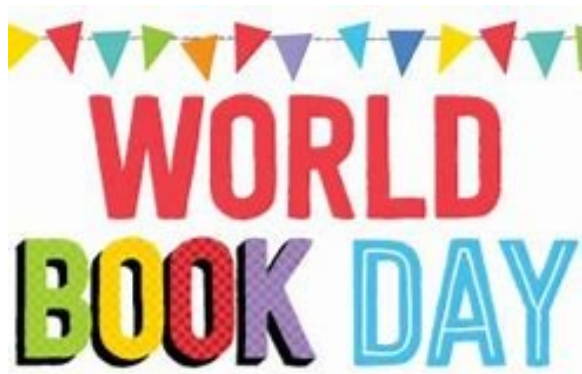
Year 6	Ruby & Samuel
Year 5	Connie & Ralph
Year 4	Nancy & Rose
Year 3	Amelie & Owen
Year 2	Dylan & Kyle
Year 1	Charlotte & Valentina
Reception	Florence & Emily

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCIES

Are you interested in supporting St Michael's strategic development? St Michael's has vacancies for 3 foundation governors to work with Mrs Anderton and the other governors in delivering outstanding outcomes for our children. To be a foundation governor, you must have a strong connection with any local church and be able to support the Christian ethos of the school and relationship to the church. In addition, we are looking for governors who have current business experience (e.g. commercial / HR / health and safety) and are able to commit to regular meetings. Foundation governors can also be parents of children although this is not a necessary criteria.

To find out more, please contact Becky Smith, chair of governors – b.smith@stmichaelsce.co.uk.

WORLD BOOK DRESS UP DAY!

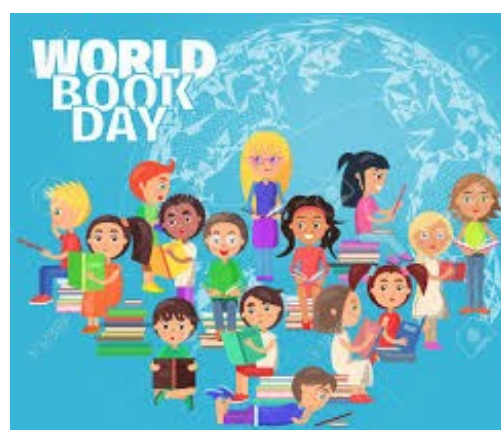


Thursday 11th March

Dress-Up:

Wonderful Word or Book Character

This year, we would like your child to **dress up** as either their favourite **word** or their favourite **book character**.



PTA NOTICE



Wednesday 31st March

All children are invited to take part in this exciting event!

£3 donation requested

More details on how your child can join in the fun will follow shortly!

SAVE SUNNINGHILL LIBRARY!



The financial pressures on the Council are now greater than ever and very difficult decisions have to be made in order for the council to deliver a balanced budget, which it is required to do by law. Council tax cannot be raised above a nationally set level without a local Referendum. In light of this, the library service is required to make £292K in savings.

Libraries are a statutory service but it is up to local communities to determine how that service is delivered and how it should be shaped.

RBWM Council have undertaken a review of the service and have put forward proposals.

To view these proposals, as well as how to have your say, please click on the link below to visit the website.

Library consultations | Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead (rbwm.gov.uk)



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Uniform	Size	Quantity	Price (per item)	Uniform	Size	Quantity	Price (per item)
Ties - Clip on	-	2	£2.00	White Shirts	3-4	1	£1.00
Ties - Elastic	-	2	£1.00	White Shirts	5-6	6	£1.00
Book Bag	-	3	£2.00	White Shirts	6-7	10	£1.00
Blazers	24	5	£5.00	White Shirts	7-8	8	£1.00
Blazers	26	2	£5.00	White Shirts	8-9	3	£1.00
Blazers	30	1	£5.00	White Shirts	9-10	2	£1.00
PE Top	26/28	9	£4.00	Grey Shorts	All sizes		£2.00
PE Top	30/32	2	£4.00	Summer Dresses (blue & white check)	All sizes		£2.00
PE Skirt	22	3	£4.00				
PE Skirt	26	2	£4.00				
PE Tracksuit Top	26	1	£4.00				
Jumpers	26	7	£3.00				
Jumpers	30	1	£3.00				
Jumpers	32	1	£3.00				
Cardigans	28	1	£3.00				
Cardigans	30	1	£3.00				
Cardigans	34	1	£3.00				
Grey Skirts	4-5	9	£2.00				
Grey Skirts	5-6	10	£2.00				
Grey Skirts	6-7	4	£2.00				
Grey Skirts	7-8	3	£2.00				
Grey Skirts	8-9	8	£2.00				
Grey Skirts	10-11	2	£2.00				
Grey Pinafores	3-4	3	£2.00				
Grey Pinafores	4-5	6	£2.00				
Grey Pinafores	5-6	12	£2.00				
Grey Pinafores	7-8	3	£2.00				
Grey Pinafores	8-9	11	£2.00				
Grey Trousers	3-4	8	£2.00				
Grey Trousers	5-6	7	£2.00				
Grey Trousers	7-8	9	£2.00				
Grey Trousers	9-10	2	£2.00				



**Our Second Hand Uniform shop
is in need of donations of School
logo items -**

- ◆ Jumpers
- ◆ Caridgans
- ◆ Blazers
- ◆ Ties
- ◆ PE Kits

**If you would like make a purchase
or have items to donate please
email Emma and Leyla at
Stmichaels.uniform@yahoo.com**



St Michael's School



Time for a clear out!

**BRING IN YOUR
UNWANTED CLOTHES**
Tuesday 30th March

Drop off your unwanted
clothes for recycling
BEFORE 9AM on the
morning of 30th March.
Please bag shoes and
handbags separately.

No Single shoes, Mats, Carpets, Duvets,
Pillows, Blankets, Bedlinen, Curtains or
Bric-a-Brac

Late bags cannot be accepted.

Funds raised will go straight
back into the school!

**Please include in your recycling bag unwanted school uniform—
grey skirts, dresses, trousers, shorts and white shirts. Thank-you!**

Important Dates

MARCH	
Monday 8th March	All Children return to school
Thursday 11th March	World Book day dress up!
Tuesday 30th March	Clothes recycling—drop off before 9am
Wednesday 31st March	Easter Egg Hunt
APRIL	
Thursday 1st April	Term ends
<i>SPRING HOLIDAY—Friday 2nd April to Friday 16th April</i>	
Monday 19th April	Inset Day
Tuesday 20th April	Children return to School
MAY	
Monday 3rd May	Bank Holiday
Friday 28th May	Term ends
<i>MAY HOLIDAY— Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June</i>	
JUNE	
Monday 7th June	Children return to school
Thursday 24th June	KS1 & KS2 Sports Day 9am-11.45am School Field
Monday 28th June	KS1 & KS2 Sports Day (<i>back up day in case of rain</i>)
Tuesday 29th June	Reception Sports Day—Astroturf
Wednesday 30th June	Reception Sports Day (<i>back up day in case of rain</i>)
JULY	
Friday 23rd July	Term Ends

Added as new or revised