



St. Michael's Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Firstly, a huge thank you to our Year 2 parents and grandparents who supported our Year 2 class assembly on Wednesday. Our pupils were very proud to sing, share facts and read detailed explanations about famous explorers. It is a really valuable time for our pupils to talk about and share their learning, and from the feedback I know that many of you appreciated finding out about your child's day to day learning experiences in school.

A reminder of our future class assembly dates are:

Class Assembly Dates/Time

Class	Date	Time
Year 1	Wednesday 8 th February	2.30pm
Year 6	Wednesday 15 th February	2.30pm
Year 3	Wednesday 1 st March	2.30pm
Year 4	Wednesday 8 th March	2.30pm
Reception	Wednesday 15 th March	2.30pm
Year 5	Wednesday 29 th March	2.30pm

School Meals Provider

Our school contract with Orian has reached its natural end point. Myself and the governors are in the process of reviewing our current provision and comparing what Orian and other external providers can offer St Michael's. We will keep you informed and write in due course when a final decision has been made.

Red February

Run Every Day we are in school in February has got off to a great start! Many of our junior pupils have taken up the offer to run every day at 12 o'clock for twenty minutes. Seven laps around the track is equivalent to one mile and many pupils have achieved this – well done! Staff including Mrs Henshaw, Mrs Tait, Miss Atkinson and Mrs Bell have joined me to run on the track with the children – it is great for everybody's wellbeing!

Reading Café

I would like to invite all parents and pupils to our reading café this Tuesday 7th February at 8.15am. We would like to encourage you to come and have a slice of toast and a cuppa with your child/children whilst sharing a good story. All are welcome.

Mental Health Week

Children's mental health week is launched on Monday 6th February. Within school we will be looking at ways that we connect positively with others around us and how this raises our self-esteem and self-worth. 'Let's Connect' is the theme for this year. '**Let's Connect**' is about making meaningful connections. People thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing. Our pupils will be taking part in activities/assemblies within school to promote mental health awareness, making connections and being healthy.



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World Book Day

Thank you to our parents who have donated costumes that they have at home to help us celebrate this day by dressing up as our favourite character. If you have any costumes at home that your children no longer use or have outgrown, please consider donating to school. If we have sufficient donations, we will run a pop-up stall outside of school in the near future – a date will follow soon.

Online Safety Day

Tuesday 7th February is Internet Safety Day. The theme this year is - **'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'**.

Every class will dedicate direct teaching time to e-safety and supporting our pupils to stay safe online. There will be an online assembly at 9:30 for KS2. Further details and useful websites to help our children with e-safety are shared on our school website.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

In November as a school we raised £274.42 selling poppies and related merchandise. A huge thank to all families who supported this fundraising. Your support will make a real difference to those in the Armed Forces community. Thank you.

School Uniform

Thank you to those children who continue to wear smart St Michael's uniform with pride. St Michael's is a 'shirt and tie' school, (except for the summer term) and we want that smart standard to be reflected in how our pupils wear their uniform, behave and feel ready to learn. Please can you ensure top buttons are fastened, shirts are tucked in and smart grey or black trousers or skirts are worn. We prefer smart black shoes as part of the uniform, however smart black trainer/shoes that are colour and logo free can also be worn. Our PE hooded tops can be worn as an extra layer on the playground and in exceptionally cold, wintry conditions within school, (whereby the outdoor temperature is close to minus degrees Celsius). Thank you for your support in ensuring our pupils are smart and arriving at school ready to learn.

As always, if you have any questions or need any further advice or support to help your children flourish and learn whilst in our care at St Michael's, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school office to arrange a meeting.

Kind Regards

Lorna Smith