



# St Michael's RC Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter



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Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Parents,

We keep in our thoughts members of our wider school community who need our prayers at this time and in the month of October, which is the month of the rosary, we take time to talk and listen to God.

### **MacMillan Coffee Morning and Afternoon**

We raised an incredible £565.22. Thank you very much to everyone who contributed by sending in cakes and also those who were able to join us for the special celebration last Friday. The Mini Vinnies shared the winners of the raffle too on Monday's Assembly and thank everyone for being so very generous.

### **Reading at St Michael's**

Thank you to the parents who attended the Reading and Phonics meetings this week.

From Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October we have been running a reading reward system with certificates awarded to those who read every night (including once between Friday evening and Sunday evening).

Bronze: Reads every night for a half term  
Silver: Reads every night for a full term  
Gold: Reads every night of the school year

If you have any questions feel free to ask the class teacher or Miss Grundy as English Lead.

### **Parent Workshops**

Next half term we will be holding two Parent Workshops. The first will be based around Maths, and the focus on Number/Place Value. The second will be a focus on Spellings and Writing in KS2. We will send dates and times before half term.

### **National Poetry Day**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October was National Poetry Day. This year the theme is 'Change' and we have been celebrating in school by reading lots of different poems by a range of poets. This year we are running a poetry competition, the children are being asked to write a poem based on the theme of change. This could be linked to seasons, life cycles or any other changes they have experienced. The closing date for entries is Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October.

All entries will be collated and made into a poetry book to be kept in the school library.

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### Diary dates

**After-school : 11/09-18/10**

**Tu Y5/6 Football**

**Th Y3/4 Multi skills**

**Th 11/10 Sibling & Individual photos**

**We 17/10 Parents Evening – letters have gone home today**

### **Drum4Fun at St. Bernadette's Social Centre**

African drumming & Brazilian Samba classes for adults led by music teacher Cath Fleming. Pop in for a taster session on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 10am or 5pm.

### **Lunchtime Superstars!**

N: Lanie B

R: Isabella K

Y1: Delacie F

Y2: Luke W

Y3: Zara F

Y4: Summer B

Y5: Amari D

Y6: Majiec D

### **Pupil of the week!**

N: Jaxson *Superb behaviour*

R: Par *Brilliant phonics*

Y1: Hollie *Beautiful decorating*

Y2: Rebecca *Beautiful writing*

Y3: Oliver *Excellent drawing*

Y4: Skye *Extra work*

Y5: Brianna *Great leadership*

Y6: Heather *Excellent attitude*

*Well done.*

### Times tables Rock stars

There are so many children accessing this online resource to practise and improve their times tables. Keep up the good work everyone. Visit the school website for winner details [www.st-michaels.bury.sch.uk](http://www.st-michaels.bury.sch.uk)

### BoB Boxes

Harvest is a time when we think of those less fortunate than ourselves and particularly think of the work done throughout the world by CAFOD. This year the Mini Vinnies at St Michael's invite families to make BOB boxes (Bird or Bat boxes) on Friday, October 12th at St Michael's Parish Hall. The BOB boxes give us the opportunity to connect with nature by helping endangered birds and bats. By buying the boxes, we provide much needed funds to help the poorest of people to have clean water and build sustainable livelihoods for themselves. The box comes as a flat pack that can be built following simple instructions. It costs £10.00 and can be constructed at home. Alternatively, children can build the boxes in the parish hall with the help of parents, members of St Monica's GIFT team or members of St Michael's Vincent de Paul. If you would like your child to participate please send your £10 (cheques payable to CAFOD) to school no later than Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October so that we know how many boxes to order. Thank you

### Letter join log in

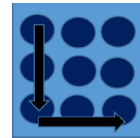
You can access the letter join website at home. This will allow to see how each letter is formed and practice letter formation.

The website is: [www.letterjoin.co.uk](http://www.letterjoin.co.uk)

To login - choose tablet

Enter school name- stmichaels

Password- create a capital L shape starting at the top



### Safeguarding

We are always ensuring that the children in school are kept very safe and so ask that, in line with our safeguarding procedures, parents do not come into the school in the morning or at the end of the school day unless an appointment has been made with a member of staff. This applies in particular to the doors from the infant playground. Staff at the door or on the playground will gladly pass on any messages to other teachers.

Following advice from the NSPCC, we are sharing their messages of on-line safety. The children, as part of their IT Curriculum, learn about safety using technology, the dangers that can arise and what to do if they have any concerns. The NSPCC promote 5 ways to help children to play safely:

1. Check the game's content
2. Know how to mute, block and report
3. Be Share Aware
4. Activate safety settings
5. Keep the conversation going (parents have regular communication with their child about staying safe online).

Thank you to those who have already signed up to **Parenthub** to receive your school messages. Please can we urge those who have not already downloaded the app to do so. We are unable to send reminders and direct messages any other way.

Next week Thursday the children have their **sibling and individual photographs** from 9.00am. Photographs with non-school age siblings and Nursery children who have afternoon sessions only, will take place in the hall from 8.30 to 8.55am. Please enter school via the main entrance.

Mrs Bowes