



St Michael's RC Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Loving



Valuing



Respecting

Friday 29th March 2019

Dear Parents,

Pope Francis reminds us during this path to Easter 2019 that we 'renew our faces and hearts through repentance...and forgiveness'. May our Lent this year bring the hope of Christ to all of creation.

Thank you to all those who attended our Lenten Masses. We also welcome parents, families and parishioners to our whole school Mass on Tuesday 16th April in the School Hall at 9.15am.

Mini-Vinnies

The Mini-Vinnies welcomed some of the SVP members from St Michael's Parish for lunch yesterday – what a lovely way to end the Spring Term. The next project involving the creation of the eco-bricks was shared with the SVP members and the children were keen to show them the work that has started.

Easter Gardens

This year again we invite the children to make an Easter Garden. The children can be as creative as they want but the garden needs to tell the Easter story. They can work on these during the Easter break. Every child that enters will receive a chocolate treat and there will be a special egg for the garden from each class that staff feel have been the most creative. There are lots of ideas online for inspiration. We will be celebrating the Easter Garden creations on Thursday 18th April. Good luck!



NEWS

Pupil of the week – Well done!

N: **Poppy D** for coming into Nursery and being a kind and loving friend each day

R: **Connor D** for lovely writing all week. His mother's day card is beautiful

Y1: **Max H** for writing so beautifully about the life cycle of an Emperor Penguin

Y2: **Harley T** for trying hard in his reading and super behaviour

Y3: **Sienna J** for a great attitude to work

Y4: **Lyndon O** for such quick answers in mental Maths

Y5: **Aliyah M** for her efforts in reading

Y6: **Roksana L** for an excellent reading assessment

Lunchtime Superstars – Well done!

N- **Jake H**

R- **Isabella J**

Y1- **Aoife W**

Y2- **Ivana Y**

Y3- **Summer W**

Y4- **Tristan T**

Y5- **Amari D**

Y6- **Emer K**

Homework Club Mondays

3.15 – 4.15pm

After-school Sports

A letter will go out the 1st week back

April 2019

Tu 16th Mass in the school hall 9:15am

We 17th Phonics meeting for parents at 9am & 2:30pm

Y5 Assembly 18th April at 9.00 – All parents welcome.

Tu 30th Reception Trip Imagine That!

Governors Meeting – Thank you Children!

Thank you to the children in Y4, 5 and 6 who gave up their own time to speak to the school Governing board. You were great ambassadors for the schools, speaking passionately about your experiences and your hopes and dreams for the future of St Michael's.

Sports Events

Well done to the Boys Football Team this week who played a Tournament this Tuesday. They came 5th out of 7 teams with 2 wins, 2 draws and 2 losses. Well done, fantastic team work!

Well done to all the children who ran at Heaton Park last Saturday morning and thank you to all the staff and families who supported them.

Digital Leaders

Thank you and well done to all the children who applied to be a Digital Leader. They had their interviews this morning. Their special role supports the schools commitment in ensuring safe use of all technology. Miss Grundy and Mrs Guerin were very impressed with the children's knowledge, skills and confidence during the whole process. Our First Digital Leaders at St Michaels are:

Mille, Adriana, Precious, Maeve and Henry from Year 4

Caolan, Natalia, Liam, Kris, Amari, Caitlyn, Adam and Phillip from Year 5.

Well done children.

Awards for Spring Term

The Stars of Spring Term have been chosen by their Class Teachers. They have received a £5 token to spend. Well done to the following children: Martin Tom, Patrick, Elvie, Scarlett, Kaya, Ciara, Elleroose and Kayden.

Phonics Meeting for Parents

There will be a meeting for Parents on Wednesday 17th April at 9.00am and again at 2.30pm on the same day to share the arrangements for the Phonics test in June.

Attendance

The whole school attendance for this week is 96.50%. Reception has the highest again with 99.37%!! Well done Reception! Year 5 have received an award for the highest attendance during the whole of Spring Term – well done Year 5.

Always Green Children

Our *Always Green* children, this week are:

Nursery: Aiden, Reception: Noah, Year 1: Jaiden, Year 2: Malachy, Year 3: Gabriella, Year 4: Amber,

Year 5: Georgia, Year 6: Heather

Reception Class

By popular demand our Reception class is opening a hair and beauty salon after the 2 week break. The class have been improvising using a stethoscope as a shower head, a pebble as soap, and a soft dice as a powder puff! We would be grateful for any donations of old items that could help us to set up our new salon. We are looking for hairdryers, curlers/straighteners, hair clippers, empty shampoo/conditioner bottles, empty hairspray/mousse, empty or unwanted lipsticks/eye shadows (we will empty them), powder puffs/brushes, old towels, children's comic books etc. If you happen to have an old shower head hiding in your garage or you know of someone who is having a new bathroom we would love a shower head! We will set it up after the holidays and announce a grand opening. Thank you for any help you can offer.

Social Media Policy

Please see our school Social Media Policy – available on the School website. Social Media is a growing part of life outside of schools. We all have a responsibility, as staff, parents and family members to safeguard our pupils against potential dangers when accessing the internet at school, and to educate our pupils about how to protect themselves when outside of school. Thank you for your support.

PTA

The PTA would like to recruit new members, if you would like to be part of the team please let the school office know, as the existing members are very keen to organise events for the children and families of St Michael's.

School office reminder

Can we remind all parents and carers to **notify the office** of any absences, including medical appointments or sickness. Please call in at the beginning of the day, email or phone to instruct the office team of your child's absence. In addition, parents/carers must provide proof of any medical appointments so that those absences are marked as authorised.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation. Have a lovely and restful two-week break. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 15th April.

Mrs Bowes