



15th October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Matthew 22:1-14

The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

22 Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ² "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

⁴ "Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.'

⁵ "But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. ⁶ The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

⁸ "Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. ⁹ So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' ¹⁰ So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹² He asked, 'How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?' The man was speechless.

¹³ "Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie his hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

¹⁴ "For many are invited, but few are chosen.

The parable of the wedding in today's gospel was spoken when Jesus saw that his own people were moving to reject him. The story is symbolic. But the invitation to us is a real one. It is an invitation to aim at the good life. The invitation to the kingdom of heaven is cast wide, yet we are free to say yes or no. No matter how low a standing I seem to have in life, I am welcome. I ask God to help me to respond as best I can to this real invitation.

Half Term Break

The school will be closed for the October half term break will be from Monday, 26th October to Friday, 30th October. School will re-open as normal on Monday, 2nd November.

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast

Thank you to all the parents who supported the CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day we raised a total of **£105.50**.

Individual Pupil Photos

The individual photos for this academic year will be taken **on Friday, 6th November**. Please ensure that your child is dressed in full school winter uniform. In light of the current Covid-19 restrictions, we will not be taking sibling group photos this year.

Flu Vaccination

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu. With COVID-19 in circulation it is more important than ever to reduce the number of those becoming ill with flu this winter to help protect them and the NHS. **On Friday, 16th October** a team of staff from School Immunization Team will be administering the flu vaccination for pupils in **Reception to year 6 in St Michael's**. If you would like your child to have the flu vaccine, please ensure that you have returned the consent form. The flu vaccine is strongly recommended for all pupils this year.

Data sheets

Thank you for the prompt return of your data sheets having up to date information for your child is very important.

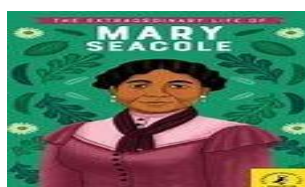
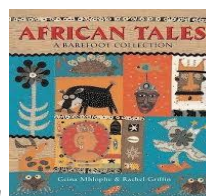
Black History Celebration

We began our annual black history celebration on Monday, 28th September. The theme this year is **Journeys**:

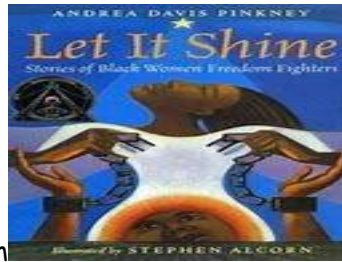
- ✚ Journeys of progress
- ✚ Journeys of migration
- ✚ Journeys of endurance

Each year group will focus on a different journey:

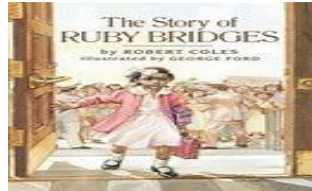
Nursery, Reception and Year 1 - The Journey of Story Telling



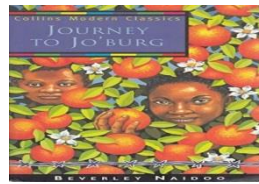
Year 2 - The journey of Mary Seacole



Year 3 - The Journey to Freedom



Year 4 - The Journey to Equality



Year 5 - The Journey of Nelson Mandela



Year 6 - The Journey to Britain

The children will be making recordings of their learning that we hope to share on the school's website.

Coronavirus Update

Last week we heard from the prime minister that we are at a "turning point" across the United Kingdom in our journey to stop the spread of coronavirus. We all have a role to play in this effort and it means we need to work together for the collective good of the entire community.

Thank you to the parents who are supporting our efforts to ensure that our school remains Covid secure. However, we ask that parents remember the following:

- ✓ Please ensure that you are practicing social distancing at the gate in the morning and for pick up at the end of the day.
- ✓ Parents need to drop off and collect their children promptly.
 - ❖ Nursery - 8:30 - 11:30
 - ❖ Reception - 8:30 - 3:05
 - ❖ Years 1 and 2 - 8:40 - 3:15
 - ❖ Years 3 and 4 - 8:40 - 3:15
 - ❖ Year 5 and 6 - 8:50 - 3:25

Please do not enter the school premises if you or a member of your household are showing symptoms of coronavirus; this includes if you are waiting for a test result. The most common symptoms of coronavirus are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough and/or
- a high temperature and/or
- a loss, or change in, your normal sense of test of smell (anosmia)

If your child does develop symptoms at any point during the school year you should seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/or-by-phoning-111>.

If a child has symptoms of coronavirus they should get a test. If this is not possible, then the child should self-isolate for 10 days. If your child is not in school, please call the school to let us know why they are not in school so we can track absences and follow up as appropriate. **If your child is off with coronavirus symptoms we need to know for the safety of the entire school community.**

Sick Children

If your child is unwell we would recommend that you keep them at home. If your child has cold symptoms (runny/blocked nose, sore throat) or has had sickness or diarrhea, they need to stay at home for 48 hours.

God Bless.



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