



26<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parent/Carers,

As you are aware, the Prime Minister announced on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February that all schools in England will re-open on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> March. We are currently awaiting confirmation of the local context for reopening so that we can finalize our plans. We will be in touch with you shortly with the plans for re-opening at St Michael's.

### **Mark 1:12-15**

*<sup>12</sup> At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, <sup>13</sup> and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted<sup>[a]</sup> by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.*

*Jesus Announces the Good News*

*<sup>14</sup> After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. <sup>15</sup> "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"*

We learn from Jesus that we meet the challenges of the wilderness by meeting God daily. Jesus, the very Son of God, was ready to meet the challenges in the wilderness because He was in contact with every one of those forty days with God the Father. This is how Jesus knew God's will for His life. It is also the way we learn God's will for our lives.

### **Lenten Message**

We are now in the season of Lent, a time for prayer and reflection; during these challenging times this is more important. The Pope's Lenten messages inspires us to **"renew our faith, draw from the living waters of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God."** Mrs Corriette has shared a number of assemblies during the half term week and this week to focus on the meaning of Lent. Please take time to speak to your children about the significance of this important time in the Christian calendar.

### **World Book Weeks**

Next week (week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> March) we will be celebrating our annual World Book Week! During World Book Week, we celebrate the love of books and reading. This year's theme is - *The Wolf in children's literature.*

There are a variety of activities next week and great opportunities for your children to enjoy reading and hopefully develop some new favourite books. These activities include:

- A class swap where the children will be read a story from another teacher within the school
- The masked reader - we will ask the children to guess which member of staff is reading a book/story without seeing that person's face.
- Throughout the week we will ask the children to make a note every time they see people at home reading and what they were reading.

On **Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> March**, we will begin our celebration of World Book Week by asking the children to wear a costume from their favorite book character or wear a costume that they already have at home or even make a costume to wear! This will be done during a live lesson and children - and adults - are invited to join wearing their costume and with a drink and biscuit. **If your child is currently attending the key worker/vulnerable children's provision they may wear their costume/mask to school.**

### Live Lessons

The virtual lessons continue next week; we will have two live lessons as follows:

**Monday - Well-being**

**Wednesday - English - Story**

We hope to continue to build up the number of live lessons that we are able to offer. As usual, the code to access the Google Meet sessions will be available in your child's Google Classroom. **Please do not call the office to enquire about the code because they will not have this information.** The timetable for these live lessons via Google Meet is below:

Time	Year Group
9:30	Year 2
10:00	Year 1
10:30	Reception
11:00	Year 3
11:30	Year 4
1:30	Year 5
2:00	Year 6
2:30	Nursery

### Advice and Support for Parents

The school website has an advice and support for parents section with very useful links for coping during this difficult time please have a look: <https://st-michaels.newham.sch.uk/parents-and-carers/advice-and-support/>

God Bless,



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