



20th April 2021

Dear Parent/Carers,

Happy Easter! I hope you had a peaceful Easter celebration. We are grateful to start the summer term with face to face lessons and to be able to continue the vital work of supporting the children to reach their full potential.

Luke 24:35-48

³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴ He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

Peace is not just the absence of conflict, but a deep sense of knowing all will be well! As He appears he so often says firstly 'do not be afraid!' As anyone would be, the apostles were "startled and frightened" when Jesus appeared out of nowhere - and Jesus said "peace be with you" to calm their fears. Additionally, even though the apostles were not perfect in all their actions, having abandoned Jesus during his Passion, Jesus wanted them to know that they are forgiven, that only peace lies between Him and them. It is this forgiveness and this peace that we are blessed with.

Let's Get Active

From the 19th to 30th April 2021 the school will be taking part in the Big Pedal, encourage your child(ren) to take active journeys to school on as many days as possible during the event, and join them on their way. Or, if your child(ren) are learning from home, take active journeys from home with them or encourage them to do physical activity on as many days as possible instead.

Parent/Carer Survey

We are committed to improving St Michael's and the outcomes for each and every child. As part of this commitment it is very important that there is feedback from you on key issues facing the school and I will be gathering this feedback through a questionnaire. You would have been sent a link to complete a parental survey. It's really important that we hear from you about your experience and your child's experience at St Michael's. The deadline to complete the survey is Friday, 23rd April.

Polling Day

The school will be used as a polling station in the local elections on **Thursday, 6th May**. As a result, the building will be closed to pupils. There will be set on Google Classroom for the children to complete.

Citizenship Weeks

As a part of this year's Citizenship programme, which will take place from April 19th to 30th, 2021, we are aiming for our children to feel engaged and inspired to help as well as to make a difference in someone's life, especially during these difficult times. This time we are supporting our chosen charity-**Bonny Downs Community Association**. This organization is a part of our local community and provides wide range of services and activities designed to bring people together and provide opportunities for people to connect with neighbours; improve their health and wellbeing; access the support they need; learn new skills; give back to their community; and celebrate life.

More information will follow about how we can all get involved and support this charity.

New Caters - Olive Dining

From Wednesday, 14th April, we have new caters providing lunch for the school; the company is called Olive Dining. The children have been pleased with the new set up and are excited about the new menu. The new menus are available on the school's website.

<https://st-michaels.newham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/school-menu.pdf>

School Uniform

As we move into the summer term, please ensure that your child is wearing the summer school uniform and that the uniform fits your child appropriately. Please check the school's website for a reminder on the school uniform <https://st-michaels.newham.sch.uk/parents-and-carers/school-uniform/>

The uniform supplier is Ian Howard - <https://www.ianhowardschoolwear.com/>

Mask/Face Covering

Please remember that we are asking all parents to wear a mask or face covering while dropping off and collecting their child each day to keep us all safe.

Lateral Flow (Rapid) Covid Tests

School staff have had access to weekly lateral flow (rapid) testing since February. This is to help stop the spread of the virus by identifying asymptomatic people who are positive. As a part of the government initiative to further support this you can order kits to test your household, childcare bubble or support bubble if at least one member:

- is a school, nursery or college pupil
- works in a school, nursery or college (this includes temporary workers or volunteers)
- works in an [occupation related to a school, nursery or college](#)

A test kit contains 7 tests. You can order one test kit per household each day.

A flatshare or house share counts as a household.

Who this service is for

You can only use this service if:

- you're 18 or older
- you live in England
- you do not have coronavirus symptoms
- you have not been told to self-isolate
- you or someone in your household, childcare or support bubble attends a primary school, a nursery, a secondary school, a sixth form, a college, or works at one
- you cannot get tests from a test site or your work

Test kits can be ordered at:

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

God Bless,



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