



26<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear Parent/Carers,

**John 10:11-18**

*<sup>11</sup> "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. <sup>13</sup> The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.*

*<sup>14</sup> "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."*

The shepherd keeps the sheep in view, regarding them and seeing beyond them. We ask God for the humility we need, that we might listen for the voice of the Good Shepherd, allowing him to lead us and trusting that he is leading others too - even if in ways we don't understand.

**Bank Holiday**

**The school will be closed on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May for the bank holiday. We will re-open as normal on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May.**

**Parents' Conference Meetings**

Parents will have an opportunity to meet with teachers via Zoom the week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> May to discuss your child's progress so far this year and get ideas about what you can do at home to support your child.

The meetings for Reception, Yr 1, yr 4 yr 5 & Yr 6 are from 10.0am - 6.00pm on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (Polling Day).

The meetings for Yr 2 will take place over 2 days with some evening slots for those parents who cannot access them during the day:

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May between 3.30pm - 5.10pm

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May between 10.00am to 3.30pm

Meetings for nursery and year 3 will happen later in the term.

### **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**

Thank you to all those who completed the survey. We will share the results with you shortly.

### **Polling Day**

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

### **New Caters - Olive Dining**

From Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> 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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