



9th July 2021

Dear Parent/Carers,

Mark 4:35-41

A Prophet Without Honor

6 Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. 2 When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

"Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? 3 Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, [a] Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

4 Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home." 5 He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. 6 He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Lord, there are depths in each of us, even those we think we know well, that only you can glimpse. A put-down tells more about the speaker than about the victim. We pray that we may recognise your presence in the ordinary encounters of my day and notice the ways through which you desire to nourish us and give us life, because you are present in all things.

Positive Case

Unfortunately, we have had a positive case reported to us this morning. As a result, we have had to close the year 3 and 4 bubble. I know this will be upsetting for everyone as we are so close to the end of term. We will write to parents in year 3 and 4 shortly with more information about learning and other activities for next week.

Please be rest assured that we have contacted Public Health and have followed all their advice. The school remains safe for the children and we will continue to follow our school's risk assessment closely to keep everyone safe.

Class Swap

The children will have their class swap on the morning of **Wednesday, 14th July** (this includes the children who are self-isolating as their class swap will be remotely). I will write to parents on Wednesday, 14th July to confirm the new classes for the next academic year.

Sadly, we will be saying good-bye to three much loved members of staff, Mrs J Thompson, Mrs T Thompson and Miss L Riste. We thank these members of staff for their commitment to the children at St Michael's, we pray that their new endeavors will be successful and that God will continue to bless them in all that they do.

End of Term

We are coming to the end of the academic year, just a reminder that our last day of term is Friday, 16th July, we will have a staggered dismissal as follows.

Reception - 1:30 pm

Years 1 and 2- 1:40 pm

Years 5 and 6 - 1:40 pm

The new school year begins for Year 1 to 6 on Thursday, 2nd September. We will write to you with more information about start and finish times once we meet to discuss the government's updated guidance.

National Picnic Day

To mark the end of term, St Michael's will have National Picnic Day on Wednesday, 14th July. The children will be going to Central Park for a picnic in the park. The kitchen staff will provide a specially made picnic pack lunch. The children will be back in time for dismissal.

Reports

Pupil reports for Reception to Year 6 will be sent home next week.

Uniform Consultation

Thank you to the all the parents that completed the uniform consultation recently. The outcome of the consultation was reviewed by the governing body of the school at their meeting on Tuesday, 6th July. As a result, the following has been agreed regarding uniforms:

- The school blazer will remain compulsory for Year 1 to year 6, however the jumper/cardigan will be an optional part of the school's winter uniform.
- The summer dresses will not continue, girls can wear the same uniform all year round and simply wear short sleeve shirts, shorts and/or socks instead of tights during the warmer months.

So from September, the summer dress will no longer be a part of the school uniform.

Nursery Finish

The last day for Nursery for this academic year will be on **Wednesday, 14th July.**

Mask/Face Covering

As we begin to open more and are able to do normal activities please remember we all need to do our part to keep each other safe. 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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