



21<sup>st</sup> March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Luke 13:1-9**

#### ***Repent or Perish***

*13 Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? <sup>3</sup> I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. <sup>4</sup> Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup> I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish."*

*<sup>6</sup> Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. <sup>7</sup> So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?'*

*<sup>8</sup> "'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. <sup>9</sup> If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'"*

These days many want instant results, immediate gratification, as if knowledge or information can provide answers to all the questions of life. Trees grow slowly, fruit takes time to develop and mature. The same is true for ourselves. Lord, you are the gardener, who cultivate and nourish us. We pray for the patience to wait, the openness to be pruned, so that we are more fruitful to your glory.

### **Ms Tucker**

Welcome back to Ms Tucker who returns from maternity leave this week and will be the teacher in the Nursery from Wednesday to Friday.

### **Reconciliation Service**

There will be a reconciliation service for years 4,5 and 6 in the school hall on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> March. Unfortunately, we are not able to extend this invitation to parents this is for the children only.

### **Year 1 Easter Performance**

In KS1, the year 1 children will also remind us of the sacrifices made for us during this special time in their KS1 Easter performance on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 9:15 am**.

Parents of children in this class are warmly welcomed to attend.

### **Holy Week Assemblies**

In order to focus our minds on the Passions of Christ the children will remind us of the very important moments including his death and resurrection in a series of assemblies as follows:

Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022 - Year 3 Holy Week assembly  
Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022 - Year 4 Holy Week assembly  
Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022 - Year 5 Holy Week assembly  
Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022 - Year 6 Holy Week assembly

Parents are warmly invited to attend their child's assembly.

**The holy week assemblies begin at 9:15.**

### **End of Term**

The spring term ends on **Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> April at 2:00 pm.**

### **Class Assembly - Class 2**

We will celebrate the work that Class 2 is doing in Religious Education with a class assembly on **Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 9:15 am.** Parents of children in this class are warmly welcomed to attend.

### **Free School Meals**

Please check to see if your child is eligible for free school meals; eligible children may receive holiday vouchers to support with food purchase during holiday times. Please check to see if your child is qualified <https://www.newham.gov.uk/schools-education/free-school-meals/2>.

### **School Uniform**

It is important that children are wearing the correct school uniform. Please note the school uniform expectations on the school's website

<https://st-michaels.newham.sch.uk/parents-and-carers/school-uniform/>

### **Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

As I am sure you are aware, we are celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this year. In honour of this, there are two bank holidays on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> June (during the school's half term break). As a result, schools have been asked to set aside an additional day in their school calendar for this additional bank holiday; **therefore, on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> June the school will be closed for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We will reopen on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022.**

### **Coronavirus Update**

From Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022 the government announced a new set of guidelines for 'Living with Covid-19'. We are very grateful for your support over the last two years, and we are very proud of the way our pupils and families have conducted themselves during this difficult time.

The current guidelines are:

#### **Self-Isolation**

You are still advised to stay home after a positive test for 5 full days, and then only end isolation after two negative test results (i.e. on Day 5 and Day 6). Please contact the school and let us know if your child is isolating due to Covid-19. Work will continue to be provided on Google Classroom for children self-isolating from a positive Covid test.

#### **Close Contacts**

There is no need to test daily or self-isolate if a close contact regardless of vaccine status. However, if your son/daughter is a close contact you might want to test them regularly to ensure that they are not Covid positive.

**Symptoms**

If you are displaying any of the symptoms Covid-19, you are to stay at home and arrange a test. You should not attend school with any Covid-19 symptoms until you have got a negative test result.

**Face Coverings**

These are no longer a requirement, but they are still recommended currently on public transport.

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Scott', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

N. Scott  
Head Teacher