



12<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

On behalf of St Michael's Catholic Primary School, we express our deepest sympathies for the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Her commitment to the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth is unprecedented and her service unparalleled and I am sure you will join us in thanking her for her service.

We will observe the mourning period whilst continuing to support all the children and staff in our care. All activities that have already been scheduled will continue as planned.

We will observe the state funeral for Queen Elizabeth on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> September as a bank holiday as advised by the Department for Education. **Therefore, the school will be closed to pupils on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> September.**

### **Luke 15:1-32**

#### ***The Parable of the Lost Sheep***

*15 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. <sup>2</sup> But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."*

*<sup>3</sup> Then Jesus told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders <sup>6</sup> and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' <sup>7</sup> I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.*

#### ***The Parable of the Lost Coin***

*<sup>8</sup> "Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins<sup>[a]</sup> and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' <sup>10</sup> In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."*

#### ***The Parable of the Lost Son***

*<sup>11</sup> Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.*

*<sup>13</sup> "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. <sup>14</sup> After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.*

*<sup>17</sup> "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! <sup>18</sup> I will set out and go back to my father and say to him:*

*Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' <sup>20</sup> So he got up and went to his father.*

*"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.*

*<sup>21</sup> "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'*

*<sup>22</sup> "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.*

*<sup>25</sup> "Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. <sup>27</sup> 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'*

*<sup>28</sup> "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'*

*<sup>31</sup> "'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"*

Both sons experienced, considered and reflected; one had the courage to make a change, to take a risk. What is it like for us to recognise when we are wrong, to admit it and make a change?

### **First Communion Applications**

In order to take part in the first communion course this year, Canon Bob would like a letter from the parents with the child's name and a copy of the baptismal certificate by the **15<sup>th</sup> September 2022**. Your child must be 8yrs old by the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 in order to apply. The course will start at the end of September.

### **Meet the Teacher Meetings**

Over the next few weeks, we will be holding Meet the Teacher meetings for years 1-6. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's new class teacher and learn about the curriculum they will be learning this year; you will also receive key information such as how to support your child at home, PE days, homework, etc.

**Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 3:30 p.m. – Year 6 and Year 1**

**Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 3:30 p.m. – Year 4 and Year 5**

**Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 3:30 p.m. – Year 2 and Year 3**

### **School Uniform**

The children are looking very smart in their uniforms. Please see below for a reminder about the uniform expectations.

Please ensure that your child is dressed in full school uniform.

#### **Nursery**

Navy jumper

Navy jogging bottoms

White polo T-shirt

(Alternatively navy shorts and summer dresses during the summer months.)

Black shoes/trainers with no laces

Navy or black coat

St Michael's school bag

### **Reception**

- White Polo shirt
- Burgundy jumper with school logo (boys compulsory)
- Burgundy cardigan with school logo (girls compulsory)
- Mid grey trousers/tailored shorts (boys)
- Mid grey pleated skirt/pinafore/trousers/tailored shorts (girls)
- Sensible black shoes (No boots)
- Grey socks (boys)
- White socks - Grey tights may be worn in the winter months only (girls)
- A plain black or navy top coat/anorak (no logos)
- Burgundy woollen winter hats preferably with school logo
- Hair ribbons/bands in school colours

### **Year 1 to Year six:**

- White school shirt
- School tie (Burgundy & gold stripe)
- Burgundy jumper with school logo (boys optional)
- Burgundy cardigan with school logo (girls optional)
- Mid grey trousers/tailored shorts (boys)
- Mid grey pleated skirt/pinafore/trousers/tailored shorts (girls)
- Sensible black shoes (No boots)
- Grey socks (boys)
- White socks - Grey tights may be worn in the winter months only (girls)
- Blazer compulsory
- A plain black or navy top coat/anorak (no logos)
- Burgundy woollen winter hats preferably with school logo
- Hair ribbons/bands in school colours

### **PE Kit**

- White round necked P.E. T-shirt with school logo
- Plain navy blue shorts
- Plain navy blue track suits with/without school logo
- Black plimsolls (indoor PE)
- Navy blue/black swimming costume and navy blue swimming hat (Yrs 4-6 only)

All children must have a school book bag and P.E. bag.

PLEASE MARK CHILDREN'S CLOTHING CLEARLY WITH THEIR NAME - items of clothing cannot be returned unless they have a name printed inside them.

Important: Please note, these items are not permitted in school:

- Jewellery including earrings
- Nail varnish
- Hair gel, hair dye or razor markings
- Trainers

For health and safety reasons, long hair must be tied back using plain ribbons, bands or hair slides in school colours.

### **Staffing**

Our teaching staff for this academic year are listed below:

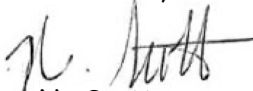
Acting Executive Head Teacher - Natasha Scott

Deputy Head - Justeena Pereira

Acting Assistant Headteacher - Maxine Alexander

Class	Teacher(s)	Support staff
Nursery	Mrs Hatziefstratiou / Ms Tucker	Ms Lara
Reception	Ms Bohane	Ms Nessa
Class 1	Mrs Donald	Mrs Charlery
Class 2	Mrs Davies	Mr Balkeesoon
Class 3	Ms Samson	Mrs Isaacs
Class 4	Mrs Edgar-Charles	Mrs Woolward
Class 5	Mrs Corriette	Ms Harvey
Class 6	Mrs D'Cruz	Mrs Kalyabe
SENCO	Mrs Cox	

God Bless,



N. Scott

Executive Head Teacher