



6<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Matthew 17:1-9**

*17 After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup> There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. <sup>3</sup> Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.*

*<sup>4</sup> Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."*

*<sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"*

*<sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." <sup>8</sup> When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.*

*<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."*

The disciples were privileged to see Jesus in glory, to recognise that their friend could be fully present to them and to God. Jesus saw that the experience was too much for them and told them to keep it in their hearts as they headed back towards the everyday. We need to thank God for the inspiration and encouragement we discover in prayer and ask that we may know how best to cherish it in our everyday life, how we might best be present both to God and to our friends.

**National Education Union (NEU) Strike Action**

There are an additional two days of strike action on the dates below:

- 15th March 2023
- 16th March 2023

I will write to you shortly, to let you know what will happen at St Michael's on those days.

**Assembly**

We will celebrate the work that **Class 2** are doing in Religious Education with a class assembly on **Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 9:15 am**. Parents of children in this class are warmly welcomed to attend.

We will celebrate the work that **Reception** are doing in Religious Education with a class assembly on **Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 9:15 am**. Parents of children in this class are warmly welcomed to attend.

**World Book Weeks**

Thank you for your support during World Book Weeks, especially supporting the children to complete the half term research and dressing up on World Book Day. The children enjoyed the activities and were able to fall in love with some new books.

### School Uniform

Uniform is an important part of a school's identity. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps pupils to feel pride in their school. It also helps prepare the children for life after school where many will have to dress smartly for work.

There are a number of children who are not wearing the correct school uniform. It is important that all children are compliant with the uniform expectations. I would like to remind parents that the children should be wearing school shoes not trainers or boots; hair beads are also not permitted as a part of the school uniform.

The uniform policy is available on the website for further reference

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

We will be issuing reminder letters to children who are not wearing the correct uniform to remind parents and ask that you support the school by ensuring that your child wears the correct uniform each day.

### 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, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023 - Year 3 Holy Week assembly  
Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023- Year 4 Holy Week assembly  
Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023 - Year 5 Holy Week assembly  
Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 - Year 6 Holy Week assembly

Parents are warmly invited to attend their child's assembly. The holy week assemblies begin at 9:15am.

### 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 Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> March at 2:00 pm.

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

### Health Snack (Years 3-6)

The School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme (SFVS) provides a free piece of fruit or veg to every 4-6 year-old in primary school. We would like to encourage parents of children from years 3-6 to provide a healthy snack for your child for break time. This can be fruit, a healthy cereal bar, etc.; this helps to re-fuel the children mid-way through the morning. **Please ensure that the cereal bars or any other food that you send your child in with does not contain nuts.**

### UKHSA Advice

Please see the recent advice from the UK Health Security Agency:

Professor Susan Hopkins, Chief Medical Adviser at the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), said:

*It's important to minimise the spread of infection in schools and other education and childcare settings as much as possible. If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and the fever has resolved.*

Helping children to learn about the importance of good hand hygiene is also key, so practice regular handwashing at home with soap and warm water. Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading.

Adults should also try to stay home when unwell and if you do have to go out, wear a face covering. When unwell don't visit healthcare settings or visit vulnerable people unless urgent.

### **Parent Advice and Support**

We are in difficult times and need to try to support each other as best as we can. The school website has an advice and support section with links to organizations that can provide legal advice, debt management advice and food banks.

<https://st-michaels.newham.sch.uk/>

If you need further advice or support please go to the school office and request an appointment with a member of the senior leadership team.

### **Newham Libraries**

There are ten libraries across Newham, each offering a range of services and community activities. As well as a fantastic selection of books and other reading material of course. **The libraries also provide free computer and internet access.**

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/libraries-arts-culture/newham-library-services>

God Bless,



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