



15th May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

John 14:15-21

¹⁵ "If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be^[a] in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

Jesus talks about the Holy Spirit, whom he calls the Spirit of Truth. This is the Spirit who reveals to us the truth of who we are - children of God within whom God lives. We hold within ourselves a spark of the Divine! Let us sit quietly with this thought in the presence of God.

Ascension Day Mass

The children will be celebrating Ascension Day at Mass on Thursday, 18th May at 10:30 am in St Michael's Church.

Assemblies

We will celebrate the work that **Class 1** are doing in Religious Education with a class assembly on **Tuesday, 16th May at 9:15 am**. Parents of children in this class are warmly welcomed to attend.

We will celebrate the work that **Class 3** are doing in Religious Education with a class assembly on **Wednesday, 24th May at 9:15 am**. Parents of children in this class are warmly welcomed to attend.

Relationship and Health Education

In the academic year 2020/21, Relationships Education and Health Education became statutory in all primary schools in England. This new subject has built on the non-statutory lessons we had previously taught in RSE.

As a Catholic school, our mission is to support the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of all of our pupils, rooted in the wisdom and teaching of the Church. The education of children in human sexuality is an important, precious and privileged responsibility. The Church teaches us that this is very much a partnership with parents, in which parents are the 'first educators' of their children on these matters; ultimately, you confer on us the right to co-educate your children with you.

We have been researching various programmes that are available and have decided to adopt Life to the Full by Ten Ten Resources. Ten Ten is an award-winning Catholic educational organisation that is well-respected and very experienced in this field of work.

Life to the Full has been approved by our diocese. Furthermore, Ten Ten have entered into a partnership with the Catholic Education Service and the Department for Education to provide training for teachers in Catholic schools on the subject of the new statutory curriculum. Therefore, we are confident that this programme is a very good fit for our school.

Through their programme, Ten Ten understand the foundational role that parents have in educating and nurturing their children on these matters. Within the programme, they have built in resources which will not only keep you informed about what is being taught in school, but will also give you the opportunity to engage your children in discussion, activity and prayer.

We would like to invite you to a coffee morning on **May 23rd 2023 at 9:00 am and again at 2:30 pm** to explore the programme and have key discussions regarding the teaching of certain topics.

We hope that our approach not only assures you about the new subject we are going to undertake; we hope that this will be an important and exciting opportunity for our entire school community.

Please book to attend using the link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfufjQxGW0oVgxfaa_jefFdw72vyjcDj3Yvqkkjvh_eNTSQagQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Class Photos

Class photos will take place on **Thursday, 8th June 2023**, please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform.

Half Term Break

The school will be closed for the half term break from Monday 29th May to Friday, 2nd June 2023. School will re-open as normal on Monday, 5th June 2023.

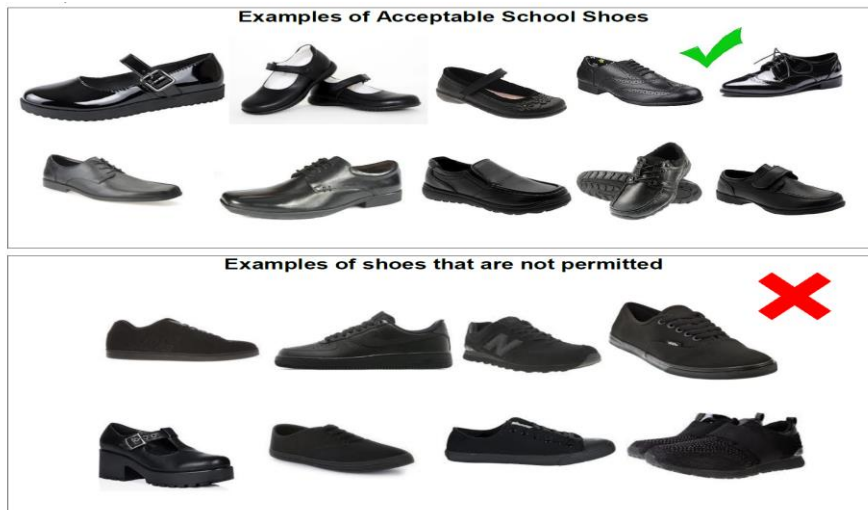
School Uniform

As we draw closer to the end of the academic year, just a reminder about the uniform policy when you are purchasing uniforms for September.

The uniform policy is available on the website for further reference

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

As you replenish your child's school uniform for September please be aware of acceptable school shoe. Please be aware that boots are not acceptable school shoes. We allowed boots during the period of snow and ice, however children need to return to wearing their school shoes.



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. **Cereal bars must not contain any nuts.**

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/parents-and-carers/advice-and-support/>

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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