



22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Matthew 20:1-16**

#### **The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard**

20 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup> He agreed to pay them a denarius<sup>[a]</sup> for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

<sup>3</sup> "About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. <sup>4</sup> He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' <sup>5</sup> So they went. "He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. <sup>6</sup> About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?'

<sup>7</sup> "'Because no one has hired us,' they answered. "He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.' <sup>8</sup> "When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.'

<sup>9</sup> "The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. <sup>10</sup> So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup> When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. <sup>12</sup> 'These who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.'

<sup>13</sup> "But he answered one of them, 'I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? <sup>14</sup> Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. <sup>15</sup> Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?'

<sup>16</sup> "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

A denarius represented a day's wage, just enough to support a family; anything less, and especially payment for a single hour, would be inadequate. It is because he had pity on them that the owner called them to the vineyard in the first place, and it is because he has pity on them that he pays them all, the full wage. There is nothing arbitrary in his conduct - it is the action of a man who is full of compassion. Jesus' parable highlights the generosity of God. As the ultimate "landowner," God will use what has always belonged to the Creator for the good of all even if we fail to view the world through God's eyes.

### **Feast of St Michael's**

On Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> September we will celebrate our feast day for our patron saint, Michael. The children will celebrate Mass with the parish at 9:30 am, followed by activities throughout the day. As part of our celebrations, we are organising an after school mini fete to which families are invited from 3.20-5.00 pm on the playground. There will be food available on sale after school.

### **New Altar Servers**

There will be a registration and induction for those wishing to join the altar serving ministry on **Monday 2 October at 6:30pm**. New Altar Servers need to have already received their First Holy Communion. Those aged under 18 years must be accompanied by their parent(s). Any prospective altar servers aged 18 years and older must also undertake the DBS process in order to receive a certificate which will allow them to work with children aged 17 years and younger.

### **Black History Topic - Windrush**

For our Black History topic this year, we will be focusing on the 75th anniversary of the Windrush arriving at Tilbury Docks. If you have a family connection to Windrush or know someone who does and might be willing to come into school to talk to the children about it please let us know by sending a message to [admin@st-michaels.newham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-michaels.newham.sch.uk) or by talking to your child's class teacher.

The children would benefit so much from hearing about the experiences during that time.

### **Nuts in School**

Just a reminder that St Michael's does not allow food containing nuts in school; we have an increasing number of pupils in our school who have nut allergies. Anaphylaxis (allergic reaction) can occur as a result of digestion, inhalation or any other contact with nut-based products. For their safety, all nut-based products have been banned from the school premises.

Please do not send your child into school with any nut-based product for packed lunch or for a special birthday treat- this includes products that may contain traces of nuts.

Potential allergens could include the following:

- Spreads, e.g. chocolate spread
- Cereal bars
- Some types of biscuit containing nuts
- Condiments, e.g. satay sauce
- Cakes containing nuts
- Some snack pots containing nuts

It is important that you check the labelling of food products before sending your child in to school with them - it is not always apparent that products contain nuts or traces of nuts.

Due to the severity of the allergy, if any pupil is found with a nut-based product, the school will confiscate it and contact parents straight away.

We appreciate your continued support to ensure that our children remain safe.

### **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 sweatshirt with school logo
- Navy jogging bottoms
- White polo T-shirt
- Black shoes/trainers with no laces
- 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)
- Woollen winter hats with or without school logo
- Hair ribbons/bands in school colours
- School bag with or without logo

### 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)
- Woollen winter hats with or without school logo
- Hair ribbons/bands in school colours
- School bag with or without logo (Yrs 1 & 2)
- School backpack with or without logo (Yrs 3-6)

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.

### PE Kit:

- White round necked P.E. T-shirt
- Plain navy blue shorts
- Plain navy blue track suits with/without school logo
- Black plimsolls (indoor PE)
- Swimming costume and swimming hat (Yrs 3-5 only)

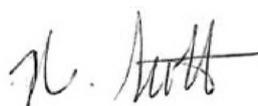
## **Staffing**

Our teaching staff for this academic year are listed below:

<b>Staff</b>	<b>Role</b>
Ms N Scott	Acting Executive Head Teacher
Miss J. Pereira	Deputy Head Teacher
Miss M. Alexander	Assistant Head Teacher

<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Role</b>
Miss H. Tucker	Teacher
Ms R. Rahman	Teaching Assistant
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Role</b>
Mr S. Ramdial	Teacher
Ms F. Huq	Teaching Assistant
<b>Class 1</b>	<b>Role</b>
Mrs M. Jovancevic	Teacher
Mr S. Balkeesoon	Teaching Assistant
<b>Class 2</b>	<b>Role</b>
Mrs S. Edgar-Charles	Teacher
Mrs L. Isaacs	Teaching Assistant
<b>Class 3</b>	<b>Role</b>
Mrs D. Corriette	Teacher
Ms A. Eke	Teaching Assitant
<b>Class 4</b>	<b>Role</b>
Mrs K Davies	Teacher
Ms A. Eke	Teaching Assistant
<b>Class 5</b>	<b>Role</b>
Ms C. Omo-Osagie	Teacher
Miss S. Harvey	Teaching Assistant
<b>Class 6</b>	<b>Role</b>
Mrs S. D'Cruz	Teacher
Miss S. Harvey	Teaching Assistant

God Bless,



N. Scott  
Acting Executive Head Teacher