



7th May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

John 15:9-17

⁹ "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.

Jesus' 'new' commandment is that we love one another. He assured us that to be like him is to live the Christian life as loving as we possibly can be. To be filled with this blessing means that we will be called to love, to love all, without any exceptions, as Jesus did.

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy Trust

If you recall, I wrote to you in January about a proposal to join the Newham Deanery multi-academy trust called our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy. The notes from the consultation conversations with parents and staff are available on the school website <https://st-michaels.newham.sch.uk/our-school/academy-conversion/>

After considering the feedback from consultation with staff, parents and unions, the governing body at St Michael's have agreed to move forward to join this multi-academy trust. As a result, St Michael's will be a school in our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy from the 1st June; by working together in a family of schools, St Michael's will benefit from shared expertise, which creates great opportunities for children and teachers.

More information about the trust can be found at <https://olog.org.uk/>

Ascension Day Mass

We will participate in a Mass to celebrate Ascension Day on Thursday, 9th May at 10:30 at St Michael's Church. Parents are warmly invited to attend.

Earth Day

Thank you for your support of the recent Earth Day celebration. We raised a total of £58, which will go towards making the school more eco-friendly. Well done to all the children

who took part in the Earth Day homework. The robot models were incredibly creative. Congratulations to all the children who were selected as winners for their models.

Half Term Break

The school will be closed for the May half term break from Monday 27th May to Friday, 31st May. The school will re-open as normal on Monday 3rd June.

Class Assembly

We will celebrate the work that **Reception** are doing in Religious Education with a class assembly on **Thursday, 23rd May 2024** at 9:15 am. Parents of children in this class are warmly welcome to attend.

We will celebrate the work that **Class 1** are doing in Religious Education with a class assembly on **Friday, 24th May 2024** at 9:15 am. Parents of children in this class are warmly welcome to attend.

Class photos

The children will take their class group photos on Tuesday, 21st May. These will be available for purchase shortly after. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform for this photo.

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/>

Nuts in School

We have noticed children in school recently with snacks that contain nuts.

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.

Items during the School Day

The children should come to school each day with all the items that they need for the school

day i.e. PE bag, packed lunch, etc. The school days are very busy and we are getting an increasing number of items that are dropped off to the school office. This can be quite disruptive to the effectiveness of the school; we do not often have additional adults in the classroom to go and collect these items and the staff in the office are not always available to bring these items to the children in their class. We are asking for your support to ensure that your child has everything they need and your understanding in that items you deliver during the school day can be disruptive.

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Scott', written in a cursive style.

N. Scott

Acting Executive Head Teacher