



1st March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

John 2: 13-25

¹³ When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵ So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."^[a]

¹⁸ The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"

¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

²⁰ They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" ²¹ But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

²³ Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name.^[b] ²⁴ But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people. ²⁵ He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person.

Jesus came to the temple as Lord of the temple. He came to cleanse it and at the same time replace. Destroy this temple, he said, and I will raise it. As the Lamb of God he would take away the sins of the world. As the Lamb of God he would die for our sins.

We must put our trust in Jesus. Let Jesus cleanse our temple, our heart and our mind. He alone is the only hope for our salvation. He calls on us to receive him as our Lord and Savior.

Easter Break

The school will be closed for the Easter Break on from Monday, 25th March to Friday, 5th April. The school will re-open on Monday, 8th April 2024 as normal.

Polling Day

St Michael's is used as a polling station for local elections, as a result, the school will be closed to children in Nursery to Year 5 on Thursday, 2nd May 2024.

Year 6 children will be expected to attend that day as normal.

There will be work available for the children on Google Classroom for this day.

World Book Day

World Book Day takes place on Thursday, 7th March 2024 and we hope you'll join us to celebrate across the school. We are celebrating World Book Day this year in school because we support the charity's mission to change lives through a love of books and reading.

Our focus this year is poetry and our theme is **Rhyme**.

Poetry is also an important part of the curriculum for pupils. Pupils are encouraged to enjoy reading poetry, reciting some by heart, and writing their own poems – it can have many benefits, in and beyond the classroom. Children with a good awareness of rhyme and rhyming skills tend to become better readers and spellers. A focus on rhyme helps them look at patterns within words and how they are formed, supporting word recognition and spelling.

Dressing up or bringing books into school is a big part of World Book Day celebrations, and is something that children and families particularly enjoy.

The theme for our dressing up day is Bed time stories, so children are invited to dress up in their pyjamas. **The children should come to school in their pyjamas, but must wear their school shoes, no slippers.** Nightgowns are not permitted.

Getting a free £1 book for your child is easy – simply take your £1 book token to your nearest bookseller and swap it for a World Book Day £1 book OR use it to get £1 off any ANY book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more. You can find your nearest bookseller at <https://www.worldbookday.com/participating-retailers%2024> .

We're very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day, which could not happen without the support of parents and carers.

Parents Conference Meetings

The parents' conference meetings are available to book on School Ping for nursery to year 6. **They will be taking place after school on Wednesday, 13th and Thursday, 14th March 2024.** It's an important opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher to see how your child is doing and what you can do to support their learning and development at home.

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, 18th March 2024 - Year 3 Holy Week assembly
Tuesday, 19th March 2024 - Year 4 Holy Week assembly
Thursday, 21st March 2024 - Year 5 Holy Week assembly
Friday, 22nd March 2024 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 Wednesday, 20th March 2024 at 9:15 am.

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

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.

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/>

God Bless,

N. Scott
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