



15th April 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Luke 24:35-48

³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴ He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

In simple ways like eating a piece of fish, the disciples saw with the eyes of faith. He is showing them in simple ways that it is the same Lord as they knew in earlier days. The Lord of Easter is called the Christ of faith. We are blessed because we believe though we cannot see. Lord, we believe, strengthen our belief.

RE Newsletter

Please see attached this term's RE newsletter with the information that is being taught in Religious Education for the summer term.

Easter Mass

We will participate a Mass to celebrate Easter at St Michael's church on Wednesday, 17th April at 10:30 am. It would be great to see some parents in attendance.

Earth Day - Monday, 22nd April 2024

This year St Michael's will be celebrating Earth Day on Monday, 22nd April. Our theme is *Planet Vs Plastics*. Taking care of Mother Earth is one of the most important things for the next generation. This means they will have a happy healthy earth to live in. This also means that we will live in a clean environment.

Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. "Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs". We know that it is vital that we teach pupils the importance of caring for the earth and the impact it will make when we litter or damage Mother Earth.

To celebrate this we are asking the children to accessorize in green on Monday, 22nd April. The children will wear their school uniform as normal, but will add an item of green i.e. green socks, hair bands, belt, etc. The children will donate £1 for this. The donation will go towards improving the school's green mission and to rejuvenate the school grounds with plants, etc.

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.

Bank Holiday

The school will be closed for the bank holiday on Monday, 6th May 2024. We will re-open as normal on Tuesday, 7th May.

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 **Class 2** are doing in Religious Education with a class assembly on **Friday, 3rd 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.

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,



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