



20th September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Mark 9:30 -37

Jesus Predicts His Death a Second Time

³⁰ They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, ³¹ because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise." ³² But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

³³ They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" ³⁴ But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

³⁵ Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."

³⁶ He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

Maybe the disciples were afraid to ask Jesus because they didn't want to know anything more about the future which would involve death and resurrection. This little bit of knowledge of Jesus' future was almost too much for them. However, we know we can ask God anything. Through our honest questions, let us draw near to God. Trusting that when we do, God will draw near to us. And believing that one day, all our questions will be answered.

Altar Server Meeting

There will be a registration and induction meeting for new altar servers on **Monday, 30th September at 6:45 pm at St Michael's Church.**

Uniform Giveaway

During the summer term, there was a uniform giveaway event provided by the Steve Browne Foundation; the foundation would like some feedback on the event for future planning and work with our school. Please provide feedback using the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/r/9EC9RVvyCW>

St Michael's Feast Day Celebration

We have our Mass to celebrate our Feast Day on, **Friday, 27th September at 10:30 am at St Michael's Church**; parents are warmly invited to attend.

Cycle Week

It is Cycle week from Monday, 23rd September to Friday, 27th September. We are encouraging all children to ride their bike/scooter or walk to school for the week.

There will be certificates at the end of the week for children who participated!

SENDCO Availability

The SENDCO is generally available to meet with parents on Thursdays and Fridays, by appointment only. She is in class for the remainder of the time. Please book an appointment with the office if you would like to meet with Ms Alexander.

School Uniform

We have made some changes to our school uniform policy.

Children in KS2 (year 3-6) are able to wear plain black low top trainers for their PE lessons. The trainers must not have any other colour but black, please see below for examples.



In addition, girls may wear small flat stud earrings to school, but not on their PE day.

Please be reminded that the hair accessories for girls should be in the school colours of maroon and white; colourful hair accessories are not permitted

Black History Month Celebration

From the week beginning 30th September 2024, we will be celebrating our annual Black History topic. This year our theme is ***Reclaiming narratives - History Makers.***

A history maker is someone who has changed the course of history through their actions, ideas, or existence. The significance of a history maker can be determined by their international, national, or regional importance, as well as the impact of their life or work on the world today.

Our History Makers for our class topic are listed below:

EYFS- [Maggie Aderin-Pocock](#) (scientist)

Year 1- [Malorie Blackman](#) (author)

Year 2- [Lewis Hamilton](#) (f1 driver)

Year 3- [James Earl Jones](#) (actor)

Year 4- [Maya Angelou](#)

Year 5- [Marcus Rashford](#) (footballer/ activist)

Year 6- [Baroness Doreen Lawrence](#) (activist)

Please talk to your child about their topic so they can share their learning experiences with you.

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.

God Bless,



N. Scott
Executive Head Teacher