



**UPCOMING
 DIARY DATES
 2019-20**

16th October - 7.00pm

PTA meeting

17th October - 10.30am

Yr3 & 6 Mass at St Michael's Church

17th October

Yr4 cake sale

18th October - 9.20am

5W class assembly

21st & 22nd October

Level 1 bikeability (Yr4)

25th October

INSET Day - school closed

28th October-1st November

Half term

6th November

Rec-Yr6 nasal flu immunisations

8th November - 9.20am

3P class assembly

11th-15th November

Parents' evenings

12th & 13th November - 9.30am

Reception 2020 intake open mornings

14th November - 10.30am

Yr4 & 5 Mass at St Michael's Church

15th November - 9.20am

3K class assembly

Cathedral & Benediction

This month, our Year 6 Liturgy Leaders and Followers celebrated mass for the Extraordinary Month of Mission at Westminster Cathedral. Years 4, 5, 6 also had the opportunity to adore the Eucharist with a Benediction Service at Church with Fr Sidon.

'Benediction was a lovely chance for us to talk to God and to have time to reflect.' Year 6

Next week we will be following menu 2

Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents, Thank you for your generous donations to our Harvest Festival collection last week. All of the food has been donated to our local MANNA Foodbank, who were very grateful.

We have had very positive feedback from the children about Maths Shed and Spelling Shed. Thank you for supporting your child at home in setting this up. As I said in my letter to you, the aim is to ensure the children become more fluent in spelling and maths through lots of practise. Please encourage them to take part. The teachers will be sure to reward those that are trying hard to improve their maths and spelling each week as well as recognising those at the top of the leader boards. If you are having difficulty in getting set up, please ask your child's class teacher for assistance as it is very important all of the children are accessing the home learning assignments each week. Last Friday, we welcomed JP Morrison to the school for a visit. JP is the Director of Education at the Diocese of Westminster. He spent time with us, visiting classrooms and meeting with pupils and staff. He was very complementary about the school and thanked us for the work we are doing as Catholic educators.

On Monday, we will officially launch our new initiative, 'Peer Mediators'. We asked Year 5 and 6 pupils to apply for the role of Peer Mediator and selected a team to undergo four sessions of training, led by an expert. These have now been completed and the Peer Mediators will officially launch on Monday. The teams of Peer Mediators will support our children on the playground to resolve any disputes or conflicts. They have been trained to listen well, share calming strategies, paraphrase and help children find 'win win' outcomes. We are looking forward to them having a positive impact on the school.

Mr Lane



JP Morrison @JPAMDG · 5d
 Great visit yesterday to #StMichaels #CatholicPrimary #Ashford #Surrey Wonderful school & so many opportunities for their pupils. Very impressed with their links with #Tanzania #AsanteSana @RCWestminster @UNICEFTanzania



Christmas Fayre and PTA Meeting

The Christmas Fayre will be held on Friday, **29th November from 6.30pm-8.30pm**. Please keep the date in your diary and please come along to the **PTA meeting on 16th October 2019 at 7pm** to help organise and plan for the event. **NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!!!**

Bark chippings needed!

If you are cutting down a tree or know a local tree surgeon that is, we would love to have some bark chippings for our Mud Kitchen and Bug Hotel. If you can help, please contact Mrs Twose on info@st-michaels.surrey.sch.uk Thank you!

Parents' Evenings - 11th-15th November

Parents' evening appointments will be available to book online via your Scopay account from 7am on Monday 21st October.

If you haven't set up your Scopay account to date, you will receive a letter containing registration details next week.

Metro Bank Workshop - 6M

Metro bank came to visit Year 6 to teach us the importance of money and how to keep it safe. We learned about the different places money is held in the bank such as: the safe, the vault and safety deposit boxes. We can't wait for our next session!

Open Morning for Reception 2020 Intake

We will be holding two open mornings for parents interested in applying for their child to join Reception classes in September 2020. These will be held on **Tuesday, 12th November and Wednesday, 13th November at 9.30am**. This will include a talk by me and a pupil-led tour of the school.

Parking and Crossing

Since our last newsletter, we have received more reports from our School Crossing Patrol Officer of parents crossing Feltham Hill Road dangerously. Please cross with the School Crossing Patrol Officer and not anywhere else. Taking a few seconds longer to do this may save a life.

Unfortunately, pedestrian pathways are still being blocked by inconsiderate parking. We have received several complaints from members of the public and our own parents who have had to walk on the road with buggies as cars have been on the pavement. This is incredibly dangerous. If you do notice dangerous parking, please photograph the vehicle and report this to the police.

Design a Vegetable Poster Competition

Commercial Services are organising a 'Design a Vegetable' poster competition. Our lovely kitchen team are also going to give a prize to their favourite design from the school. Use your imagination to design, draw or paint a vegetable character. Please hand your entries to Paula, in the kitchen by Monday 14th October.

