



**UPCOMING
 DIARY DATES
 2020-21**

23rd January

Yr1 cake sale

24th January - 2.30pm

Yr1 Stay & Share Reading Session

24th January - 3.15pm

Art & Design Exhibition

28th January

Yr2 trip to The Look Out

29th January

Rec height & weight screening (1st of 3 visits)

31st January

Friends of St Michael's Movie Night

5th February - 10.45am

Yr3 & 6 Mass at St Michael's Church

7th February - 9.20am

1S class assembly

14th February - 9.20am

1D class assembly

17th-21st February

Half term

27th February

Yr2 cake sale

2nd March - 9.20am

Rec B class assembly

6th March - 10.45am

Yr4 & 5 Mass at St Michael's Church

13th March - 9.20am

Rec T class assembly

Next week we will be following menu 1

Dinner money is £70.50 for this half term

Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents, We have had an action packed start to the Spring term beginning with a wonderful, uplifting mass to mark the start of the new year. Thank you to those of you that attended and thank you to Father Sidon. The Church has declared this year 'The Year of the Word—a God who Speaks' and asked us to develop our knowledge of the Bible. This week's RE home learning will help your child do this by asking them to create a picture or model representing a character or story from the Old Testament. More details have been emailed to you so please help your child complete this—the best work will be chosen for a school display.

There is always so much happening at Saint Michael's, which I try to share with you in these newsletters but I would like to do this more regularly and more visually so I have set up a twitter account for the school! Mrs Tillotson and I have already begun tweeting some magic moments of school life and gathering followers from fellow educationalists that we admire and are interested in what we are doing at Saint Michael's. Please follow us @StMichaels1953. In just two days, our first post showing a short video of the new Early Years playscape has been viewed nearly 9,000 times — astonishing! The main purpose, however, is for *you* to see the fantastic things going on every day at school and share in our pride for our children and our school. We will not use twitter as a method of communication because our audience reaches beyond the school community so please don't try to get in touch via tweets or messages. It is obviously not a platform to share concerns, grievances or negative comments but feel free to leave positive, supportive posts, likes and retweets if you wish!

We were very excited to welcome the Guildford Shakespeare Company into school this week to perform Romeo and Juliet to our Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils. The children loved the performance, which was incredibly interactive. This performance was part of the [Delight in Shakespeare](#) project that we have organised for Year 5 to take part in. The actors stayed for the afternoon to coach the Year 5 children in acting to prepare for their upcoming performance of Romeo and Juliet, which is sure to be fantastic.

I would like to thank you for replying to our survey about your child's passions and talents. We are currently analysing these responses so we can identify our pupils talents and passions and consider how we can further develop the enrichment opportunities we offer. One strong trend in the responses was a passion for art. Our children have created some wonderful pieces of art and design. Next week, we will have an 'Art Week' to create even more and we would like to invite you to an **exhibition of the children's work next Friday afternoon**. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will have their work displayed in the Dining Hall and Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will have their work displayed in the main hall for you to view after school.

The Friends of Saint Michael's met earlier this week to plan more events to raise funds for the school. Please save the date of Friday, 13th March in your diary for a quiz night. Please don't forget to return your slips and £2 donation if you would like your child to come to our movie night and watch Toy Story 4 on 31st January. Don't forget to follow us on twitter! Mr Lane

St Michael's Runners—recruiting runners!

The St Michael's Runners group has grown over the last few years and is looking for more runners to take part in the Staines 10k race in May. This will be another great opportunity to run together and raise funds for the school. I can officially announce I am going to run this year—eek! If I can do it, anybody can!! Please see the email sent earlier this week for more details and email mt.demurtas@gmail.com by next Friday if you would like to join us.

Guidance to schools on illnesses

We follow the Public Health Agency guidance to manage our pupil's illnesses. This is so we can keep each child healthy and happy. We thought it might be useful for you to see this guidance so you can remain informed. Please find it attached.

Raffle donations

Many companies are willing to donate valuable items or make generous donations to support school fundraising. If you work for a company that do this, please could you ask about how they might support our school this year. Please get in touch with Mrs Tillotson or I if you have any joy!

Slippers from Siobhan—Thank You!

I would like to pass on a huge thank you from Olivia and her family for your support of the Slippers from Siobhan appeal. You donated 65 pairs of slippers to the children of Great Ormond Street Hospital. A total of 277 pairs were donated. These were hugely appreciated.

Art & Design Exhibition—Friday, 24th 3.15pm

Please come and see your child's fantastic art and design work next Friday. Please collect your child as usual and pop into the dining hall for Reception, Year 1 & 2 work and the main hall for Years 3 to 6.

Author Visit—29th January

Colin Stuart will visit the school on 29th January to talk to the children in Years 2 to 6 about his work with the astronaut Tim Peake and share his book, 'Go on a Mission to Mars'. You are not obliged to, but if you would like to [buy his book by the 27th January](#), Colin will bring a signed copy along on the day.

