# Newsletter 15

# December 2023

Word of the Week – promising



#### **DIARY DATES 2023**

20th December - School Closes at 2pm

#### **Christmas Break**

#### January 2024

8<sup>th</sup> – INSET Day

9<sup>th</sup> – Back to School

12<sup>th</sup> – PTA Break the Rules Day

15<sup>th</sup> – Yr6 Learning Café – 9am

16<sup>th</sup> – Yr 1 Learning Café – 9am

17<sup>th</sup> – Yr 3 Learning Café – 9am

 $18^{th}$  – Yr 5 Learning Café – 9am

19<sup>th</sup> – Yr 2 Learning Café – 9am

22<sup>nd</sup> – Yr 4 Learning Café – 9am

23<sup>rd</sup> – Reception Learning Café – 9am

30<sup>th</sup> – Parent Workshop – Strategies for supporting children with anxiety – 9am

#### February 2024

4<sup>th</sup> – Education Sunday

6<sup>th</sup> – Parent Workshop – Strategies for supporting children with anxiety – 9am

### 12th -16th - Half Term

19<sup>th</sup> February – INSET Day 20<sup>th</sup> – Back to School 21<sup>st</sup> – Year 3 PTA Bake Sale 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> – Parent Consultations

#### March 2024

1st - PTA Spring Disco

7<sup>th</sup> – World Book Day

15<sup>th</sup> – Red Nose Day

15th - Coffee Morning

### Message from Mrs Bacon

Well that has been a long term! The children have been great but deserve a good break. We are so proud of them - what a way to end a busy term – all the performances have been wonderful; Nursery songs, Reception nativity, Yr 1 and 2 Christingle Service with their parents, Yr 3 church service, Yr 4 singing at Borrowdale Court, Yr 5 spectacular performance this week and Yr 6 singing to the public on the Enfield Town Bandstand. You are blessed with such talented children – they may not all be confident, but their confidence grows every day and we see their development! As teachers we need to be their talent scouts and find their strengths and help them to develop in what makes them excited and what they can excel at. I hope here at St Michaels we can do that with you.

Please be aware of the dates for the Learning Cafes – KS1 will have a focus on Phonics for parents – so they will be really valuable. Also, please see the dates for the Parent Workshops run by the Mental Health NHS Trust, I know we are all invested in our children having good mental health and we hope this workshop will give us some tools.

#### **EYFS Admissions**

If you have a nursery or reception aged child make sure you have submitted your application form by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January. Also, please complete the Google Form below so I can gauge interest in trialing a 30hr nursery. https://forms.gle/ZPpbJcnWjoBZCr1V8

### Year 5 Swimming

Year 5 will be starting their swimming lessons on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January – such a great life skill. Please ensure they come to school wearing their 'smart' school tracksuit on that day. This will ease the changing process and ensure they are nice and warm after their lessons.

## Library bookmarks

We have had a successful start and the children are enjoying choosing new books. I hope they are sharing them with you. We would like to continue to encourage the children to choose books on their library day. I would like to continue to raise the profile of reading and ask that over the holidays you encourage your child to make their own bookmark with their name and class on it. We have shared a template on Google Classroom but feel free to be creative and make your own design.

# What a great Half Term!!! Photos of some of

our fun moments.
The Royal Opera
House Nutcracker
visit and Yr 6
performing
Christmas Carols
for the public in
Enfield Town.



Let's us pray: Dear Lord, Don't let us miss You this Christmas season. Help us to simplify our activities and traditions so we can focus our celebration on Your birth. Thank You for being the Prince of Peace, and I ask that you spread your peace to reign in our hearts and spread around the world.

Have a wonderful Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in 2024 - Mrs Bacon, Head Teacher