



Newsletter 16

January 2024

Word of the Week –
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DIARY DATES 2024

February 2024

4th – Education Sunday
5th – Prayer Morning
6th – Parent Workshop – Strategies for supporting children with anxiety – 9am

12th -16th – Half Term

19th February – INSET Day
20th – Back to School
21st – Year 3 PTA Bake Sale
21st and 22nd – Parent Consultations
27th – Contemporary Class Photos

March 2024

1st – PTA Spring Disco
1st – 8th – Travelling Book Fayre
7th – World Book Day
15th – Red Nose Day
15th - Coffee Morning
18th – PTA Yr 2 Sale
22nd – PTA Talent Show
26th – Yr 5 Passion Service
Gabriel – 10am
Raphael – 2pm
27th – PTA Quiz Show

28th March – 12th April – Easter
School closes at 2pm

April 2024

19th – Traditional Class Photos
23rd – St George’s Day – uniforms for organized groups
23rd – PTA Yr 1 Sale

PLEASE NOTE **SPORTS DAY** has changed from 9th to the **2nd July**

Message from Mrs Bacon

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2024, it has been an incredibly busy start to the new year and it is a very short half term – lots to fit in.

All staff spent the INSET day working and training for a whole school approach to phonics. It has been a great and encouraging approach, as all staff are able to understand and support the drive to improve our children's outcomes in reading. Our overarching focus has been: **Learning to read, so you can read to learn** – which I have shared with the children – we want all children to be confident and keen readers.

We continue to drive and tweak our approach to the library – giving children free choice to choose library books is so important for their development – learning to choose books that they like, finding authors they don't like etc. We have an amazing selection of books, please encourage your children to choose books on their library day and maybe try and find the opportunity to enjoy their books with them.

Great to see your continued support with attendance at Learning Cafes – as a working mum myself, I know it is not possible for all but please check Google Classroom for information shared. We also had a great turnout for the Parent Workshop and have taken some feedback which we have shared with the facilitators – we will try and make the next one even better. Slides will be shared on Google Classroom for all.

Little Wandle Letters and Sounds

As many of you would have recently experienced at our Learning Cafes, we've introduced the Little Wandle systematic synthetic phonics scheme at St Michael's. This engaging programme ensures a dynamic approach to early literacy, building robust foundations for your child's reading and writing skills. Join us on this exciting adventure that promises to ignite a love for language and reading. Find out how to support your child at home at <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/>
We have made a financial commitment to ensure we have the resources to run this programme successfully – as your teachers will have explained to you, the books will come home on a Thursday and need to be returned on a Monday. To ensure we have the right resources for ALL – please treat the books with respect and aim to return them on time and in good condition – we will be charging parents for damaged books.

Whole School Music Project

We have continued our relationship with the Royal Opera House and Mr Barnardo has engaged with their CPD for the Opera – The Magic Flute by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Emanuel Schikaneder. During this series of lessons the children will perform as part of an Opera Chorus, develop knowledge of the history of Opera, understand the dramatic singing, increase their awareness of vocal technique and gain the ability to make connections between and discuss performances. Don't forget to ask them about it.

Photos of the Month



Our school librarians having a meeting at Enfield Town Library about how to run a successful library.



Raising the profile of reading – Yr 4 reading with their Yr 1 buddies.

Hope your start to 2024 has been a positive one - Mrs Bacon, Head Teacher

St Michael's C.E. Primary School

Love, Respect, Integrity



Mindfulness Message from Success Club

Every morning, take a deep breath and imagine opening a magical book, where every new day gives us blank pages for our fun adventures. Feel the warm sun hug us, reminding us that every tiny step is part of our exciting journey of learning and playing. Remember, our words are sparkles of kindness, building friendships and lighting up our days. Smile and say thank you for the day ahead, ready to make it the best one ever!

Mindfully yours

Tony @ *Success Club* www.successclub.org.uk

Full time Nursery Newsflash

As you may be aware, next year we are trialling full time nursery (9 – 3.30). Our admissions policy will remain the same. Please support us and let any friends or family know who might be considering St Michael's.

We have decided to see if we can extend this offer to our existing nursery class and will be sending out a google form this week to see if we have viable numbers interested for us to start this full time provision for the Summer Term. This provision will not only be open for families who are eligible for 30 hour funding; we will also offer a self-funding option for the extra 15 hours for the 5 afternoon sessions at a rate of approximately £6 an hour. There will be a £3 daily charge for all children to cover care at lunchtime and children will need to be provided with a packed lunch each day.

We are very excited about this new venture and we are really hoping that this will serve our local community and existing families better.

Christ's Hospital Opportunity

Christ's Hospital was established over 470 years ago as a charitable boarding school and is proud to maintain its founding principles and ethos. It offers a boarding education of the strongest quality to children with academic potential, from all backgrounds, in a caring and supportive environment.

Christ's Hospital is unlike any other independent school in the UK; whose pupils come from every possible background, this results in a social and cultural diversity that enriches their school community and offers their pupils unique opportunities as they prepare them to take their place in the modern world.

Means-tested bursaries are granted to 650 of their 900 pupils, which means they receive a free or low-cost place.

This is a great opportunity for families who may be interested in sending their child. They are ready and eagerly awaiting to answer any questions our Year 5 families may have. Contact them on: hello@christs-hospital.org.uk or have a look at their website for further info: <https://www.christs-hospital.org.uk/about-christs-hospital/christs-hospital-at-a-glance/>

Parents' Evening

Please book your parents' evening appointments using our online parents' booking system

Dates of parents' evenings: Wednesday, 21st February (3:40pm-7:30pm)

Thursday, 22nd February (3:40pm-6pm)

You can book online from: 1st February at 7pm until 20th February at 5pm

Booking an appointment: Please type/copy this exact link below into your website browser:

<http://www.parents-booking.co.uk/stmichaelsprimary>

To login you need to enter: Parent First Name + Parent Surname

Child First Name + Child Surname + Child Date of Birth

If you wish to add your email address, the system will send you a confirmation of your appointments.

Mrs Ayres - SENCO - is running drop-in sessions for parents of children on the SEN register. She will be available on both evenings. You do not need to book an appointment.

Please only book one appointment per child, contact Mrs Cordaro, our Parent Support Advisor at replyto@st-michaels.enfield.sch.uk if you need to discuss this further.

Let's us pray: Thank you, Lord, for your new beginnings and unwavering provision. We trust that your peace will watch over us as we step into a new beginning. This year, we will rely on the riches of your love and grace to provide for our physical, emotional and spiritual needs. In Jesus' name, Amen