

Wow, our first month in school has been and gone and it has been such a positive start for so many of our children. I've been delighted to see how well all our new children have settled in; it's now starting to feel like they've always been here which is so lovely to see. Thank you also to all our families, parents and carers for your support so early on in the year. This week has been another eventful one with the marking of our school Feast Day. Although we aren't quite up to the point of the whole school returning for Mass in Church, Year 6 did go over and mark the occasion with a special Mass with Fr Niall. We also began our Harvest collections this week which you can find more information about below. Clubs started this week and it was lovely to see and hear the children enjoying themselves! Please make sure you have retuned your letter about Parents Evening as appointment times will be sent out very soon.



On Wednesday this week we celebrated our school feast day. This is always a 'special day' for the whole school and we marked this occasion with some yummy treats! In assembly, we learnt about St Michael and how he was one of three Archangels. The Archangels were God's very special friends and strong and powerful. St Michael, led God's army of angels which is why in images and statues he is often seen with a sword in his hand. We are lucky to have a patron Saint who will protect us! We thought about how we can pray to St Michael the Archangel anytime we feel scared or need help being brave. He gives us courage and guards us when we feel afraid.

Our school council have been very busy organising our 'Harvest' giving project. This year they are once again asking families to spare any tinned or packet items they can so we can donate them to our local Foodbank. School Council would like to say a huge thank you to all those who have already given so generously. We will continue to collect food items over the next two weeks.



Our new Parish Priest, **Fr Niall** came in to school to meet us properly for the first time this week. We are going to really enjoy working alongside him and getting to know him even better. I will be sending out details about forthcoming Masses and Sacramental preparation once all dates have been agreed.



HOLIDAYS during term time
Holidays are not authorised during term time.
Any unauthorised holidays could result in a penalty charge being issued to each parent/carers with parental responsibility.



ATTENDANCE – Year 3 have taken good care of our St Michael Bear this week but will now have to hand him over to Year 5 who have the best attendance.

Foundation 1 – 80.3%	Foundation 2 – 89%
Year 1 - 90%	Year 2 – 96.9%
Year 3 – 96.7%	
Year 4 – 96.2%	Year 5 – 97.6%
	Year 6 – 97.2%

FLU VACCINES – Flu Vaccines will be given to children in school on **Thursday 14th October**. It can only be given to your child if you have completed the online **CONSENT FORM**. Please ensure this has been completed prior to 14th October or the flu vaccine cannot be administered to your child.



TUCK SHOP is now open again after school on a Friday.

Toast Club opes from 8:15am and costs £1.60 per session.
After School Club costs £6.50 per child and must be paid for in advance.

PE Kits should be a navy/royal blue tracksuit or shorts and a white t-shirt.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Throughout the year, there are months that celebrate the history (past) of different groups of people. These months help people learn more about groups of people, their history and their importance to the wider world.

In the month of October, we celebrate Black History Month each year. It is a chance to celebrate the achievements of Black people in the past and present. It is a month when many people can

learn more about what happened in the past to black people and what black people have done through history that affects our lives today.

Across the school we began today to think about some of the inspirational 'black people' from the past and present.

Year 6 have learnt about Barack Obama who became the 44th American President. He was the first African-American president in the United States of America.



Year 5 have learnt about the Windrush generation.

After the Second World War ended in 1945, Britain was faced with a shortage of workers. They needed people to help rebuild the economy and the country. An invitation was sent out to people in the British Commonwealth encouraging them to come to Britain to live and work. The first group of people to come from the Caribbean to Britain made a



very long journey across the Atlantic Ocean on a ship called the Empire Windrush which is why they became known as the Windrush generation. Although discrimination and racism sadly still affect some members of the Caribbean community today, their arrival in 1948 was an important step in making Britain a more tolerant and diverse society.

Year 4 have learnt about Nelson Mandela, the first Black South African President. He spent 27 years in prison for trying to change things so that both Black and White people had equal rights. He famously said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."



Year 3 have learnt about Martin Luther King. He was a very famous civil rights leader who led non-violent protests to help achieve equal rights for African Americans. Martin Luther King's most famous speech was the "I have a Dream" speech. He was assassinated in 1968.



Year 2 & Year 1 have learnt about Mary Seacole. She was a British-Jamaican woman who overcame racial prejudice to help others. She is most famous for traveling to the Crimea in 1855 to help care for British soldiers wounded in the war. The soldiers even called her "Mother Seacole."



Dates for the Diary

Thursday 14th October – Flu Vaccines

Week beginning 18th October – Parents Meeting Phonecalls

Friday 22nd October – Break up for Half Term

Monday 1st November – Children return to school



Enjoy the weekend, Mrs Ralph