

In these uncertain and rapidly changing times, it is so lovely to be in school with the children and see their happy, smiling faces! As half term approaches and we look back over the last 7 weeks in school, the children have amazed us with their love for learning and all the experiences school has had to offer.

All our junior teachers have now held their 'Parent Consultation' phone calls and next week it is the turn of the KS1 and EYFS staff. We hope you have found these phone calls useful and they have helped reassure you regarding how your child is doing at school and how well they have settled into their new year group.

School we know is still a bit different and we are well aware that these differences will become even more noticeable as we build up to Christmas. This would normally have been a time full of Christmas events in school such as the Christmas Fayre, Christmas Plays and the Carol Service but due to Covid restrictions all these gorgeous events will not be possible. We will, however, still ensure the build up to Christmas is 'magical' and 'memorable' in our own St Michael's way. We know this is really disappointing for everyone but under the circumstances there is nothing we can do.

As there will be no Christmas Fayre, we will miss this huge opportunity where we raise much needed funding for the school. The money we raise each year goes directly back to your children and in the past it has been used to purchase new musical instruments, ipads, outdoor play equipment, Forest school resources etc. The staff have been thinking about how we can raise money in a different but safe way - more details will follow about this in the next couple of weeks as we have had some great ideas that include 'bubble' discos, movie nights, Santa Dashes, bingo and treasure hunts. Everything would be done safely in class bubbles and when we agree events and dates we will let you know.

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You will all now know that Wirral has been placed into the 'very high' alert level of the Government's new three-tier system of interventions to tackle the spread of COVID-19. This means the borough is under the strictest set of restrictions due to the high rate of infection in the area. This means –

➤ You must not meet socially with friends and family indoors in any setting unless they are part of your household or support bubble. This includes private homes and indoors in hospitality venues, such as pubs. You must also not meet with people outside of your household or support bubble in a private garden or in most outdoor public venues.

➤ People should avoid staying overnight in another part of the UK.

it is also advised that people should:

➤ Only use public transport for essential purposes, such as travelling to school or work.

➤ Only take holidays within your household group or support bubble.

➤ Avoid attending amateur and semi-professional sporting events as spectators

You can find out precise details of what this means on the Wirral.gov.uk website.



Make sure you check out our Twitter and Facebook pages to see all the wonderful learning that has been happening in school.

This week, Year 2 have listened to the story of Moses and discussed what God chose him to do. They made puppets and used them to retell his story.



Year Five have been working really hard exploring new vocabulary from their model text. You can test them by asking what breccias are!

Year Six, have astounded us with their IT skills. They have been using Sketch Nation Studio to create platform games.



Thank you for all of your generous Harvest donations for the homeless. We have once again been overwhelmed with your generosity and kindness. We have heard some lovely stories of how children have purchased donations, including one from two young entrepreneurs in Year 4 who thought of a creative way of raising money to buy clothes.



Thank you again for your patience with the ongoing building work. We will be very excited when we are actually in a position to open our 2 year old provision but unfortunately, we still do not know when this will definitely be! We are aiming for a start date in the Summer Term but

will continue to update you.

We will be sending out an expression of interest form via SEESAW if you think you would be interested in accessing 2 year old provision for your child. Any child who is 2 to 3 years of age will be eligible although priority will be given to those parents entitled to access 2 year old funding.

You are eligible for a funded place if you receive universal credit or income support. You can find further details if you follow this link - <https://www.wirral.gov.uk/early-years-and-childcare/free-childcare-two-year-olds>.

2021/2022 School Applications

If your child is in Year 6 and due to start secondary school in September 2021, you must apply for your preferred secondary school place by 31st October 2020.

If your child is due to start Reception in September 2021, the application window is also open. You must apply by 15th January 2021.

If anyone would like support with these applications, please let us know as soon as possible.

Attendance – We are pleased to report that our percentage school attendance has been fairly consistent since we returned to school in September. We need every child to be in school if they are well so we can ensure they are learning from the whole curriculum and we can target any gaps that may have arisen during the lengthy lockdown period. Well done to Year 3 for having the best attendance this week!

Foundation 1 – 98.5%

Year 2 – 94.9%

Year 5 – 92.1%

Foundation 2 – 94.2%

Year 3 – 98.8%

Year 6 – 92.1%

Year 1 – 94.7%

Year 4 – 92.1%

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and remember to stay safe. Mrs Ralph