

PLEASE READ THIS MESSAGE ABOUT OUR IMPORTANT PLANS FOR TRANSITION TO NEW CLASSES IN SEPTEMBER

It has been a slightly busier week for the staff in school as we have welcomed a few more children into school, however we are well aware that a large proportion of our school community continue to learn from home and we continue to support you all as best we can.

There is no information as yet with regards to

what the Government have in mind for September for schools so we are hoping and planning for September as though we will have the whole school back. Over the next two weeks, I will inform all parents by letter of who your child's new class teacher will be. Everyone will know soon, I promise!

If the COVID-19 infection rate continues to decrease over the next two weeks, we would really like to provide all year groups with the opportunity to come into school for a half day.

My proposal is that each current class would be split into two groups (no more than 15 children in each group) and your child would be allocated a half day to come into school with their friends.

They will spend an hour and a half with their current class teacher and this would be an opportunity to say good bye and thank you. They will then spend an hour and a half with their new class teacher. We would normally do this transition half day in July so we feel it is important for children to get the chance to meet their new class teacher, ask questions and do some transition activities, etc.

To be able to do this and facilitate this safely, each group of 15 children would be given an allocated date and time to arrive at school and then be picked up from school. We need to have time to clean rooms and maintain social distancing so it will take us a full two weeks to enable all children to come in over an allotted half day. **It will be up to you as parents whether you wish to send your child in for this transition half day but we truly feel it will be beneficial for all children and we promise to do it in the safest way possible.**

Year 6 will also be divided into two groups (we are really sorry the class cannot all come in together but under current health and safety guidelines this is not possible). They will spend a day with Mrs Roberts, Mrs Bennison, Mr Hinds and Mrs Salusbury and have the opportunity to say goodbye to staff. We will organise a 'safe' and 'special' goodbye picnic, weather permitting!

The dates we have arranged for these transition times are as follows –

Foundation 1 – Group 1 – Monday 6th July – 9am to 12noon

Group 2 – Tuesday 7th July – 9am to 12noon

Foundation 2 – Group 1 – Wednesday 8th July – 9am to 12noon

Group 2 – Thursday 9th July – 9am to 12noon

Year 1 – Group 1 – Thursday 9th July – 9:15am to 12:15pm

Group 2 – Friday 10th July – 9:15am to 12:15pm

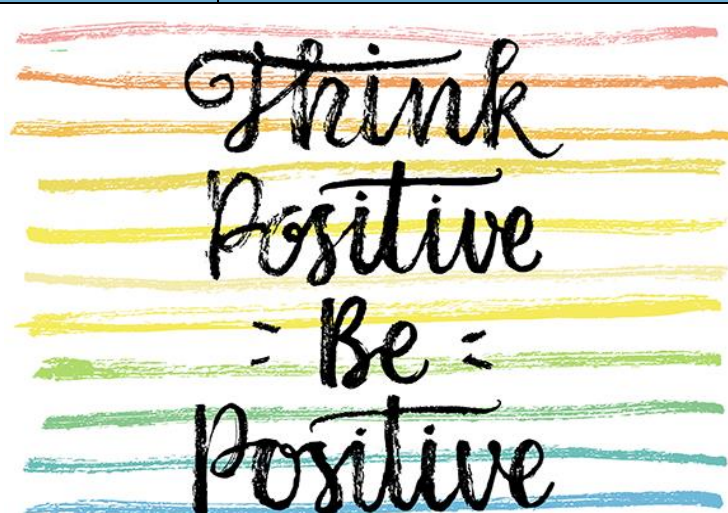
Year 2 Group 1 – Monday 13th July – 9am to 12noon

Group 2 – Tuesday 14th July – 9am to 12noon

Year 3 – Group 1 – Tuesday 7th July – 9:30am to 12:30pm

Group 2 – Wednesday 8th July – 9:30am to 12:30pm

Year 4 – Group 1 – Thursday 9th July – 9:30am to 12:30pm



Group 2 – Friday 10th July - 9:30am to 12:30pm

Year 5 – Group 1 – Monday 13th July - 9:30am to 12:30pm

Group 2 – Tuesday 14th July - 9:30am to 12:30pm

Year 6 – Group 1 – Wednesday 15th July - 9:30am to 12:30pm

Group 2 – Thursday 16th July - 9:30am to 12:30pm

You will be informed by letter which Group your child is in and what date they will be invited to attend school. **There**

will be lots more details in this further letter about how the half day will work and be carried out safely.

All visits will take place in the morning so children can return home before lunch. In order to do this safely, we are unable to change dates given.

Friday 17th July is our official last day of term.



HOME LEARNING - We remain committed to sharing learning tasks on Seesaw for those children who are not in school and we are very thankful for the efforts families have made with supporting learning from home. You should have also received a new home learning pack for your child this week. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any queries in relation to these via Seesaw.

Life in Lockdown for Young People – We think this national writing competition that has been launched for those age 7 and above looks really good!

This is your opportunity to write about your experience. Until midnight on Friday the 17th of July, you can submit a piece of writing about what life has been like in lockdown and during the coronavirus.

This could be a personal experience, a poem, or a creative story.

All of you will have had a unique experience that is only yours, and only you can capture in words.

Your entry should be 700 words or under and you should submit in your age category.

Your work will then be read by a published author, who will then pick out the five best entries from your age group. Visit www.generationlockdown.co.uk for more information



Testing - As part of our Risk Assessment for re-opening the school more widely, we are required to signpost parents for accessing testing for COVID-19. Please read the advice below:

NHS Test and Track service

- From 28th May, anyone with symptoms will be tested and their close contacts will be traced.
- Testing now includes the under 5's.
- Anyone with a new, continuous cough, a high temperature or a change in their sense of smell or taste is asked to immediately report these symptoms and book a test at nhs.uk/coronavirus or call 119.
- If the test is positive, NHS Test and Trace will contact the person and they will be asked about recent interactions, including household members, and those they've had direct contact with or within two metres for more than 15 minutes.
- Anyone who is identified as being in close contact with someone with a positive test must stay home for 14 days, even if they have no symptoms. (Other members of that household do not have to self-isolate if there are no symptoms).
- At the moment this is not a legal requirement and is advisory, but it may become a legal requirement if people don't follow the rules.



Another reminder about the Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge has always been a highlight of Wirral Libraries calendar. Each year thousands of children from across the Wirral take part, visiting libraries, reading books and receiving rewards.

Unfortunately, this year, with the temporary closure of libraries and the

measures that will be necessary to provide a safe environment for staff and library visitors on reopening, we will be unable to run the challenge in the way that we have done in previous years.

However, The Reading Agency have taken the Summer Reading Challenge online. The theme of this year's challenge is The Silly Squad and is all about funny books, happiness, and laughter. The Silly Squad is a team of animals who love to go on adventures, having fun and a few laughs along the way. The characters have been illustrated by the award winning author and illustrator Laura Ellen Anderson.

Children can join the adventure by setting up their own personal challenge on the Silly Squad online platform at www.sillysquad.org.uk. They can keep track of the books that they have read, see book recommendations, and unlock rewards. There will also be lots of activities and quizzes to keep them entertained and encourage them to keep up their reading over the summer.

EQUALITY

In the last couple of weeks there has been a lot of news about events in the USA.

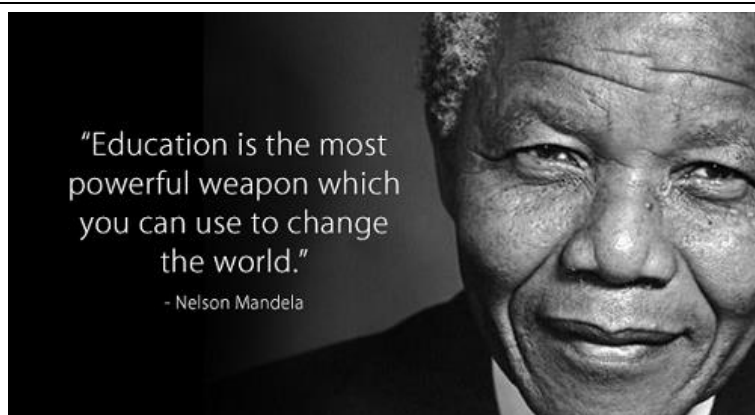
PROTESTS have been taking place all over the world following the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, USA, after he was held down by police officers.

At St Michael and All Angel's, we value and support equality of opportunity for all, giving every individual the chance to achieve their potential, free from prejudice and discrimination.

Equality is when people are treated fairly and equally. Everybody around the world should be treated equally, no matter where they live, where they are from, the colour of their skin, the language they speak or their accent.

Racism is when people are not given respect, their rights, dignity or value because of their race.

Racial discrimination is when people are treated unfairly because of their race.



Everyone has a right to live happily and be free from discrimination.

What Can We Do to Help Eliminate Racial Discrimination?

- Recognise that no matter what our skin colour, accent, language we speak or the place we are from, we are all equal and deserve the same rights and treatment.
- Make sure everybody feels included and welcome.
- Encourage people to tell someone if they feel they are being racially discriminated against.
- Have conversations about how racial discrimination affects you or your friends.

Stay safe and PLEASE take care. Mrs Ralph