

It has been a great first week back following half term. This is a very short half term and we have lots to pack in so please make sure you keep an eye on the weekly dates in the newsletter.

On Wednesday we had our School Improvement Advisor visit school and she talked to some of our junior children about reading. She described the children and their knowledge as 'phenomenal'. The children were able to talk in length to her about the texts they have covered in class and spoke about reading with true passion. I have also loved talking to some of our keen geographers this week about the work they have been doing in class.

It was lovely to hear about how much they enjoy learning about other countries, places and cultures.

BE HONEST WITH YOURSELF

*honesty is your inner compass*



**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March** – 10am – Year 2 visit to Church

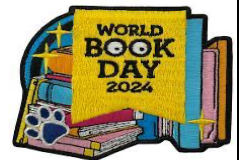
**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March** – 1:15pm Police working with Year 5 PSHE Programme

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** – WORLD BOOK DAY

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> & Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 3 Residential at Barnstondale

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March** – Non-uniform in exchange for sweets/chocolate

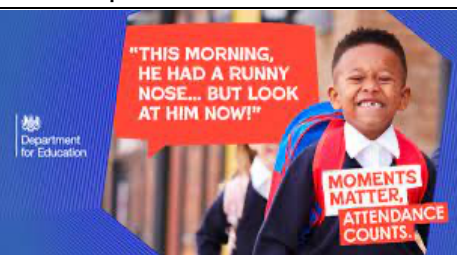
**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March is World Book Day.** This annual celebration of authors, illustrators, books and the joy of reading is something we love to celebrate here at St Michael's. This year children will again be invited to dress as their favourite book character. As always there is no need to go out and spend money – home-made costumes are always fantastic!



The results of the parent **QUESTIONNAIRES** completed in February are available on the school website. Thank you again to anyone who took the time to complete the questionnaire and to those who left lovely comments.

Our pupils completed their own questionnaires before half term and the results of these are also available on the school website.

This is a reminder that **only** Year 6 children are permitted to bring MOBILE PHONES to school and this is only promoted if they are walking home. Mobile phones are handed to staff as soon as the children come into school and kept in the staff cupboard. If a child brings a mobile phone to school it is at their own risk.



You may have heard in the news this week that parents in England who take their children out of class without permission will face **higher fines** as part of a drive to boost school attendance following the pandemic.

The Department for Education says a fine must be considered if a pupil misses five days of school in an unauthorised

absence. Until now, fines have started at £60 per parent, rising to £120 if they are not paid within 21 days, but the department says they will now start at £80 per parent, rising to £160. It is understood the higher fines will take effect from September.

We have seen a rise in unauthorised absence in school. This can occur where a parent has not contacted the office to give a reason for absence or if a child is taken on holiday. If a child's attendance falls below 90% we require medical evidence for any reason for absence or will not authorise it.

This week our Attendance Officer has held Panel meetings with a number of families where attendance is a concern and these will continue regularly.

**Well done to Year 6 for having the best attendance for the first time this year!**

**F2 – 92.2% Y1 – 91.7% Y2 – 90.3% Y3 – 92.5% Y4 – 94.9% Y5 – 92.5% Y6 – 96.1%**



Mrs Finley has organised a number of Coffee mornings with visiting speakers. Anyone is welcome to attend these coffee mornings. It's a great way to come and meet with other parents and have a chat as well as a way to learn from experts.

**Future dates include:**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 9:15am** – Focus on Speech and Language

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 9:15am** – Family Toolbox

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 9:15am** – Koala Northwest

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 2:45pm** – Self- Regulation



Red Nose Day is coming up on Friday 15th March. This year unfortunately we will not be selling red noses in school. The official Red Noses and other merchandise are available to buy on Amazon. If you intend to support Comic Relief by buying a Red Nose, be sure to order early so there is time for delivery.



**This week in school.....**

**A few of our Nursery class are currently toilet training, so this week they have been encouraging each other to use the bathroom. They bathed babies, sat them on the potty and then dried and dressed them to support their self-help skills.**

**F1 and F2 had a visit from Wirral**

**Libraries on Tuesday. She shared 5 fantastic books from the Book Trust and the children loved them all. Over the next few weeks, we will revisit each book and then vote for our favourite story. The children are excited to complete their sticker books too!**

**F2 have been thinking about breakfast foods. We completed a class survey of our favourite breakfast foods. We discussed the results using our mathematical skills and knowledge. Some children then carried out breakfast surveys of their own.**



**In their History lesson, Year 1 have had lots of fun exploring replica artefacts and discovering how they were used during The Great Fire of London.**

**I had a wonderful morning talking to children from across the school about geography. They shared what they like and don't like about**

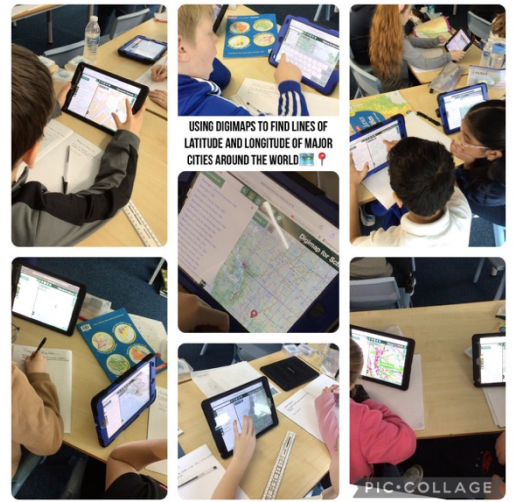




geography and thought about the resources they use. They did all decide they would like a field trip to Barcelona which may not be within the school budget!

Year 5 have continued with our Features of Navigation topic. We have learnt how to use coordinates of latitude and longitude to locate countries and major cities around the world.

This week our Year 5 and 6 children got to work with the Shakespeare Hub. One of the activities they completed was to explore the story of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet through the traditional Indian dance kathak.



In assembly this week, we heard about how Jesus spent 40 days in the desert and during this time he talked to God in prayer. We thought about how during this Lenten season we can use the time to talk to God and get closer to God, through our prayers and our actions.

Lent is a special time when we prepare for Easter. We take time in Lent to pray more, and to think about how we live our lives. This time can help us to change for the better and grow in our faith.

As we grow closer to God, we also realise that we are called to put our faith into action, and to live our lives as God wants us to, loving and caring for all people and for the earth.

We thought about our Lenten promises and how during Lent we may give something up or do something extra to help others.

**Enjoy your weekend, Mrs Ralph**

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CHOICE 1

CHOICE 2

CHOICE 3

DESSERT

MONDAY



Meatballs in Tomato Sauce served with Spaghetti, Garlic & Herb Bread and Seasonal Vegetables

TUESDAY



Cheese & Tomato Pasta served with Garlic & Herb Bread and Seasonal Vegetables

WEDNESDAY



Honey Roast Gammon served with Roast/Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy

THURSDAY



Chicken Korma served with Rice, Naan Bread & Seasonal Vegetables

FRIDAY



Breaded Mozzarella Sticks served with Chips & Peas or Baked Beans

VEGETARIAN VERSIONS OF THE ABOVE MEAL AVAILABLE DAILY



Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad



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Deli Choice of Breads with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad



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Banoffee Muffin



Chocolate Cookie



Fruit Cup



Strawberry Ice Cream Cake



Golden Crunch Cookie

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY - UNLIMITED SALAD, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, FRUIT YOGHURT & FRESH FRUIT PLATTER. FOR ALLERGEN INFORMATION, PLEASE ASK ONE OF OUR CATERING TEAM. ALL THE ABOVE DISHES ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY.