

This week has flown by! Thank you everyone for observing the new Public Health request to wear face coverings when on the school site. It will help us keep everyone safe and we appreciate you respecting this request.

There is a lovely “buzz” in school and the teachers have commented on how keen and interested in learning the children are. Following some staff training just before ‘Lockdown’ we had started a slightly new way of teaching English in lessons but because of ‘Lockdown’ we hadn’t got to see the full impact of how this looked in lessons and the children’s books. So this week I have made a ‘socially distanced’ visit to different classes to observe how English teaching and learning is going. I have been so pleased with what I saw... from a distance! The work the children are doing is very challenging and it definitely makes their brains work hard but it was lovely to see their enthusiasm and the pride they demonstrated in the work they completed. Their mission now is to keep it up!



In the event that a pupil or ‘class bubble’ have to self-isolate we have now detailed in our ‘REMOTE Learning Plan’ what the expectations are around Home Learning and how this will work. You can access the ‘Plan’ on the ‘Home Learning’ page on the website. Please take a look. If you require further details or have any questions in relation to the ‘Home Learning’ please speak to your child’s class teacher.

SEESAW remains the best way of communicating with teachers.

However, can I please ask all parents to respect the fact that teachers have their own families to see to once they go home (which is usually very late from school!) Please do not send messages after 5pm. We have had a number of parents messaging teachers very late at night and as all staff at St Michael’s are so dedicated, they feel they need to instantly reply. Please stick to only messaging between 8am and 5pm, as the teachers definitely need some rest, especially at this crazy time when they are all working their socks off!



Our ‘AFTER SCHOOL CLUB’ is doing an amazing job and the staff in there have been fabulous! If you do want to book a place this should be done via the email address afterschoolclub@stmichael-allangels.wirral.sch.uk or via the ‘parent mail’ website where you will need to pay for any booked places in advance. Children will not be allowed to access the provision unless payments have been made first.

We were really disappointed that we haven’t been able to hold our year group ‘Meet the Teacher’ meetings this year. Last year they were a great success and allowed class teachers to make clear the expectations for the year ahead and also explain how the curriculum will look for their year group. As we couldn’t host these meetings all teachers will have sent you a ‘welcome newsletter’ which can also be accessed on the year group newsletter page. They are definitely worth reading!



We are a Nut Free School - There are pupils in our school who have a severe, life-threatening allergy to nuts including peanuts, peanut butter, pecans, walnuts, nut oils & flavourings etc. Touching or eating these items may provoke a severe allergic reaction. For the safety of these pupils, we ask that parents do not send any food containing these items to school.

Can I also remind you that lunch boxes should be as healthy as possible and children are not allowed to bring chocolate bars such as Mars Bars or Dairy Milk Bars into school. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

If your child or a member of your household demonstrates the following symptoms -

- A high temperature
 - A new, continuous cough
 - A loss or change to their sense of smell and/or taste
- They should get a test and the whole household should stay at home until you get the result. If it is positive, the household should self-isolate for 14 days.



Individual Photographs – 5th October 2020 - We have the school photographer coming in on Monday 5th October. They will be taking individual photographs of all the children in school. Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions we won't be having family pictures this year, just individual ones. We apologise for this as I know lots of you love the family photographs but we would be unable to do these and comply with current Government guidance.

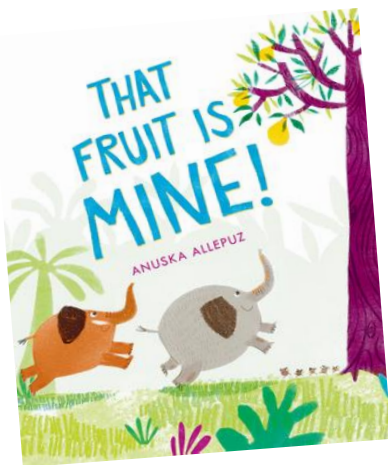


Attendance – Well done to Year 5 for having the best attendance this week! Keep it up!

Foundation 1 – 98.4%	Foundation 2 – 98.7%	Year 1 – 93.2%
Year 2 – 98.3%	Year 3 – 90.6%	Year 4 – 95.1%
Year 5 – 99.1%	Year 6 – 91.8%	

Our school value for September is Co-operation

Across the school we have been thinking about what co-operation means and how we can't get through life on our own. We need people who we can trust to help us complete the tasks bigger than ourselves. We need people around us who excel in the areas we struggle and the job is often easier if we simply have



people encouraging us to continue.

The children in EYFS and KS1 have been reading the story 'That Fruit is Mine' and thinking about how the elephants in this story didn't initially co-operate and work together to get fruit from a tree. However, the mice in this story did work together and because they co-operated they achieved their end goal of getting the fruit from a very tall tree. The children thought about how working co-operatively is a good thing to do!

In KS2, the children have been thinking about the great team of people

Jesus chose to work with – the 12 disciples.

Each disciple was very different but they all needed to cooperate to share the good news of the kingdom of God with others.



How to be co-operative...

Listen carefully so that you understand what people are saying.

Share your things with others.

Take turns when more than one person wants to do the same thing.

Compromise when you have a serious conflict.

Do your best.

Encourage people to do their best.

Make people feel that what they are doing is important. Working together is a lot more fun that way.

Thank people for the part they are playing.



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

