

It was lovely to welcome everyone back after half term and nice to hear the children's holiday news. I am delighted to be able to share with you that the week before the half term break we had an assessor spend a day in school focusing on the Inclusion Values of the School, Leadership & Management, Curriculum, Teaching & Learning, Parents & Carers and links with the local, wider and global community.

I am very pleased to announce that we have been awarded the 'Inclusion Quality Mark Inclusive School Award'. Mrs Bennison has led on this fantastic achievement and works incredibly hard to ensure our school is a fully inclusive and welcoming place. The full report can be read on our school website, but I wanted to share some of the wonderful things that were noted about the school.

'Pupils are friendly and polite. I met with a delightful group of children who told me all about their School and what it is like to be a pupil at St Michael and All Angels. When asked what the best thing about the school is, the unanimous response was about how friendly and caring everyone is.'

'The connections between pupils are also strong. There is palpable kindness shown towards each other. When one child is talking, the others nod along in encouragement. Throughout the assessment day, all interactions observed between pupils, either in class or out on the playground, were positive and supportive.'

'Throughout the IQM assessment visit to St Michael and All Angels Catholic Primary School, a consistent inclusive ethos was evident across the school. The school provides a safe haven where children feel protected and cared for, with a stable connection with trusted adults.'

'St Michael and All Angels Catholic Primary School pupils are delightful. They demonstrate genuine acceptance and tolerance of others. They welcome children who join from other schools or countries with open hearts and minds. They are caring towards each other, and their behaviour is excellent during lessons and unstructured times.'

'Every single child's happiness and progress is valued by the staff at St Michael and All Angels. There is a shared understanding amongst staff that learning can only take place once children feel safe, secure, loved, nurtured and valued. Pupils enjoy attending school and their behaviour is excellent. They respond positively to the consistent inclusive approaches of the staff.'



This week we marked the start of LENT in our Liturgical Prayer. LENT began on Ash Wednesday and we thought about how we are preparing ourselves for Easter by placing Jesus at the centre of our lives and our Lenten journey. Lent is an opportunity for a fresh start, to make sure Jesus is at the centre of our lives. We thought about as Spring brings new life and fresh starts, the season of Lent is a time for us to make a fresh start in our friendship with God. We

talked about what a 'spring clean' is and when we spring clean our homes, we make a fresh start in our homes to prepare for the year ahead. During Lent we are preparing for Jesus' death on the cross and His resurrection at Easter. It is a great time to make a fresh start in our friendship with God, by inviting Jesus to be the centre of our lives. We listened to the Gospel and learnt we can put Jesus at the centre during Lent by making time to GIVE, ACT and PRAY. We discussed what these words mean and thought about the Lenten promises we can make.



National Testing Dates

Year 6 SATS testing will take place 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th May 2023 **All Year 6 children must be in school**

Year 2 SATS testing will take place weeks beginning 15th May & 22nd May 2023 **All Year 2 children must be in school**

Year 1 Phonics Screening will take place week beginning Monday 12th June 2023 **All Year 1 children must be in school**



Monday 6th March to Tuesday 7th March – Year 3 BARNSTONDALE Trip

Tuesday 7th March – Year 6 Maths Tutoring begins 3:30pm to 4:30pm (every Tuesday)

Monday 6th March/Tuesday 7th March – Bikeability for F2 and Year 1

Friday 10th March – NON-UNIFORM in exchange for sweets, chocolate, easter egg or teddy for the Easter Fayre

Thursday 16th March - 9am to 10am F2 ‘Come & Share’ Parent Session

Friday 17th March – NON-UNIFORM/Red Nose Day in exchange for £1 Donation

Friday 17th March – CLUBS END and will RESTART in the Summer Term

Monday 20th March – 9am to 9:45am F1 ‘Come & Share’ Parent Session

Wednesday 22nd March – Year 1 Parents Phonics Workshop 9am to 9:40am (further details to follow from Mrs Brooks)

Wednesday 22nd March – Foundation 2 Class Assembly at 9:15am ***Please note this is a change of date*******

Wednesday 22nd March – Year 4 to Woodchurch High at 9:30am for Science Learning

Thursday 23rd March – Year 1 Parents Phonics Workshop 9am to 9:40am (further details to follow from Mrs Brooks)

Friday 24th March – NON-UNIFORM in exchange for Cakes and Sweets

Friday 24th March – Easter Fayre during the school day

Week beginning 27th March – Bikeability for Year 3 & 4

Wednesday 29th March – Year 4 to Woodchurch High at 9:30am for Science Learning

Thursday 30th March – PSHE Themed Day – Year 6 (am) & (pm) Year 1 & 2

Friday 31st March – Whole School Retreat Day

FRIDAY 31st MARCH – SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR SPRING BREAK

Monday 17th April – School Re-opens to Pupils

Enjoy your weekend, Mrs Ralph