

I can't believe we are in the final half term of this academic year. We hear the saying so often that 'time flies' but honestly this last academic year seems to have flown past us with the blink of an eye! This week has been a tough one for St Michael's because we have had our first ever 'Bubble closure'. I am genuinely gutted to have got this far with no closures then for this to happen. We are honestly doing everything possible to keep the children safe in school. The positive test has come after the first day back in school following half term. It is a timely reminder of how we in school need all of you at home to continue to play your part in keeping everyone safe. Please, please remember to follow national guidance and stay safe when out and about in the community. Cases are rising in the North-West and there has been an increase in cases on Wirral in the last week. We have further tightened our restrictions in school and have again reviewed our Risk Assessment to try to minimise any risks at all.



YOU MUST WEAR A FACE MASK IF ON THE SCHOOL SITE.

ONLY ONE PARENT TO DROP OFF AND COLLECT CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL.

PLEASE SOCIALLY DISTANCE AND TRY TO STAY ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE FLOOR MARKINGS AT THE MAIN GATE.

Thank you to Year 3 and the staff who have had self-isolate at home. They have all been absolute warriors! We cannot wait to have you all back in school but we know Miss McCallion is keeping you all busy with work on SEESAW and planned ZOOM lessons. Mrs Brassey is looking forward to hearing individual readers next week on ZOOM too. We are incredibly proud of you for being amazing and a special thanks to your mums and dads who were so supportive despite the extremely late phone calls from school at 10pm on Tuesday night! Your understanding and patience has been really appreciated. Thank you.

Monday 14th June – Infant Sports Day

Tuesday 15th June – Young Shakespeare Company in school, working with Year 5 and Year 6

Wednesday 16th June – Junior Sports Day

Thursday 30th June – Year 6 Trip to Barnstondale

Friday 2nd July – Transition Day

Saturday 3rd July – Year 4 First Holy Communion at 10am

Well done to F2 for the best attendance this week!



F1 – 95.6% F2 – 100%
Y1 – 92.6% Y2 – 98.8%
Y3 – 98.2% Y4 – 97.4%
Y5 – 92.9% Y6 – 96.1%



Sports Day – Our Sports Days take place next week on Monday (for Infants) and Wednesday (for Juniors). Please make sure children arrive in school on those days in their PE wear. Unfortunately due to current restrictions we are unable to invite parents to watch the event but we will be taking lots of photographs and videos and will post these on Twitter and through SEESAW. We will make sure the children have lots of fun and enjoy showcasing their sports skills.

Upton Hall School will be holding an Open Event on Thursday 24 June 2021 from 5.00pm to 8.00pm. In order to comply with Covid regulations on groups, they will be holding guided tours in groups of a maximum of 16. Bookings will therefore be required and all details can be found by following this link or visit the schools website for further details:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/upton-hall-school-fcj-open-evening-tickets-156081240191>



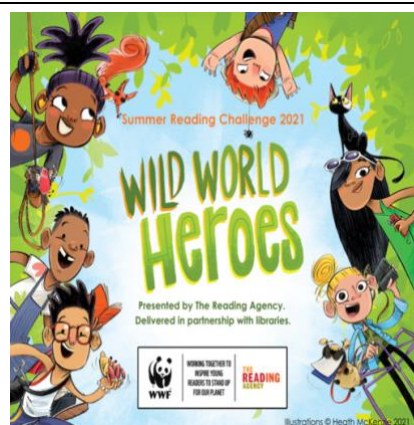
From the not so nice news on the first page of the newsletter to the far HAPPIER news now. Children from Foundation 1 through to Year 6 took part in 'Race for Life' today. I could not have been prouder of each and every one of them. It was incredibly emotional watching them cheer their classmates on. Every single child tried their very best with no one giving up or showing a defeatist attitude. They were all shining examples of everything our St Michael's values promote. Today was one of those days when although as a school

community we are so divided at the moment because of bubbles there was a real sense of community and the children doing it for each other. Reading all the name tags of who they were running for made me quite teary. I just want you all to know your children were a credit to you. Well done to all the children but a special mention to the following children: **Harry who came first in the Year 4 race, closely followed by Lewis who was a second behind. Daniel who came first in the Year 5 race, closely followed by Honor (who definitely did it for the girls). Mikey who came first in the Year 6 race.** A final special message to Mrs Bennison and Mr Hinds who were like machines today and ran every junior race with the children! There are lots of photos on our Twitter page so make sure you look.



Brake's Kids Walk is a campaign to raise awareness of road safety messages among school age children.

16th June is the day when children are encouraged to walk to school safely. This would definitely help ease the congestion in the car park! If you live close enough why not make the effort to walk to school on that day.



Wirral Libraries are, once again, taking part in the Reading Agency's Summer Reading Challenge.

The Reading Agency and libraries are excited to introduce Wild World Heroes, Summer Reading Challenge 2021; a celebration of nature and action for the environment, in partnership with WWF UK.

The children will join the heroes in Wilderville as they make their town a better place to live for people and animals.

Last year the challenge was online only, and many children took part. This year we are offering both physical resources and an online offer. Children can take part in the Challenge online at wildworldheroes.org.uk, or, for children who want to visit the library to take part, there will be collectors wallets that they can complete by adding stickers awarded for the books they read. There will be certificates for all children taking part, and medals for children who complete the challenge by reading six or more books.

Please stay safe everyone and enjoy your weekend. **Mrs Ralph**