



# St Michael's Primary School Newsletter

Friday 16th October 2020

Go, shine in the world and live as Jesus lived, with compassion, honesty and integrity.



Dear Parents

We had a visit from Ofsted on Thursday. They are not carrying out their usual inspections at present but they are still visiting schools. They will write us a letter after half term about the visit and we will be pleased to share it with you when we get it.

Best wishes for a lovely weekend, Ms Richardson and Mrs Jackson

## Year 6 learn about predators and their prey...



Year 6 were visited by **Science off the Page** to take part in a day of activities linked to **predators and their prey**. They began the day by thinking carefully about which characteristics of an owl make it well adapted for hunting.

They were then given an owl pellet to carefully **dissect**. Year 6 were able to find and separate the **bones** of the **creatures** eaten by the owl and placed these into a petri dish. Next, they were sorted into the different types of bone, e.g. leg bones, jaw bones, skulls.

Using these bones, they were able to construct the **skeleton** of the creature to see exactly what the owl had previously eaten.



Year 6 then thought about **food chains**. They discussed in their groups which different **livings things** could be part of their own food chain and carefully recorded this. Using clay, they made models of each living thing in their food chain. Well done Year 6 for your excellent concentration, participation and learning throughout the day!

## Important dates for your diary...

**Thursday 22nd October**— Non uniform day



**Monday 26th October - until Friday 30th**

**October**- Half term holiday - school is closed

**Week beginning Monday 16th November** —

Anti-bullying Week

**Thursday 26th November** - Non uniform day

**Monday 14th December** - Year 6 and Year 5

Class Christmas Parties

**Tuesday 15th December** - Year 4 and Year 3

Class Christmas Parties

**Wednesday 16th December** - Year 2 and Year

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**Friday 18th December** - Nursery, Reception,

Class Christmas Parties

**Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January** -

Christmas Holidays for pupils

**Monday 4th January**- INSET DAY pupils not in school

**Tuesday 5th January**- Pupils back at school

## Work of the Week...

This week Zara from Year 5 has been chosen for her narrative writing. She has written a diary entry about a truly terrifying day!

Zara used emotive language and figurative language for example, well-chosen similes to create a vivid picture in her reader's head. Her writing is well structured with good sentence construction as she describes clearly to her reader her thoughts and feelings as the day unfolds.



**Well done Zara!**

## Our Prayer...

Dear God,

Each season brings something new for us to see and enjoy.

With sunny days and rainy days, the crops grow larger.

Fruit and vegetables ripen, ready for us to harvest. Thank you for all of the food we have to eat. Let us remember and help people who may not have enough. Amen.



## Masks...

If you wish to wear a face mask when you drop off and collect your child at the school gates, please do so.



## What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus...

If your child is displaying symptoms of coronavirus at home or is sent home by the Head of School with coronavirus symptoms, you must arrange a test for them immediately and inform the school of the result. Children displaying symptoms will not be able to return to school without being tested.

1. To arrange a test you should visit [nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test](https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test)
2. **DO NOT WAIT!** Your child should be tested on the same day they are showing symptoms, or the next day at the latest.
3. Please let the Head of School (Ms Richardson) know immediately when you receive the result of your child's coronavirus test by calling the school office on **0207 485 8965**
4. If your child tests positive for coronavirus, you will receive a text, email or phone call from NHS that explains what your result is and what you need to do next.
5. If your child tests negative for coronavirus, your child can return to school.

## Zoom Coffee Morning...

We have a lovely Zoom Coffee Morning every **Wednesday at 10am** with Mrs Humphrey and Ms Nessa. It is a good way of keeping in touch with the school and other parents. All parents are very welcome to join. We send the invitation out every week by text so please do look out for it.

