



Friday 4th March 2022

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St Michael's Matters

For term time absence text us on:
07731 842640

A note from Mr Hirani - I hope you enjoyed some family time and found lots of exciting things to do in the Half-Term break despite the weather. It has been great to see everybody back at school this week and enjoying their new topic launches.

I am really pleased to introduce our new school Receptionist, Carla Pickersgill, who joined our team this week. This is a hugely important position in our school as our first point of contact, and I am sure you will welcome her to our school. In addition, we welcome Mr Pascoe to the school as a Lunchtime Supervisor.

You will be aware that the latest Government announcements regarding COVID-19 no longer require people to self-isolate should they test positive for COVID-19. The guidance is found here. <https://www.gov.uk> Briefly it states that if you or your child tests positive for COVID-19, you should still stay at home to avoid affecting others, but it is no longer a legal requirement. This has the potential to place both parents and the school in a difficult situation. The key point is that families should follow the advice and self-isolate for the required number of days to keep everyone in school safe. School is opening up more as the situation improves. However, should you need to come to the school office please ensure that you wear a mask.

This week has been a busy one in school. Year 3 began their gymnastics lessons with Swallows instructors, Year 6 continuing their Bikeability course - despite the wet weather, Year 4s enjoyed making their Pancakes, 5G begin their swimming lessons. We had an amazing response to World Book Day. Well done to everybody in making an effort to dress up as their favourite book character. The book fair begins next week, details of this will be e-mailed separately. Many thanks to Ms Care for organising not only next weeks book fair but also the World Book Day this year. Finally, the pasties on Thursday to celebrate St Piran's day, were amazing and very popular! Happy belated St Piran's day for Saturday. We hope all of the children, parents & carers enjoyed the lantern parade. The photos we have seen of the lanterns all lit up look fantastic and it sounds like the evening was enjoyed by all that attended.



A note from Mr Renshaw - We are disappointed with the number of applicants for the HoS vacancy at St Michael's School. We will be reviewing the situation with the directors. Once we have confirmed the next steps, we will inform staff and parents.

Core Values of Responsibility - At the start of this week we launched our core values of Responsibility. Some examples of behaviours that demonstrate this value are:

- Making good decisions in our own behaviour
- Taking responsibility for our learning
- Ensuring we bring the necessary belongings to school e.g. book bags, reading diaries, coats
- Being proactive - not stepping over litter, coats, etc.
- Seeing a need - stepping in
- Caring for others
- Taking responsibility for our own health - physical, mental and emotional wellbeing
- Caring for pets / family
- Volunteering to do things in school, the community, etc.

Accelerated Reader - This week the following children have been presented with an award in recognition of their outstanding achievement in becoming a **Ready Reader**: Joseph H, Bella L, Darcie F, Joey P, Corben C, Freddie A, Flynn M, Jasmine S, Kai H, Ellie H, Jessica Y, Ryan W, Tristan P, Ellie L, Noa F, Caitlin W, Charlie R and Jayden R.



Comic Relief - Friday 18th March 2022 will be a non-uniform day. Children may come to school dressed up as a superhero, create their own superhero or just come to school in non-school uniform. If you would like to make a voluntary £1 donation to Comic Relief you can do this via ParentPay. Your generosity will be used to change countless lives, both here in the UK and worldwide. Please click on the link below to make your voluntary donation. We will not be taking cash donations in school.
<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=6776>

We will also be selling Red Noses via ParentPay throughout next week commencing Monday 14th March, priced at £1.50. There will be a limited number of red noses for sale and will be on a first come first served basis.

Red noses will be distributed to classes during next week. There will be strict procedures in place to ensure that noses are not shared or swapped in school.



Vacancies

We currently have a lunch time supervisor vacancy here at St Michael's School. One Hour per day, Mon - Fri from 11:55am to 12:55pm.

If you would like anymore information or an application form, please email

stmichaels.advice@celticcross.education



Attendance

Below is a class by class breakdown of attendance from:

Monday 28th February - Friday 4th March:

RR - 51.52%	RD - 73.58%
1C - 88.07%	1S - 98.5%
2M - 92.78%	2S - 96.95%
3HN - 96.72%	3HY - 92.34%
4D - 97.05%	4J - 94.65%
5G - 97.13%	5P - 93.55%
6T - 94.27%	6M - 94.12%

Overall school attendance average is: 90.54%

CALENDAR DATES

What's on this term?

Go to www.st-michaels-helston.org and click on CALENDAR

Fri 11th March	5G Swimming
Fri 18th March	Red Nose Day - Dress as a superhero
Fri 25th March	'Purple Day' Epilepsy awareness Dress in purple or non uniform. (Year 2 Only)
Fri 1st April	Bend the rules day
Tues 5th April	Cross country - HCC 4pm (KS2 Only)
Mon 11th April	Start of the Easter holidays

HOUSE POINTS

Monday 28th February - Friday 4th
March 2022

This week's House Point Totals:

Blue (Fal) - 286

Red (Hayle) - 241

Yellow (Helford) - 309

Green (Cober) - 309

Well done to the Green & Yellow
Houses this week!!

Star of the Week W/C 28th February

These children have received the
Star of the Week award:

- 1C - Ivy S - Working hard in class.
- 1S - John B - For great comprehension skills this week.
- 2M - Kaibie W - Contributing in class.
- 2S - Charlie N - For his world book day costume.

These children received the
Star of the Week
award in KS2:

This week's Junior assembly theme was
about: **Responsibility**

- 3HY - Josie F & Lewis C
- 3HN - Arlo P-J & Rosen S
- 4D - Olivia N & Oscar S
- 4J - Edan S & Dillon C
- 5G - Kieo B & Benjamin A
- 5P - Harry B & Lennox G
- 6T - Jacob S & Tegen L
- 6M - Piran G & Jacob B-H

REOPENING 1st March **Parent Café**



Tuesday & Thursday every week
8.40am - 9.30am

Junior Library (side door)

Come and have a coffee and a chat!

Run by our Parent Support Advisor, Shelley Haigh.
The café is a relaxed and informal opportunity to meet with Shelley or other parents from St Michael's School.
You may have specific questions about school; family support enquiries; or just fancy some company.

The café is open to the whole school community!

WANTED—SCHOOL MONITORING COUNCILLORS

What are we looking for?

Our school 'School Monitoring Council' is made up of Councillors from all walks of life and many come to us through a variety of routes and with a range of different backgrounds, skills and experiences, but they are all volunteers who work together for the benefit of the school and are the link between the school and the community it serves.

We want you

We are currently looking for new Parent Councillors and would be delighted to hear from anyone who has:

- An interest in the performance of the school
- A desire to contribute to and represent the community
- An open and enquiring mind
- The ability to look at issues objectively
- The confidence to ask questions and join in debate
- A willingness to listen and make informed judgements
- The ability to work well with others
- Time to spare
- A child or children currently attending the school

If you match the above description, you may be the very person to become a Parent Councillor at **St Michael's School**.

Everyone has something to offer, and we want people from as many backgrounds and with as wide a range of interests as possible.

What can we offer?

- The opportunity to work with our school councillor monitoring team and staff in improving our school
- A sense of achievement in making a difference to our school
- The pleasure of helping students reach their potential

What is the School Monitoring Council's role?

The function of the SMCs is to contribute to school improvement by holding to account the Heads of School for their effectiveness in addressing agreed improvement priorities. They will also help to ensure robust governance across the Trust by engaging with the Hub Councils and, thereby, the Board of Directors.

Each SMC has a key role to play in the overall success of the MAT and in contributing to joint working and sharing best practice between its academies.

A parent councillor is not a delegate and does not speak 'on behalf' of the parent body. The role and responsibilities of parent councillors are no different from those of the other councillors.

The SMC meets three times a year, the meetings are held in the evening and run for approximately 2 hours. The term of office is 4 years.

As well as attending meetings councillors are also asked to look at specific areas of the school's work in more detail and report back to the SMC.

To help support councillors, everyone has access to further training to help build on existing skills or to develop new ones.

If you are interested, please email stmichaels.advice@celticcross.education for a form which asks for a brief description about yourself and why you would like to join the SMC, then return this to the same email address.

Depending on the number of applications there may be an election process, which will be advised in due course.