



## Family Letter

### FROM THE HEAD

It has been a busy but very fulfilling half term here in school, with a greater sense of normality / glimpse of school life as it was pre-Covid. Some year groups have managed trips out, the PTA have held two events and our School Choirs have performed in Lichfield Cathedral. You will see from this Family Letter that we had a fun filled World Book Day and Year 4 entertained us beautifully last week with their Easter Performance, Good News. Thanks to the children who acted as last minute understudies and even as understudies of the understudies. Your resilience, perseverance and readiness to 'have a go' never ceases to amaze me.

Each group of children who have been out and about in the community have been commended for their exemplary behaviour and praised for being a credit to the school. The children should feel very proud of themselves.

As a staff we thank-you for all of your support as parents. From costumes for World Book Day, themed days and the Easter Performance, to our Scholastic Book Fair and PTA events, we couldn't achieve what we do without your help.

Thank-you to all of the children who participated in the Science Week challenge. Your experiments were fantastic and we clearly have some budding Scientists in the making.

Earlier this month we said 'Farewell' to Mrs Twomlow, one of our fabulous Teaching Assistants. Mrs Twomlow has been part of the staff team here at St Michael's for over 25 years and her passion for teaching French was second to none. I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Twomlow a long and happy retirement.

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**Good Friday,**  
15th April, 2022,  
St. Michael's Church  
will be open from  
2pm to 3pm  
full details can be found  
on page 14.

### COVID latest Guidance



The DfE have advised the following:

- Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infections, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.
- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.
- Adults with a positive Covid-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people under 18 years of age the advice will be 3 days.

Here in school we will continue to monitor our infection rates, responding appropriately if we need to.

Thank-you for all of your continued support with all things Covid related.

Excited to learn with confidence together in God's hands.

## RECEPTION

We can't believe that we are nearly at the end of another term!

This term we have had lots of fun reading Julia Donaldson books. It has been wonderful hearing the children talk about their favourite stories. After reading *Room on the Broom* the children were inspired to write their own spells. Once they made their wands it was wonderful to hear some of them practising their spells!

### Muddy Monsters

When we were at Muddy Monsters, we painted Gruffalo Pictures. The children had lots of fun looking for signs of spring! We could see lots of buds growing on trees and hedges as well as daffodils and bluebells blooming.

### World Book Day and Crazy Hair Day

We loved World Book Day and Crazy Hair Day. The children were all very excited to see one another. Thank you all for your support, the children look fantastic!

The children really enjoyed making Mother's Day cards...we hope they got to you for Mothering Sunday!

### Maths

In maths this half term the children have been exploring the fiveness of five. The children have been investigating how to build five. For example, if there are two blue cubes, how many red cubes do we add to them to make five?

### Outside

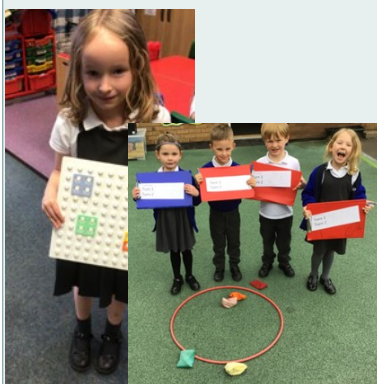
Outside we have focused on developing our gross motor skills. We have been travelling and jumping in different ways, as well as developing our balance and coordination.



*"The children were inspired to write their own spells."*



*"The children looked fantastic!"*



*"The children have been exploring the fiveness of five."*



# YEAR 1

This half-term in Year 1, we've been learning about **seasonal changes** and **the weather**. We've been weather reporters, created '4 season trees' in ICT, made wind vanes and learnt about different weather conditions which affect the UK throughout the year.

Here are some of our weather acrostic poems, written as part of our learning:

SNOW is FUN to play with.  
No no its all gone now  
oh I see its summer now  
wow its autumn now  
ya its winter there now

**Jack's poem**

Foggy weather today.  
Oh no lets.  
Get in the car to  
Go home.  
Yes we are flying home.

**Madeline's poem**

Rain is nice to look at but not to go in  
A ctiv is the best thing to do  
I f you can think of something do it  
Na sty rain is the worst  
Yikes this is very bad

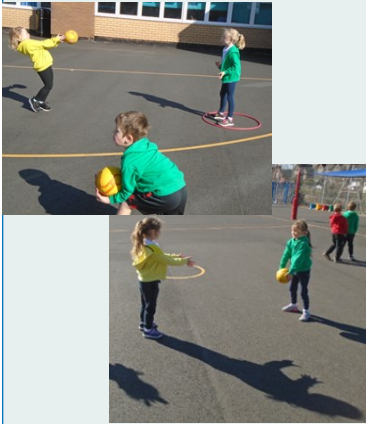
**Nicholas's poem**

Sunny day.  
UP in the sky.  
hinc day.  
N luc ics cream.  
You are hot. Rufina

**Rufina's poem**



*“There's clearly some budding netball and basketball players!”*



## YEAR 1 CONT...

### PE

In PE Year 1 have been developing our throwing and catching skills and we have learnt how to sidestep and pivot. We have put these skills together to play small sided invasion games.



We've been so impressed with the catching ability of our current Year 1 children; there's clearly some budding netball and basketball players!

### Art

This half term, in art, we have learnt about Lowry. We looked at his industrial artwork and compared it to Vincent Van Gogh's expressive rural artwork.

We also compared both artist's lives.

Interesting facts about Lowry:

- He only used 5 colours to paint with
- He painted match stick figures based on those he had seen on the streets
- He loved football and supported Manchester City
- He turned down a knighthood

We have used different materials (mediums) to create our artwork; paint layering paper, graphite and oil pastels.



*“We think you will agree our paintings are as good as Lowry's!”*

## YEAR 2

### A Very Busy Half Term

We have had another busy half term in Year 2.

#### English

In English we have been reading 'Titanic...I was There' by Margi McAllister. We have been learning all about Daisy Hooper's experiences on board the Titanic.

Daisy is a young girl travelling in 3rd class on board the RMS Titanic with her mother and two brothers, Freddie and Edwin.

They are planning to start a new life in America. When disaster strikes and the Titanic strikes the iceberg, Daisy and her family are in a race against time to make it to the lifeboats in time and escape the sinking ship!

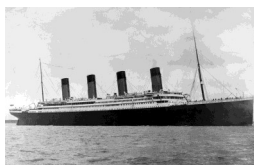
#### History

In our history lessons, we have also learnt about the Titanic Tragedy. We have used lots of the skills that a historian needs to be successful. We thought about what makes an event significant, whilst we have also learnt about primary and secondary sources, and how these can be used to help people understand more about past events.

We explored what life was like for people living in Belfast in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, especially those people who would have helped to build the Titanic, and we have also closely examined some of the main reasons why the Titanic Tragedy occurred.



We concluded our history learning by considering what changes have happened to ships as a result of the terrible disaster taking place.



#### Science

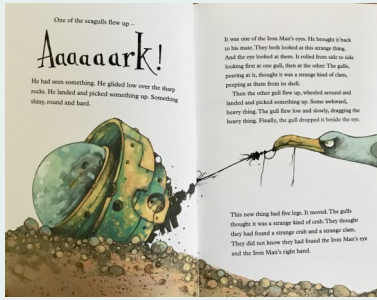
In Science, we carried out a seed growing investigation and thought carefully about what conditions are needed for a seed to grow successfully. We learnt about the different parts of a plant and we have also learnt about the different types of seed dispersal.



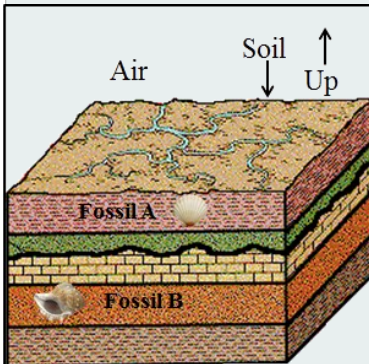
#### TITANIC FACTS

1. The **Titanic** lies 12,600 feet underwater.
2. The wreckage of the **Titanic** lie nearly 2.5 miles beneath the surface of the ocean, approximately 370 miles off the coast of Newfoundland, Canada.
3. The ship broke in two, and the gap between the bow and the stern is about 2,000 feet on the sea bed.
4. Many of the passengers on the Titanic were high-ranking officials, wealthy industrialists, dignitaries and celebrities. First and foremost was the White Star Line's managing director,

## The Iron Man



*“They enjoyed the highs and lows of the story, describing the magnificent, monstrous man.”*



*“We have been learning about Rocks and Soils.”*

## YEAR 3

### World Book Day

The children had great fun dressing up for World Book Day this year and were excited to share their favourite books and take part in some fun activities.

### Can you Feel the Force?

This half term, year 3 have enjoyed reading the final part of *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes and finished the book by writing their own sequel to the story. They enjoyed the highs and lows of the story, describing the magnificent, monstrous man and recording their thoughts about him.



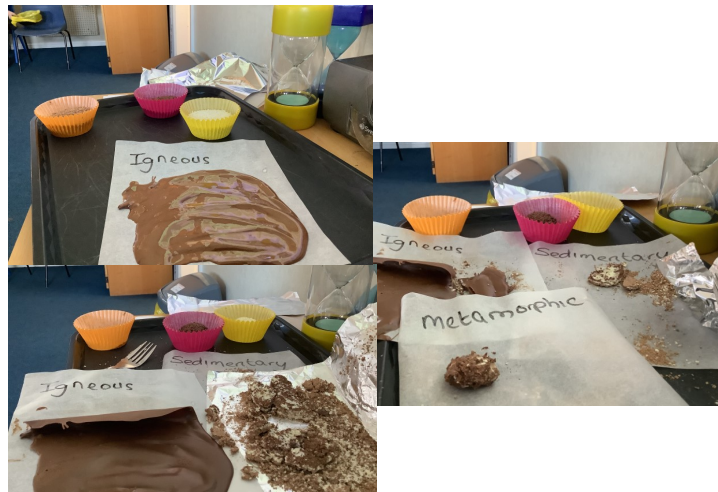
### Science

In Science, the children have been learning about rocks and soils and have been thinking about the different types of soils and how different rocks are formed.

As a class, we experimented with chocolate rocks and how this represented each of the different types of rock. It left us all feeling extremely hungry!

Fossils were a particular favourite too, especially when we realised how long they were in the ground before being found!

*These photos show how we used chocolate to learn about the 3 types of rock.*





## YEAR 3

### Ancient Egyptians

The children have been excited about this subject and were excited to talk about the 'gory' elements; particularly what was stored in the canopic jars! We can't wait to get to learn about mummification!



"Egyptian wooden canopic jars"

### P.E.

#### Yoga

Meanwhile, in PE, we have been learning different yoga poses through a story and thinking about how our bodies relax through breathing.



Lizard Pose



Tiger Pose



Toucan Pose

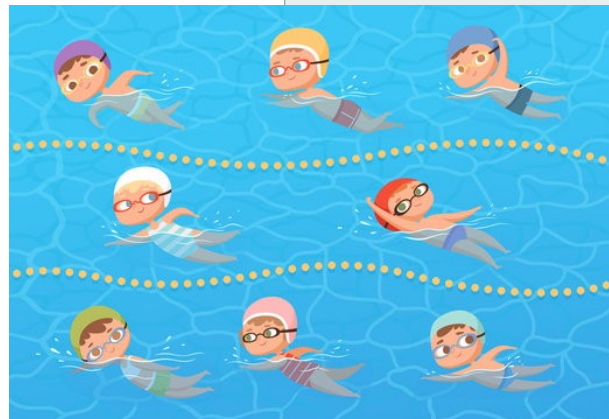


Snake (Cobra) Pose



### Swimming

On a different note, the children should be feeling very proud of their achievements in swimming as our time for this comes to an end; very well done! Everyone, it has been great to see your resilience and perseverance!



## YEAR 4

### World Book Day

*"The highlight was the Masked Reader"*

Year 4 had a great World Book Day. There were several fun activities to do, but the highlight was the Masked Reader where the teachers all read part of a book with a digital mask - hilarious!



*Year 4 dressed up and ready for World Book Day"*



*"The children even made their own warrior masks."*

### National Story Telling Week

For the National Story Telling Week, the focus was on The Commonwealth. In Year 4 we looked at Namibia and Ghana and the children even made their own warrior masks.

Peter Chand, who is a regular visitor to St. Michael's, returned to enchant the children with his stories and riddles with his focus being on tales from Africa.



*Peter Chand talking with the children.*

### Science

The children certainly have been enjoying learning all about electricity, especially when they get their hands on all the equipment.

They have learnt how to draw the circuits using the correct symbols and then experiment to see what circuits will make components work.



*"It's really fun and it informs us about things we have in our house."*

*"We've really enjoyed building our circuits in teams, even if the circuits don't always work."*



## YEAR 4

### Good News...

It was wonderful to see so many parents join us in the school hall to see our Easter production on 7th and 8th April.

I'm sure that all the parents who attended will agree that the children put on a fantastic Easter Production of Good News.

We all had so much fun learning our parts, the children put so much effort into their performance so a big round of applause to everyone—even if you were poorly on the day. And a big thank you to those who took the parts of their friends who were not able to be in school on for the performance.

Well done to all the children for showing such great determination, flexibility and professionalism.



### Quotes from parents

*“After watching your amazing performance this morning, I wanted to email in to say how much I enjoyed watching you shine!”*

*“You were all so confident and spoke loudly and clearly – and the singing WOW!! Also all of the creative props you have been busy making looked brilliant!”*

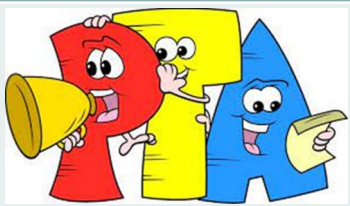
*“I cannot believe that 8 and 9 year olds were able to get on stage and perform like that!”*



*“The children put on a fantastic Easter Production of Good News.”*

### What the children said:

*“We thought the props were fantastic and the whole play was well organised. It was a real success!”*



### How can you get involved?

If you would like to hear more about what your PTA do, and how to get involved please join our Facebook group (St Michael's School PTA) or send us an email at [stmichaels.pta@hotmail.com](mailto:stmichaels.pta@hotmail.com)

We look forward to hearing from you.



*Crazy hair day—  
raised £420*



*Chocolate Bingo—  
raised £845*

## PTA UPDATE

A special thanks to all of the PTA committee for giving up their time to help organise, attend meetings, bank and count cash, authorise spend, buy sweets, deliver things to school and promote fundraising within their classes. Thank you also to the office for co-ordinating everything and helping with enquiries. Thank you to all parents for supporting our events and for volunteering your time. The money the PTA raises really makes a difference to all the children in our school, please read on to find out how...

### Fundraising activities:

- **Crazy hair day – raised £420**  
All the money was sent to the Save the Children Ukraine Appeal.
- **Chocolate Bingo – raised £845**  
Thank you to everyone who came along to Chocolate Bingo. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped at the event and Mr Hayward and Mrs Mack for being fantastic bingo callers. It was so much fun!
- **Disco – Over £1,600 raised**  
Thanks to all who attended and volunteered. It was fun to watch the children dance together and the sweet shop did a roaring trade! Thanks, Steve, for being a brilliant DJ.
- **100 Club**  
Hope that everyone has enjoyed their winnings. Thanks to Kirsty Bishton for organising.

### How will the PTA funds be spent?

Alongside funding the allotment and curriculum resources, we are in discussions and sourcing quotes for some activity equipment for the early years playground and replacing the trim trail.

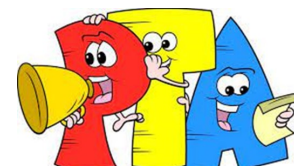
### Other events/fundraising – coming soon...

- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022 – Summer Fayre

### How can you help support the PTA on the run up to Christmas?

#### Contribute whilst shopping..

The PTA is registered with Amazon Prime and Easy Fundraising so please select us as your charity and the PTA will get some funds directly.



# BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK COMPETITION

11-20 March  
**British  
Science  
Week  
2022**



British Science Week is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths that will place between 11-20 March 2022!

We are delighted to report that ninety children from Reception to Year 6 entered the British Science Week competition, which took place in March.

The experiments that were sent in to be judged were absolutely fantastic and the judges found it extremely tough to pick the winners - so much so that runners up were also added!

From elephant toothpaste made in Year 1, solar fountains in Year 2, homemade lava lamps in Year 3 and rocket launcher in Year 6; the children's smiles showed how much fun they had and with their scientific enquiries.

A huge well done to everyone who took part. In our eyes you are all winners! All pupils who took part received a science certificate, sticker and colour changing pencil for their entries.

Congratulations to our overall winners and runners up who are listed below:

## Reception

- Winner - Penelope - RAP
- Runner up - George G - RAP

## Key Stage 1

- Winner - Frederick W - 1D
- Runner up - Theo A - 2J

## Key Stage 2

- Winner - Emre - 4G
- Runner up - Freya - 5JB

Thank you for your support with the competition and I look forward to the summer term for more science exploration and fun!

**Mrs Steele - Science Co-Ordinator**

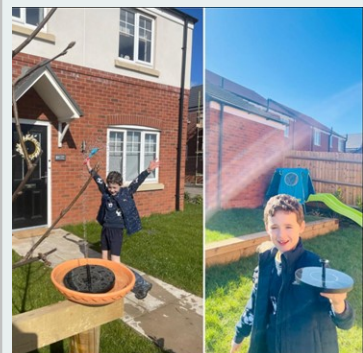
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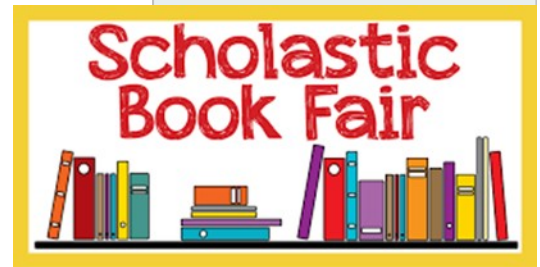




## ENGLISH UPDATE

### Scholastic Book Fair – Thank You!

A huge thank you to everybody who came and supported us in the glorious sunshine at this year's Scholastic Book Fair. The marvellous turn-out meant that we have earned over £600 in rewards to spend on additional titles for our classrooms.



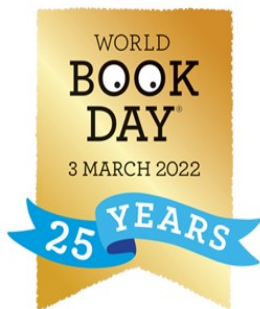
### Peter Chand – Storyteller

With the upcoming Birmingham Commonwealth Games just around the corner, this year's Story Telling Week focused on the rich tales and traditions that make up the wider Commonwealth - from Australia to Zambia! We were delighted to welcome back storyteller Peter Chand on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February as part of our week of enriched learning. Peter, as well as being internationally renowned, has become part of the family at St. Michaels - a great favourite with the children. As Peter comes from the Punjabi culture, it provided us with a wonderful opportunity to understand the rich diversity that the Commonwealth represents. He loves a good riddle too and challenged the whole school family with a few of his own. We are extremely grateful to our wonderful PTA for funding this and look forward to welcoming Peter back again.



*"We were delighted to welcome back storyteller Peter Chand"*

### World Book Day Fun!



On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, we had great fun celebrating World Book Day once again in school and it was absolutely wonderful to see the building full of colour and excitement. The efforts made with costumes was amazing and it was so fantastic to hear the children speaking so enthusiastically about their reading and favourite book characters.



*Year 1 dressed up and ready for World Book Day!*

Many of the pupils also took part in 'The Masked Reader' challenge and had to guess which teacher was reading behind each mask – 'The Panda' certainly caused a few debates around school!

Thank you to parents once again for all of your support with costumes and for the continued support with reading at home.

*Our Year 6 pupils dressed up and ready for World Book Day!*



## YEAR 5

### **The Ghost of Grania O'Malley**

Year 5 have continued to be enthralled by Michael Morpurgo's *The Ghost of Grania O'Malley*.

The book centres around the character Jessie, who lives on the Island of Clare in Ireland. She is befriended by the ghost of the famous Pirate Queen who calls upon Jessie and her cousin Jack, to help her save The Big Hill from destruction.

This is a wonderful novel that introduces the children to the themes of disability, bullying, overcoming barriers, resilience and environmental conservation.

### **Year 5 Visit to Wade Street Church**



It was lovely to be welcomed back to Wade Street once again. The children enjoyed an interactive role play followed by 5 workshops centring on the Easter Story.

The ministers and volunteers really pushed the boat out to give the children a unique and valuable experience leaving them with a much enriched understanding Christ's sacrifice.

*"The Easter cross we made whilst on our visit"*

The whole of year 5 were commended on their excellent behaviour and invited back next year so very well done children!

### **Medium Distance Running**

As part of our PE curriculum we have been concentrating on fitness and stamina and giving the children the opportunity to run longer distances for a more sustained period of time. Some of the children have aimed to run 4 circuits of the school site whereas others have chosen to run in teams against targets that they have set themselves.

As part of an all-round fitness programme the children have shared the benefits of running which include:

- being good for your physical and mental health
- being a pastime that can be done anywhere
- it is free and requires limited equipment



*"We have been concentrating on fitness and stamina"*



*"Year 5 have continued to be enthralled by Michael Morpurgo's *The Ghost of Grania O'Malley*."*



*"The Easter Garden we made whilst on our visit, which has been proudly displayed in our Reception area."*



## YEAR 5 AND 6

### King Edward VI School Trip – Moana



Year 5 and 6 were very lucky to receive an invitation from King Edward's to go and watch their lower school production of Moana. All of us – children and staff – were blown away by the talent shown on stage by the children at King Edward's and the effort which had clearly gone in behind the scenes from both staff and pupils.

It was lovely to see some familiar faces from the past two years of St. Michael's leavers, and many of our children were inspired by all those who took part. Well done and thank you to all involved in the performance.

### Goodbye Mrs Twomlow



Year 5 and 6 also gathered together to say a special goodbye to Mrs Twomlow who retired this half term. We enjoyed one final worship with her, singing some songs and sharing fond memories of our time working with her. We will miss Mrs Twomlow and wish her the best of luck and hope she enjoys her retirement.

*"We will miss Mrs Twomlow and wish her the best of luck"*

## YEAR 6 Blists Hill

We chose the perfect day for our trip to Blists Hill, and were greeted by smiling sunshine from the second we arrived.

We spent the day exploring the Victorian town, and were impressed by how in keeping all aspects of the town were with the Victorian era – even down to social distancing signs portraying Queen Victoria wearing a face mask!



Each of the children had a go at dipping their own candle – creating a rainbow effect that reminded us of ice lollies!

We applied our maths skills to currency conversion at the bank – each collecting some Victorian currency to spend in the traditional shops – with the sweet shop of course being the most popular.



*"Social distancing signs portraying Queen Victoria wearing a face mask!"*



## YEAR 6



Throughout the day, the children were really inquisitive and asked lots of interesting questions to learn more about the different people and buildings we visited. We also received many compliments for how well behaved all of the children were!



**Candle Dipping**

### Police Cadets

This half term, we have been continuing with our Police Cadet sessions. Year 6 have now all made our Police Cadets Promise. We stood and read this aloud and with confidence to PCSO Andrea Hornsall.

Each class learnt about different types of anti-social behaviour, thought about and discussed the possible causes that lead to people exhibiting these and how we can keep ourselves safe in the community.

### English

In our English lessons, we have been continuing with our class text of Street Child – and have each produced some pieces of writing linked to the text. We are excited to see if Jim will be successful in his escape, and if so, where life will take him next. We have also been working on our non-fiction writing; we have written biographies about Anna Atkins, balanced arguments about the British Empire, and Trip Advisor reviews of our trip to Blists Hill.

### Maths

In maths this half term, we have consolidated our knowledge of statistics, shape and measures as well as learning about ratio.

### PE

We have been learning some new games that we can play as teams. Some of them require speed, others require teamwork and strategy. We have been working on our communication and perseverance skills through these games, and will be creating some games of our own after half term. We have also started tag-rugby – learning how to correctly pass a rugby ball.

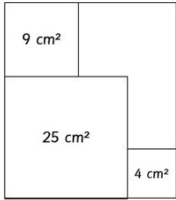
**“Year 6 have now all made their Police Cadets promise”**



**Fancy having a go at one of our maths problems?**

Daily Maths Puzzle 175

What is the area of the whole shape?



#dailymathspuzzle @SarahFarrellKS2

### World Book Day





Are you entitled?

#Doing  
Our  
Bit.info

What one more thing can you do?  
Small actions make  
a big difference.

## Are you eligible for Free School Meals?

Over the last two years, we have become increasingly aware that many people have been adversely affected financially. The pandemic has seen a change in employment patterns and career changes as a result of our changing world. In addition to this, the headlines today demonstrate the beginning of the rising cost in energy price.

With all of this in mind, we feel that, many more children may be eligible for free school meals.

In addition to receiving free school meals, the school would receive extra funding in order to support your child in school.

Please follow this link for more information:

<http://www.st-michaels-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk/admin/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Extra/Extra%203%202020/Extra%204%202020/FREE%20SCHOOL%20MEALS%20-%20Information%202021.pdf>

## Air Aware – Clean Green and Safe

We have had several concerns from the residents in the local community about cars idling outside the school during drop off and pick up times.

Vehicle emissions are by far the biggest contributor to air pollution around schools and are a significant health hazard. Children and babies are the worst affected as they are still developing. It can aggravate conditions like asthma, and recent research from the World Health Organisation shows that air pollution may be damaging every organ and virtually every cell in the body.

Staffordshire Council are running the air aware campaign for schools, please see the information below:

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/DoingOurBit/Get-Inspired/Clean-green-and-safe/Air-aware/Turning-your-car-off.aspx>

## Keeping your engine running - the fact and fiction...

- **Fiction - "Idling doesn't put out a lot of pollution"**
- Fact - An idling engine can produce up to twice as many exhaust emissions as an engine in motion. An idling car can fill up to 150 balloons with harmful emissions every minute. Switching off your engine can go a long way to improving air quality.
- **Fiction - "Leaving your car running is cheaper than turning it off and on again"**
- Fact - It is cheaper to turn off your engine. Sitting in your car with your engine running could cost you more than you think. Between 5% and 8% of fuel use occurs while idling.
- **Fiction - "It's better to be inside the car than out of it - it protects me from the fumes"**
- Fact - The air quality inside the car can be up to twice as bad outside the car, and is even worse in Winter. Why not try walking or cycling on quieter routes?
- **Fiction - "I need to keep the engine running to keep the heater on"**
- Fact - If you park and keep the ignition on, rather than turning the car off completely, the heater should stay warm for up to 30 minutes.

**Poor air quality affects everyone - especially children.  
Remember to switch off your engine!**



*St. Michael's Church*

### **Easter Activities at St. Michael's Church**

Good Friday, (15th April, 2022)  
St. Michael's Church will be open from 2pm to 3pm for you to walk through the Easter story, take part in some crafts and collect a hot cross bun!



*“Not only did they sing absolutely beautifully, their behaviour throughout was impeccable. They are a real credit to the school.”*

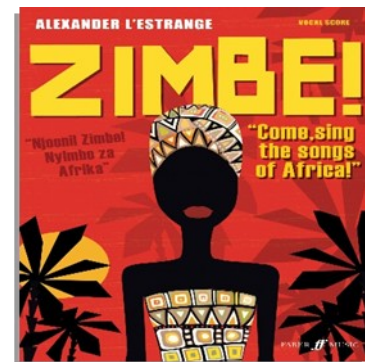
### **Staffordshire Sings—Congratulations on your Great Performance!**

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March both of our KS2 choirs took part in the Entrust Music Service 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration concert at Lichfield Cathedral. The children had spent several weeks learning the special music programme of songs supported by Mrs Dingle, Mr Walters and Mr Werry from Music Share in readiness for their performance.

Nearly 70 St. Michael's children took part in the afternoon rehearsal and the concert. Whilst some of the older pupils have sung at the Cathedral before, the younger children were making their debut at Lichfield Cathedral. All the children sang in the first half with choirs from Lichfield Cathedral School and Tamworth Music Centre. They performed songs such as The Gospel Medley, Bassez Down and There's a Power in the Music, conducted by Mrs Lamb. Mrs Kimber and Mrs Johnson and accompanied by the Call Me Al Jazz Quintet, who were BRILLIANT!

The younger children left at the interval, but the older ones went on to sing Zimbe by the composer Alexander L'Estrange, who was there on the night playing the piano! They were conducted by Mr Hollingshurst and were joined by 120 adults from across the county for the performance.

Mrs Mason from Entrust Music said:



*“The children from St Michaels School were fantastic at the concert on 19<sup>th</sup> March. Not only did they sing absolutely beautifully, their behaviour throughout was impeccable. They are a real credit to the school. You can always rely on the children and staff of St. Michaels to do their very best! Please pass on our thanks to the children, staff and parents for helping to make our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary so special.”*



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# Family Letter

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We're busy planning our Summer Term. Year 6 will be heading off to Coven for a week's residential; Year 5 to Beaudesert for a two day outdoor adventure; and Year 4 will be participating in Base Camp here in school, which will include them camping on the school field. Other trips are in the making too.

The children will also have the opportunity to find out about different musical instruments, with a view to them learning them from September. Our Music teachers will be running a number of sessions to introduce the children to the instruments. Fingers crossed, we will be able to have our Summer Carousel Concert and Miss Lewis is busy investigating sporting events.



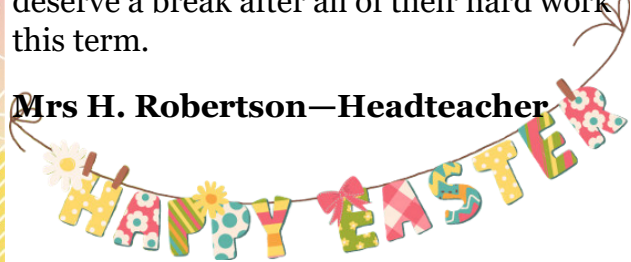
We're also looking forward to welcoming Miss Cousins to our teaching team. Miss Cousins will be teaching across Years 2 and 3. The new Rector of St Michael's Church will be taking up post in May and we are excited about Rev'd Dr. Abbie Welsh getting involved in school life. Previously a GP, Rev'd Abbie is looking forward to moving to Lichfield from St. Peter's Wolverhampton where she has been based for the last few years.



In the meantime, I am pleased to tell you that the children will all be taking home an Easter egg this afternoon. We really do appreciate this kind gift, which was anonymously donated.

I hope that you all have a restful and enjoyable Easter holiday. The children deserve a break after all of their hard work this term.

**Mrs H. Robertson—Headteacher**



Excited to learn with confidence together in God's hands.



## COVID UPDATE

Here in school we will continue to monitor our infection rates, responding appropriately if we need to.

From Monday 4th April we reverted to only using our Sturgeons Hill and Cherry Orchard gates at the end of the school day. The gate from Frenchman's Walk will remain closed.

Thank-you for all of your continued support with all things Covid related.

As a staff we have really appreciated this during the last two years. If you have any queries or concerns, please do contact me via the school office or email :

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



| DATE   | EVENT  |              |
|--|--|--------------|
| Friday 8th April                                 | PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY STAFF ONLY          | INSET DAY    |
| Monday 11th April - Friday 22nd April            | EASTER HOLIDAY                                   | Inclusive    |
| Monday 25th April                                | SUMMER TERM (1) BEGINS                           |              |
| Monday 2nd May                                   | MAY DAY HOLIDAY                                  | BANK HOLIDAY |
| Monday 30th June - Friday 3rd June               | HALF TERM HOLIDAYS                               | Inclusive    |
| Monday 6th June                                  | SUMMER TERM (2) BEGINS                           |              |
| Friday 1st July                                  | INSET DAY (all staff)                            | INSET DAY    |
| Thursday 21st July - Monday 5th Sept (inclusive) | SUMMER HOLIDAYS (Including Jubilee Bank Holiday) | Inclusive    |



### TERM DATES—ACADEMIC YEAR 2022

You can click on the link below for this year's term dates:

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