



# Family Letter

## FROM THE HEAD

It seems hard to believe that we have all been back in school together now for four weeks and it has been fabulous to have all of our children here together in school. The children's resilience and perseverance have shone through and, as a staff, we have been seeing them throw themselves into everything that has come their way. It's been a busy four weeks and as I write to you I can hear Year 1 enjoying the Year 3 and 4 Virtual Easter performance. On the gate this morning it was fantastic to see the amazing array of Egyptian costumes; how creative you have all been in Year 5.

Whilst we haven't been able to celebrate Easter in the way that we normally would here in school, the children spent time reflecting in the school garden on Tuesday morning with each class offering prayers in turn. Thank you for your generosity in supporting both the Foodbank and Pathway with your donations. Both organisations were thrilled with our contributions.

As a staff we would like to say 'thank you' to our fabulous PTA, who in spite of restrictions during the past year, have continued to support us here in school. Their creativity to enable everyone to feel that they belong to St Michael's has been much appreciated. At the end of this year we will see the majority of the current committee retiring. The PTA are currently looking for new recruits and individuals who are able to undertake the lead roles. Please do consider getting involved if you can (email [Stmichaels.pta@hotmail.com](mailto:Stmichaels.pta@hotmail.com)).

Last Friday we said a socially distanced farewell to Rector Simon who retires at the end of April. Today is the end of an era as Mrs Copeland, stalwart of Reception and previously our Nursery, retires after 22 years at St Michael's. We wish her health and happiness and I know that she is looking forward to being more of a hands on Grandma.

I hope that everyone has a peaceful, relaxing and restful Easter break and I look forward to welcoming everyone back into school after Easter.

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### WE RETURN TO SCHOOL ON....

**Looking forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 19th April.**

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



## WORLD BOOK DAY




Year 3

We had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day 2021 earlier this half term. Despite many of the children learning from home, lots made the effort and dressed up as their favourite book characters. During the Teams sessions, discussions were had about our favourite books and authors and stories were shared throughout the day. Below you can see 2H and 1M having lots of fun on their virtual World Book Day session. To the left, key worker children in Year 3 strike a pose for a photo.

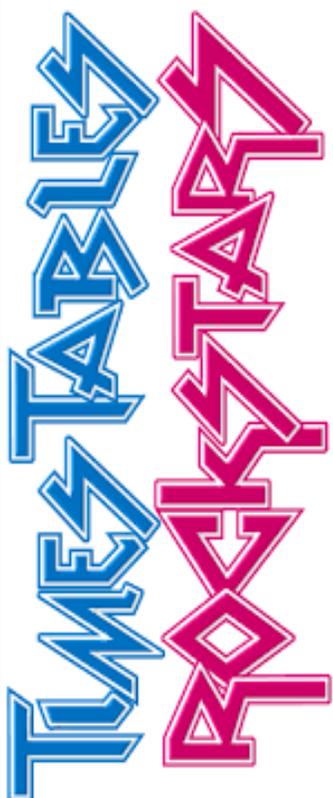


Year 2



Year 1

*Even though we couldn't all be together, we had a great World Book Day.*



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## BATTLE OF THE BANDS—HOUSE TEAM COMP

### Spring Term

Over the Spring Term we've had the inaugural house group TTRockStars challenge, and it was a close one! Well done to everyone who has logged on and played, whether it be in school or at home - you have all contributed to your team's score. Here are the results (average player scores):

- 1st: Johnson - 2409
- 2nd: Anson - 2255
- 3rd: Wedgwood - 2035
- 4th: Mitchell - 1406

Congratulations Johnson - you are our 1st Battle of the Bands House Team champions! As promised, you will be rewarded!

A special mention to our top players this term:

- 1st: Oliver (3G) - Anson
- 2nd: Edward (3G) - Wedgwood
- 3rd: Charlie (5H) - Johnson

Congratulations; your certificates have been sent via BGFL.

The Summer Term competition will begin on 19.04.21 so get practising!

## TOP OF THE ROCKS—LICHFIELD SCHOOLS SPRING 2

Over the Spring 2 half-term, Whittington Primary have accumulated the most points in our Top of the Rocks competition but well done St Michael's as we were the 2nd highest school (out of 10) with a great score! Here's how the top 3 schools fared:

1st: Whittington - 324,862

2nd: St Michael's - 257,682

3rd: St Peter and Paul's - 254,019

4AP were our top class this half-term and it was lovely to see some different names at the top of the individual leader board - here's the top 3 players:

1st: Oliver (3G) - 19,735

2nd: Oliver (5H) - 13,633

3rd: Charlie (5H) - 12,064

Once again, certificates have been sent out to the top 3 rockers in each class so log-on to BGFL to find them!

## LITTER LEGENDS

As you may remember, in February, we ran a whole school competition with the Lichfield Litter Legends and, along with a prize bundle, the winners (Douglas in KS1 and Ida in KS2) had their posters displayed in Lichfield City Centre... well here they are! Along with Ted's (2H) work of art aptly called 'Poor Lennie', Dougie's and Ida's posters have been on display in the window of Michael's Menswear - I hope many of you got to see the display. As the Litter Legend group were so impressed with so many of the entries, another bundle were displayed in Tesco. Well done to everyone who took part and I hope you remember Lennie's important message and continue to be Lichfield Litter Legends!



## AFTERNOON TEAS FROM PARENTS

What an absolutely lovely surprise we had earlier this term when we took delivery of lots of boxes of afternoon teas. We were all so very grateful to parents who have supported and encouraged us during the difficult times the pandemic has presented us with.

We cannot say, how really uplifted we all felt—very many thanks to Mrs Ho and everyone who very kindly said 'thank you' in this lovely way.



*Thank you parents*

## EASTER EGG COMPETITION



Reception – Daniel J RO



Key Stage 1 – Daniel L 2J



Key Stage 2 Zak K 4L

## PTA COMPEITIONS

Coronavirus has not stopped the PTA from working behind the scenes and organising some exciting competitions for children and families at school.

Mrs Brand, one of our volunteer helpers in school judged the competition and said ...

*'Thank you so much for asking me to judge the competitions, though it was very difficult. The children are so clever and talented. I wish I could have been this good when I was their age. I have chosen one winner per category but they are all winners for me'.*

Finally, a big thank you to the PTA for arranging both competitions and providing the prizes - Easter egg and mug.



Key Stage 1 Isaac C 1M



Reception Jack D RE



Key Stage 2 Haylee B 5JB

## JOIN THE PTA

If there are any parents interested in becoming part of the PTA team, please contact [Stmichaels.pta@hotmail.com](mailto:Stmichaels.pta@hotmail.com). Being part of the PTA team is lots of fun and a really good way to get involved in school life.

## FAREWELL MRS COPELAND

We will be wishing Mrs Copeland a fond farewell on Thursday after 22 years of working with staff and children at St Michael's.

Mrs Copeland has worked with children in nursery and reception so has seen lots of children follow their learning journey through primary school before moving up into High School.

We will be presenting Mrs Copeland with a photograph collection and book of messages for her to enjoy and hope that she will be able to revisit lovely memories of her time here.

We'll be very sad to see her go, but the door will always be open for her should she want to put her wellies on again and join us at Muddy Monsters!!



*Wishing Mrs Copeland and Rector Simon a fond farewell.*

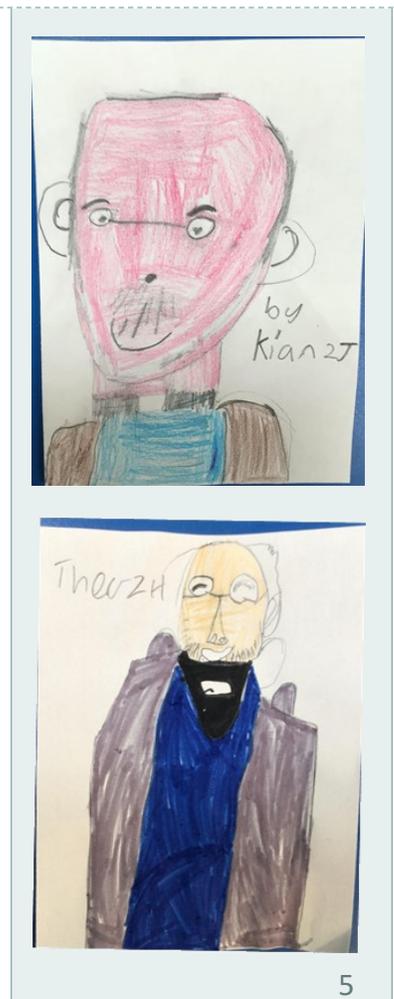
## RECTOR SIMON RETIREMENT

After 8 years of supporting us here in school, Rector Simon is leaving Lichfield to begin an exciting new chapter of his life in Somerset following his retirement. His last service at St Michael's Church is on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April. During his 8 years as Rector of St Michael's, Rector Simon has contributed greatly to school life. He has led many worships with the whole school and hosted numerous pupil discussion groups with some of our older children. He has also been instrumental in arranging various workshops up at

church which children have participated in, from 'Thy Kingdom Come' to the annual Lent workshops.

Last Friday, Rector Simon came to say a socially distanced goodbye to each class. We have also created a farewell Powerpoint Presentation for him, which includes some of the children's favourite memories and highlights of Rector Simon's time with us.

We all hope that Rector Simon has a very happy and well-deserved retirement and wish him health and happiness for the future.



## School & Education Catering - Chartwells

Our dedicated nutritionists and chefs bring food to life through their passionate work, carefully curating menus to meet the diverse palates, dietary requirements and preferences in schools, colleges, and universities nationwide. We encourage healthy relationships with food and positive eating habits amongst children and young people.

To check what's on the menu you can go to our school website and click on 'More About Us' then 'School Lunches'.

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## ST MICHAEL'S KITCHEN

The staff in St Michael's kitchen have continued to provide lovely food for us throughout the past year. We're delighted to show you some of the delicious and nutritious dishes prepared and cooked in the school kitchen. We keep an up to date menu on our school website so please check to see what's on offer. No need to book lunch in advance – children can order lunch at registration time.



*Always a selection of vegetarian and non vegetarian options.*



## EASTERTIDE REFLECTIONS

We would like to say a huge thank you for all your kind donations to the Lichfield Foodbank and Pathway Project, We know that both charities will be overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity, as we are. Thank you so much. The children enjoyed their time visiting our school garden for our Easter reflection morning and created a wonderful area full of their poems, prayers and pictures.



## YEAR 5 AND 6 EASTER COMPETITION

A big thank you and well done to all the children in Years 5 and 6 who took part in the Easter competition sent to us by Wade Street Church. The task was to create an Easter scene and we received some very creative and thoughtful entries. It was very difficult to choose a winner but after much deliberation, the prize went to Oliver in 5H. Congratulations Oliver!

Thank you to Wade Street Church for donating the prize and for all the resources they have kindly sent to school on the theme of Easter, replacing the workshops which would normally have taken place in the Church for Years 5 and 6.



*Well done  
Oliver,  
what a  
super  
creation.*



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project

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## TRACK AND TRACE

Should you receive a positive Coronavirus Test result for YOUR CHILD during the holiday period up to and including **Wednesday, 7th April** YOU MUST CONTACT Mrs Robertson on the out of hours number below. Please send a text to the following number:

**07598 766041**

Please give the following information:-

- Name of Child
- Class
- Date of Positive Test Result
- Date Child's Symptoms Started

THIS IS A NO RESPONSE NUMBER

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Friday, 2nd April— Friday 16th April	<b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b>	
Monday, 19th April	<b>SUMMER TERM BEGINS</b>	
Monday 3rd May	<b>MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY</b>	All day
Thursday 6th May	<b>INSET DAY (school closed to children)</b>	All day
Friday 7th May	<b>INSET DAY (school closed to children)</b>	All day
Monday 31st May—Friday 4th June	<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAYS</b>	
Monday 7th June	<b>SUMMER TERM (2) BEGINS</b>	
Thursday 22nd July - Tuesday 31st August	<b>SUMMER HOLIDAY</b>	



To everyone, thank you so much for all your contributions to Red Nose Day - we collected a massive £472.00.