



St Michael's CE Junior School

Message from Mrs Tyler

I hope that you are all staying safe and keeping well. We are finally at half term, and I hope that you will all have a very restful week next week – I think everyone deserves it, whether it is the staff and children in school or the home learners and parents who have done such a fantastic job with remote learning this half term, alongside juggling work and other commitments. I can barely believe that Christmas was only 8 weeks ago – it seems like a lifetime away! Please do make sure that you all take time to stop, breathe and relax next week. Please note that the teaching staff will NOT be looking at any Google Classroom work or any other school correspondence over the half term break as they need time to recharge their batteries and take a break. However, please do note the information elsewhere in the newsletter which details what to do if your child has a positive case of Covid over the half term break, as we have a duty to inform PHE. Similarly, if this is discovered within the first weekend, this may involve us needing to inform others if your child has been in school, so please do read the information carefully. Let's hope no one needs it!

As you will know from communications earlier in the week, we had Ofsted on Wednesday and Thursday of this week, with two of Her Majesty's Inspectors carrying out the inspection. As expected this was extremely rigorous and thorough and was part of their usual monitoring activities, alongside their duty to inspect provision during the COVID pandemic. We are not allowed to release any information relating to the visit until the final letter has been agreed within Ofsted's timescales but please rest assured I will issue the letter as soon as possible. Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the Ofsted Parent questionnaire. I would like also to thank my amazing staff for their resilience and courage this week - Ofsted visits are exhausting at any time of the year, but a few days before half term during a period such as we are all experiencing was certainly another dimension! We are very much looking forward to sleep next week!

It only remains for me to thank you all for everything you have done to support our school over this half term – in whatever capacity that may be. I look forward, as I am sure you all do, to some clarification when we return as to the government's plans for schools but, in any event, I know that we will all continue to work together to support each other.

Please do take some time just to stop over half term. Let's hope that the sunny, if cold, weather allows us to spend some time outside – I always think that nature is a wonderful way to remind us of the many things we are grateful for. I certainly know that I am incredibly grateful for our school and the community around it.

Stay safe, everyone and have a wonderful half term.

COVID – Reporting a case during the holidays

If your child has been in school during the current lockdown period, this is to inform you of the procedure for reporting a COVID case, should your child contract symptoms **during the first 48 hours after the school day ends today** (12th February).

- **For the first 48 hours after teaching ends** (from Saturday 13th February to Sunday 14th February inclusive), if your child develops symptoms of COVID -19 and has been in school up until 12th February, please book a test immediately and then contact the school by emailing:

covid@st-michaels-jun.hants.sch.uk

You will be asked what date the symptoms started and the date and time of the test. You will also be asked to provide us with the results of the test as soon as they are received. If positive, we will then alert any other families of children who may have been in contact with your child at school in the 48 hour period prior to symptoms.

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- If your child develops symptoms for coronavirus (COVID-19), more than 48 hours since being in school (from Monday 15th February onwards during the school holidays), the school should still be informed please because we need to inform PHE.

Worship

We have all been enjoying hearing about Joseph's roller-coaster journey so far and all the lessons he is learning on the way. This week the children have been thinking about responsibility and how they can help out. We had a visit from Luna the dog who gave us the Worship word of the week! Lent starts in half term on Wednesday (Ash Wednesday), so do enjoy your pancakes the day before on Shrove Tuesday! Thank you to all of our home learners who are writing in with such fantastic answers to our Big Questions.

Local Food Larder – Park Church - REMINDER

As you may know, the food bank in Aldershot has been closed since Christmas and is likely to remain so. Therefore, in partnership with Rushmoor Borough Council and the team that usually runs the Food Bank, Park Church are opening a smaller scale food larder during Half Term that would be run on the lines of a small shop - a community food larder - out of the foyer at Park Church.

The food larder will be open from 12.00 noon till 3.00 pm, Monday to Friday during Half Term week, and will be staffed by two volunteers who will ensure Covid secure measures are in place. Families do not need to qualify for food from the Larder. They will not need a referral or need to be eligible for free school meals. If they need some supplies they can go in and pick what they need from the range of essentials supplied by the Food Bank and Morrisons. Please see the image below for details.



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