



St Michael's CE Junior School

Message from Mrs Tyler

In the midst of everything we are all facing this week, I am absolutely delighted to be able to start my message this week by sharing the wonderful news that Miss Baker has had a beautiful baby girl, Elise Luna, who was born on Wednesday night. Both mum and baby are well and Miss Baker has allowed me to share pictures of Elise as she knows the children will not be able to see her otherwise. I am sure you will join the staff and me in our warmest congratulations and delight at her safe delivery.



In other news, as you will all know, we have been busy preparing for the proposed partial reopening of schools to Year 6 pupils from 1st June. I am very aware that it may seem that some parents are out of the loop on what we are doing as a school. We have had to prioritise information to that specific year group and to our keyworker children, so I have, just so everyone is informed, included a copy of my letter to the Year 6 parents which was sent earlier this week, **purely for information only**. I don't want anyone to feel left out! Whilst we are closed to pupils over Half Term, this is to enable us to do the vast amount of restructuring of the classrooms and school which is needed for us to be able to open safely should we be expected to do so. I hope, once we are in a better position towards the end of next week, to send photos of what the school will look like so children in Year 6 who are coming in, plus keyworker children, will be able to be more prepared. It will look very different. I do not want to rush this,

hence not sending anything today, so please watch out for something towards the end of next week. This will be accompanied by any further messages to the parents of pupils who are coming back to ensure everyone is aware of any information which has been added. We may be closed to pupils this Half Term but we will still be working hard! We do, of course, also have to await any updates from the government as 1st June was always a proposed date – and I think we all know that there is some doubt flying around as to how realistic this is!

A couple of questions that have been asked which I can answer now is whether we will be washing the children's water bottles at the end of each day as we have asked for them to remain in school. The answer to this is yes – or I would not have asked for them to stay in school. They will be washed in hot soapy water each evening ready to refill the next day. The other question asked concerned PE kits. You will know that I have said no bags and this includes PE kits. We will ensure each class knows which day they are having PE and on that day if children want to come in PE kits they can. In any event, if you would like your child to come in in trainers for when they will be outside, please do know that this is perfectly acceptable during this rather unusual time (and should help where children have grown out of their school shoes!). I'll start being strict again when we are back to "normal!" Not that that will surprise anyone who knows me! Let's hope that "normality" – whatever that will look like - is not too far away.

Lastly, thank you all so much for the truly lovely messages that you have sent to us over the last few weeks – what amazing support we have felt in truly challenging times. Thank you.

Have a wonderful Half Term and please stay safe and well.

Inspired by Him, we serve the community of St Michael's by creating an inclusive learning culture where all differences are respected, where courage is shown to face and overcome adversity, and resilience is embedded in our journey to success so we can be the very best we can be.

Respect – Courage – Resilience