

# ST MICHAEL'S CE ACADEMY "Learn together, Succeed together, Believe together"

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## Message from the Head Teacher

Hello parents and carers

We have made it to the end of another half term and Spring is in the air. School re-opens on Monday 24th February 2020 and we look forward to welcoming your children back rested.

Spring two is a very important time in the school year as Year 6 and Year 2 will be taking their SATs tests. Information sessions will be delivered by our teachers so look out for the invite.

Our Young People's Parliament (YPP) representatives attended a session this week as part of Interfaith Week. They had to make posters relating to the theme of understanding diversity in cultures and beliefs. Three of our children were winners and not only did they win gift vouchers, they also received tickets for themselves and their parents to attend the upcoming Villa and Spurs games this weekend. Well done!

Attendance is a focus for us this year and presently we are below 95% which is the national target. One of the biggest contributory factors is families taking holidays during term time. Currently, over 200 school days have been lost due to families taking unauthorised time off. Missed school days impact greatly on your child's education. Holidays taken during term time cannot be authorised and families may be subject to fines. Already this year, three of our families have been issued with fines form the local authority. We appreciate your continued support with this.

All classes should have been given homework to complete over the half term. Your child also has online access to Oxford Reading Buddy and Times Tables Rockstars.

I hope that you enjoy your break.

1 John 4:16: And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

Our attendance target is 96%.		
The attendance figures for week ending Friday 7 February 2020:		
Reception	91.8%	
Y1	93.9%	
Y2	96.1%	
Y3	95.3%	
Y4	92.0%	
Y5	92.2%	
Y6	96.0%	

#### **Attendance**

Holidays during term time <u>cannot</u> be authorised and you may find that you will be subject to a fine from the local authority if you do so. If your child is away for any reason you will need to contact the school office by **8.45am** on the first morning of absence.



# Important dates for your Diary

Dates	Event
Friday 14th February 2020	School closed at 3.15pm for half-term
Monday 24th February 2020	School re-opens at 8.45am
Monday 24th February 2020	Y3 Swimming
Monday 24th February 2020	Debate Mate
Wednesday 1st April 2020	Parents evening
Thursday 7th May 2020	School closed - Elections
Friday 8th May 2020	May Day Bank Holiday

#### Celebration book

Year 1 - Saara

Year 2 - Siraj

Year 3 - Isiah

Year 4 - Yaseen and Caleb

Year 5 - Hamza

Year 6 - Merina

Parents are welcome to attend the Celebration Assembly on Friday 28th February at 9:00 am.

#### Reminders

#### **School Term dates**

#### **SPRING TERM 2020**

Term Starts: Monday 6 January 2020.

School closed: Monday 17 February 2020 to Friday 21 February 2020

Term starts: Monday 24 February 2020

School closed: Monday 6 April 2020 to Friday 17 April 2020

#### **SUMMER TERM 2020**

Term Starts: Monday 20 April 2020

School closed: Friday 8 May (May day bank holiday)

School closed: Monday 25 May 2020 to Friday 29 May 2020

Term starts: Monday 1 June 2020 School closes on Monday 20 July 2020

### **DINNER MONEY**

Please ensure your child's dinner money is in a sealed envelope with their name, class and amount and handed to their class Teacher.

School dinners - Please ensure this is paid in full on a Monday morning. Children cannot change from dinners to sandwiches or vice-versa. Please let us know at the start of each half-term if you wish to change.

Emergency contact details: Are your details up-to-date? Or do you have an alternative number that we can use in an emergency. Please let the office know.

We will have fruit 30p, milkshake 40p and juice 40p on sale in the canteen at break time.



Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform to school, trainers are not allowed. All children must have their P.E kits in school everyday.

