



27th March, 2020

Hello parents and carers

**Isaiah 41:10 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.**

This last week has made me really consider the important things. We are no longer able to just pop into town to buy dresses, or go to the hairdressers or visit our favourite restaurants. Life is now much different. But what has remained constant in these trying times is the love from our families and our faith. I hope that you are all taking comfort in that.

I have never felt more proud of our children this week; the amount of emails that I have received showing our pupils working is amazing. Our fabulous IT technician was able to put together a platform in three days so that we could continue to provide the education that your children deserve and I am so pleased that parents have been engaging with it. Feel free to send in work through this email address: [parents@stmich21.bham.sch.uk](mailto:parents@stmich21.bham.sch.uk). I have enjoyed planning daily lessons for Year 6, while Mr Blake has been off but he will be returning next week. I will continue to pop up with activities that all children can access if you are looking for something to fill their days. Please take some time to have a look at what is available online as our teachers are still working and they know what your children need to go over.

We will be calling you from time to time to check in that you are ok. This will be from a withheld number so please do answer. We are still here in the virtual world if you need to make contact on the email address above. If you are entitled to free school meals, from next week we are supplying weekly hampers which will be available for collection from Monday 11am—1pm. We are hopeful that by the end of the Easter break, the food vouchers will be up and running. Remember, we are open for children of keyworkers **where there is no alternative childcare**. If you fall within this category then please complete the form online, please note that details of your employers will need to be provided.

Please take care of yourselves and have a blessed week.

Miss. Johnson

### Home Learning

Please engage with the home learning lessons online via our school website. Your child's teacher uploads lessons each day for your child to access.

Just click on the year group on the right hand side.

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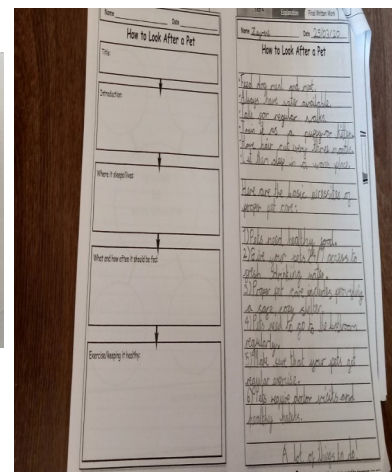
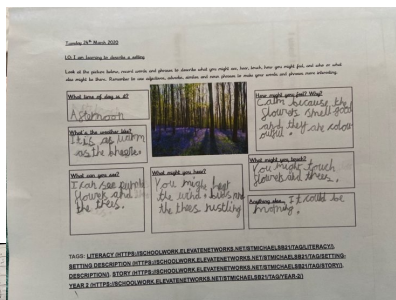
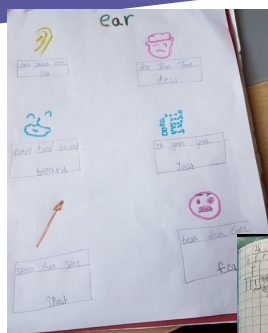
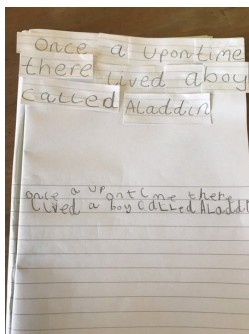
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### Food bank

We are a referral point for a food bank on Holyhead Road. If you are struggling, please contact us via email on [parents@stmich21.bham.sch.uk](mailto:parents@stmich21.bham.sch.uk) or call the school office on 0121 554 7818 during

# Over to your teachers!



## Reception

Hi Everyone. Have missed seeing you all this week and am hoping you are all well and safe. Having to stay at home is very strange but one big positive is that we have time to spend with our loved ones. If you can, make the most of this time to share precious moments together. I hope all of our Reception children are continuing to be superstars at home. I've absolutely loved seeing your work on the website gallery. Keep checking the home learning area for more ideas of things to do to keep busy.

**Mrs Balmforth**

## Year 1

Hi there Year 1, I hope you are all well! I have been uploading lots of work daily. I can see that you have all been working very hard by the photos on the website. Keep it up! I will post the answers to the work the next day so don't forget to check. Here are a couple of examples of what we have been learning this week. Take care and have fun learning.

**Mrs Reeve**

## Year 5,

How are you all doing? Hands up if you're missing school, why can't I see many hands? Well, I'm missing you all and I think about how you are all doing every day. Are you all enjoying my lessons? Do you like my commentary? I hope you are all doing them when you can. I know that some of you are because I can see the emails and photos that your parents send in, take a look at the gallery on the website to see some of your work. Remember that you can comment on the lessons too. I haven't had a comment yet. Also, I've been checking your Spellodrome, TTRockstars and ORB and I'm impressed with the level of participation. Some of you have even challenged me in TTRockstars; login to find out the results. Feel free to challenge me as I am always up for a challenge. I've also noticed a lot of you getting involved in the Teacher vs Children challenge. I am so impressed with your new speeds, but remember to go to the Studio to register your new time. I bet you have made so much progress. Can't wait to see you all. Stay safe. **Mrs Okolie**

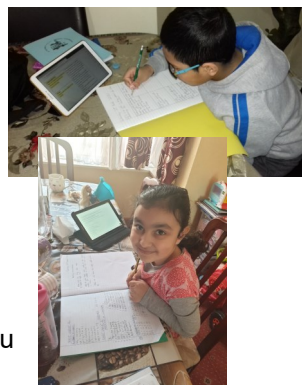
## Year 2

Happy Friday St

Michael's! Well the first week at home is almost over. School is an eerie place without all of the noisy, happy, chatty children, but we need to all stay safe as the number one priority. I hope you have enjoyed the online lessons and you are finding them useful. Don't worry if you can't get everything done and if the children are finding it frustrating. Take your time and have regular breaks. Spring seems to finally be here, so enjoy reading in the garden or going for a walk in the park! I wanted to say a big thank you to everyone who is making use of the school website and resources we have provided for you. All of us are working hard to provide you with the best learning we can under the circumstances and I know all of the teachers truly appreciate seeing your hard work. Remember to send your photos in. Next week I'm going to bring out your creative sides. If you have the items at home, there will be some fantastic activities to do with your children at home, so watch out for these! To everyone in Year 2 and at St Michael's, stay safe and

take care. I can't wait to see what you send in next week!

**Mr Soor**



## Year 4

Year 4 are joining in with the worldwide efforts to become 'Real Life Superheroes' by staying indoors. I want to hear all about your exciting home experiences so, keep a daily diary and email it in to me. We have been busy, creating amazing projects based upon Egyptian Gods. I look forward to displaying those in our classroom. Additionally, we have been venturing into some amazing fantasy worlds and have written some incredible stories. We have also been busy on our Virtual learning platform practicing our Maths skills. Take care of yourselves!

**Mrs Batul**

## Year 6

It's been a pleasure planning your lessons this week and a big shout out to Mahdi who has been sending work in every day. Keep it up! Stay safe and we miss you!

**Miss Johnson**

## Year 3

It has been a huge pleasure receiving all your work this week and seeing your amazing efforts. In particular, Jacob and Joah. Keep going everyone in Year 3.

**Mr. Rogers**