



1st May 2020

Hello parents and carers

Message from the Head Teacher

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. - Isaiah 41:10

It's the end of the first week of the summer term and I hope that you are all doing okay. We miss your children and the normality of life that we took for granted just a few weeks ago. I hope you are coping with the changes and remember we are here if you need some assistance or just a chat. Contact us at parents@stmich21.bham.sch.uk

Online learning <https://www.stmich21.bham.sch.uk/homelearning>

Our teachers are busy each day preparing lessons and uploading them to the school website. As well as having access to daily lessons, your child also has access to the following apps, Time Tables Rockstars, Oxford Reading Buddy, Spellodrome, Prodigy Maths and Read Theory. If you do not know the password, there is a form to complete on our website and we will send a password reminder. Most work set will include a copy of the answers so that you can see how your children are getting on. You can also send the work direct to your child's teacher now too so that we can see how they are doing. If you have any queries or concerns about home learning, please feel free to email your teacher on the email addresses below.

I will be joining in with the online lessons by doing a weekly art session so that we can fill the gloom with beautiful things—so please watch out for those and take part if you can.

Free School Meal Vouchers

If you are in receipt of certain benefits you may be entitled to a Free School Meal Voucher each week worth £15 per child and are redeemable at most large supermarkets. There has been a delay with them which is due to the sheer number of people accessing the system across the country, however they are slowly trickling through. If you think you may be entitled, please complete the form online. You may also be eligible if you are awaiting a right to stay in this country or have had a failed application too.

Condolences

We wanted to send our condolences to the Blair family who tragically lost Mr Blair recently. He was a well loved and respected member of the St Michael's family. His daughter has shared his funeral details as follows: The funeral of the late Mr Wenford George Blair will take place on Thursday 7th May 2020, my dad will be coming home at 1pm and will be going from home down Hamstead Road along Church lane, Oxhill Road and then to Handsworth cemetery. She welcomed people showing their respects as the cars drive along the route due to social distancing measures in place.

Please take care of yourselves and have a blessed week.

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.

[https://
schoolwork.elevatenetworks.net/
stmichaelsb21/](https://schoolwork.elevatenetworks.net/stmichaelsb21/)

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

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Year 4

I hope that you, your children and your families are all keeping safe, well and healthy during this challenging time for us all and I hope you have been enjoying the lovely sunshine. Now that school has been closed for 5 weeks, you may be missing the school routines and your friends. I know I certainly am! Year 4 have been enjoying our online learning and have made me proud with the fantastic work they have produced. Keep sending in your amazing work and ensure that you all keep physically fit and healthy by doing your daily exercise. More importantly, make the most of this family time and create some amazing memories that you can seal in a capsule, a diary or in your hearts.

Remember to stay active, happy and safe!

Year 6

Hi Year 6. It has been warming to speak with you all recently. I am pleased that so many of you are keeping engaged with your school work. It is clear that you are all missing each other, which shows what a great bond we have within our class. I look forward to speaking with you all again soon and I can't wait for the time we are back together as a class. Take care. Look after yourselves. Keep safe.



Year 5,

I hope you have enjoyed your break. Did you even notice that there was a break? I know some of you eager beavers did not notice, as you asked me why I hadn't updated the online learning when I called to speak to you. Well I hope that you have enjoyed the lessons that I have put up this week; I tried to upload lessons similar to our classroom lessons. Remember that you can send photos of your work directly to my [email- year5teacher@stmich21.bham.sch.uk](mailto:year5teacher@stmich21.bham.sch.uk). I hope that you are all safe and well. I am still missing you all. Take care. Mrs Okolie made so much progress. Can't wait to see you all.



Our fantastic staff have collected goods so that we can have a small food bank at school. If you are struggling please contact us on parents@stmich21.bham.sch.uk

Year 3

We are missing you guys but it has been lovely to see you sending in the work that you are doing at home. We would love to see at least one piece from every child in the class. Do you think we can do that? Remember, be good to your parents, keep your bedrooms clean and wash your hands! See you soon—Miss Johnson and Mr Rogers

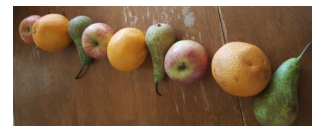
Year 2

Hi Everyone. I hope you all had a restful Easter break. Thank you to everyone who has been accessing the home learning page and sending their work in. It's great to see you taking such an active role in your own learning. Remember to take regular breaks and look after yourselves. If you need any help or just want to send work in remember to email me at year2teacher@stmich21.bham.sch.uk

Reception

Hello Everyone. Hope everyone is still happy, safe and well. I also hope you're being helpful and behaving well for your grown-ups at home. I've been keeping busy writing lessons to help you, they are all on the home learning area of the school website. Please check them as often as you can. I've also been doing a spot of baking, cooking more interesting dinners and exercising everyday too! It's so important to try and get our hearts beating faster through keeping fit. This could be dancing, going for a walk or there's lots of brilliant online workout videos. This week I've loved speaking to you on the phone and seeing all the work you've been sending in. The brilliant patterns you made were particularly impressive. Stay safe Reception.

Mrs Balmforth



Year 1

Thank you for all the fabulous photos you have been sending in of your children's work. So keep all your beautifully presented work coming in so I can share on our website (as long as I get permission).

I hope you all had a **Happy St. George's day**. Year 1 you were making lots of creative things such as biscuits, cakes, dragons and flags. So send in your pictures please!

On Friday I rang and spoke to so many children in my class. It was lovely to hear how hard you are working and what you are enjoying whilst you are at home. My **heart felt full** when I had spoken to you and knew you were happy and healthy.

Who will get the **achievement certificate** this week? I am looking for hard work, excellent presentation and 100% effort.

In History you will be learning about **VE Day**. On **Friday** join me at the **VE Day party**. I will be dressing up as a lady from World War 2. I will be eating food from World War 2 and listening to music from that era. So, we will all be having a **party** in our own homes and doing the same thing together as a class! The **Party starts at 12 pm (lunch time)**. I will put a **video on Friday** up on our website of my party. **Why don't you too?** It will be **great fun!**

Keep doing the work, keep your brains and bodies active, stay safe