

“It takes a village to raise a child, and I choose to be an actively-participating member of my village.”

Love Faith Respect Forgiveness

Headteacher's message

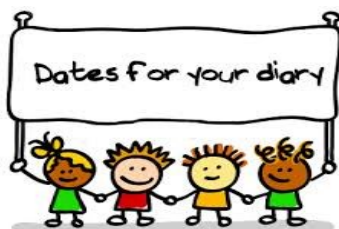


Happy New Year. I hope that you all had a well deserved break. I apologise for not sending out a Christmas newsletter but as you are aware we had a number of positive cases of the virus in the last week so most Christmas plans did not go ahead. I am pleased to report that all individuals who were unwell are now on the mend and thank you for the support and prayers that you sent.

It is an unusual but not unsurprising start to the new year. Myself and my team are working really hard to provide our pupils with high quality home learning. We are also making sure that we keep in contact with yourselves and that you are able to contact us when needed. Class teachers will be calling regularly to support home learning and to check that you are all fine, they may withhold their number if calling from home so please answer.

These are worrying, difficult times and I know that many people are struggling with ill health, isolation, depression and financial problems. Remember, we are a part of your village so if you do require some support we may be able to help you. We will get through this together by holding each other up. God bless.

Take care and God bless.



Half term— Friday, 12th February 2021

School will reopen on Monday, 22nd February, 2021

End of term—Thursday, 1st April, 2021

Start of summer term—Monday 19th April, 2021



Food assistance

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

We also have a small number of weekly food parcels available to families which we distribute on Thursdays. If you are in need of assistance. Either email or contact the school office by Tuesday of that week.

If you are eligible for Free School Meals (in receipt of the correct benefits) you will shortly receive your weekly food vouchers of £15 per week per child. You will receive these via email. If you have not received your voucher by 22nd January, please call school and speak to Mrs Begum.

Contact Us

St Michael's C E Primary Academy
Piers Road
Handsworth
Birmingham
B21 0UX
0121 554 7818

enquiry@stmich21.bham.sch.uk
parents@stmich21.bham.sch.uk

HOME LEARNING

All children are expected to complete all work set daily by their teacher through the Teams app on the school website. A weekly timetable is on the children's page of the website— <https://www.stmich21.bham.sch.uk/children> - so that you know what lessons should be taught. Teachers will monitor the quality of the work and will give feedback usually by the next day. Please support your child with returning the work. If you are having difficulties with accessing the site, there are tutorials here to help. <https://www.stmich21.bham.sch.uk/homelearning/using-microsoft-teams>

Live tutor groups and small group tuition will start soon, look out for further information about that.

Who has been working the hardest? Check where your class is on the leaderboard. I will be checking every week how many children in each class is completing good quality work. The classes in KS1 and KS2 with the most returned work will receive a class prize when they return to school.

LEADERBOARD

Win Prizes!

	KS1	KS2
1st	Reception	Y6
2nd	Yr 2	Y5
3rd	Yr 1	Y3
4th		Y4

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Pupil expectations

- ♦ All pupils are expected to complete work set daily and handed in.
- ♦ Children are allowed to chat to each other on Teams but must be respectful. The chat facility is monitored.
- ♦ Children should not be posting links to social media.

Teacher's contact

receptionteacher@stmich21.bham.sch.uk Mrs Balmforth

year1teacher@stmich21.bham.sch.uk Miss Hare

year2teacher@stmich21.bham.sch.uk Mr Soor

year3teacher@stmich21.bham.sch.uk Miss Adeniji

year4teacher@stmich21.bham.sch.uk Mr Blake

year5teacher@stmich21.bham.sch.uk Mr Goodyear

year6teacher@stmich21.bham.sch.uk Miss Okolie



IT Support

We have not yet received any devices from the government and all school devices have been allocated to families. If you do not have a device at home then please let your child's class teacher know. We can offer help with internet data. If this is an issue for you, we do have data sim cards that can be slotted into your devices for internet access. Alternatively, we may be able to speak to your mobile phone provider to increase your data allowance. Contact us for more information.



Symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Know the symptoms of COVID-19, which can include the following:



Symptoms can range from mild to severe illness, and appear 2–14 days after you are exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19.

Childline 0800 1111

Women's Aid—0808 800 0028 Text:
1800 1080 8800 0028

Pause (Mental health support) 0300
300 0099

(School) par-
ents@stmich21.bham.sch.uk

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