



St. Michael's Newsletter

Thursday 1st April

Dear parents,

I hope you have had a good week and have enjoyed the longer days and brighter evenings.

It has been a pleasure to welcome the children of St. Michael's back into school this half term. There have been many exemplary displays of behaviour and learning.

Today, your child will have been issued with a letter commending them on their behaviour since our return. I would like to say a heart felt 'thank you' to your child and to you for your continued support. By displaying these exemplary behaviours, it is helping to make St. Michael's feel like a family, ensuring everybody has a sense of belonging and each child and adult is valued in our school community.

This week in collective worship, as we move towards the end of Lent, our pupils have reflected on the events of Holy Week.

By reflecting on the events of Holy Week, we have considered this important message:

God appeared to be absent when Jesus died on the cross, but we know that he wasn't. By raising Jesus from the dead, God was saying to all those who are forgotten and alone in the world that he cares for them. At St. Michael's, we know that in the teachings of our faith, our God cares for each everyone of us.

At St. Michael's every member of our school community is valued and cared for. Through the power of togetherness, we are able to live our best lives and experience life in its fullest.

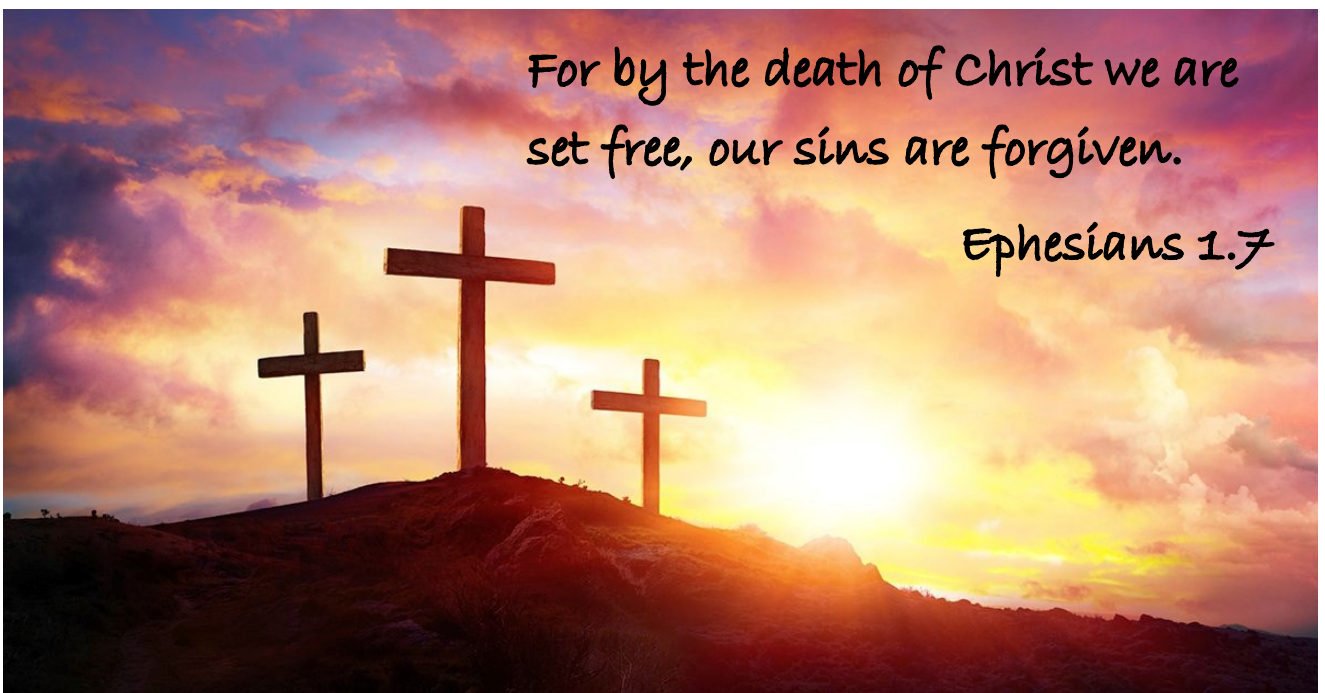
***May the loving power of God,
which raised Jesus to new life,
strengthen you in hope,
enrich you with his love,
and fill you with joy in the faith;
and the blessing.***

I hope you have a restful and safe Easter break and look forward to welcoming you back in the summer term.

Mr. Rogers

**For by the death of Christ we are
set free, our sins are forgiven.**

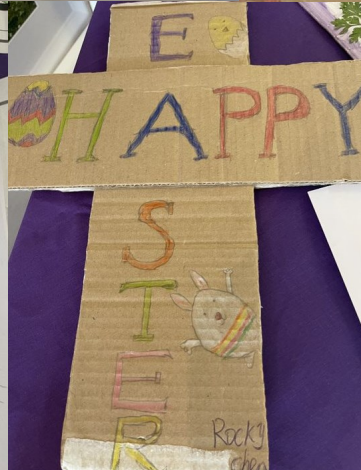
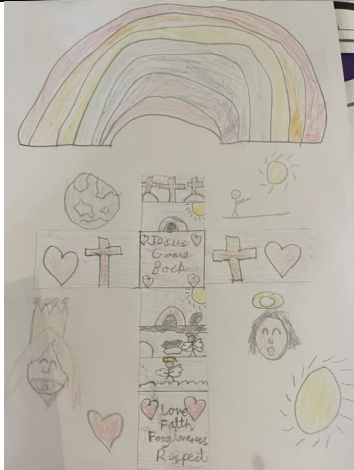
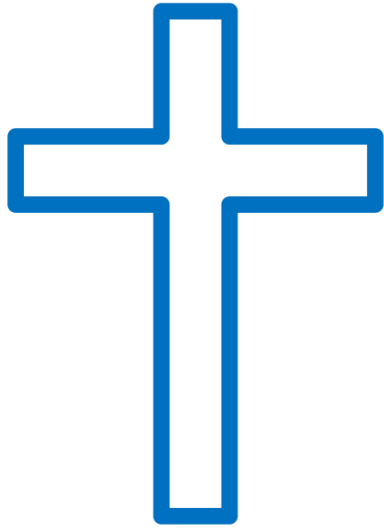
Ephesians 1.7



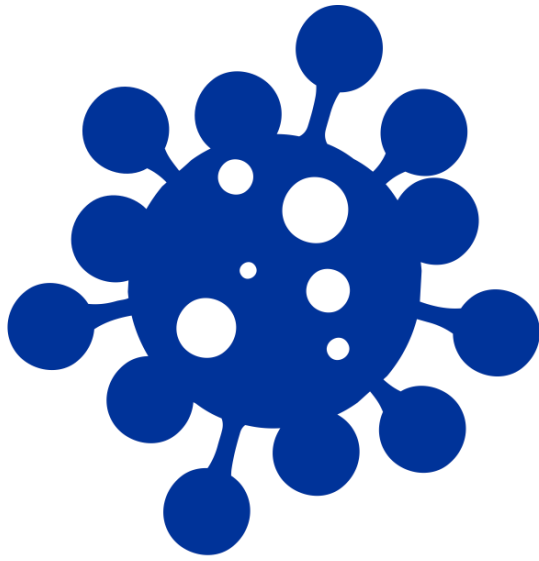


This week we have looked at the **cross** in collective worship. The **cross** is more than a symbol: it tells a story. On Monday, children were asked to design a cross that represents themselves and their faith. We have had many different designs, all of which tell a unique story by the creator. You can see the many designs below. Well done to everyone who designed a cross personal to them.





Did you know...



Later flow home testing kits are available for families of primary pupils.

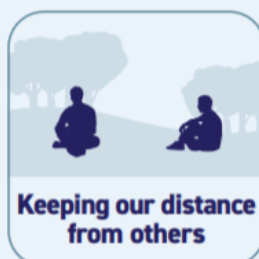
Regular rapid testing is a key safety measure to support children's return to school by helping us to identify people with coronavirus infection and may not have symptoms.

By everyone testing regularly we can identify cases more quickly and act faster to reduce the spread of the virus.

[Click here to order your home testing kit](#)

Coronavirus is still with us.

We can all help to prevent the spread by:



COVID SYMPTOMS? **ISOLATE STRAIGHT AWAY!**

DON'T WAIT FOR YOUR TEST RESULTS



HIGH TEMPERATURE



NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH



LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL



ISOLATE



GET TESTED

If your child receives a positive test result on **Friday 2nd April** or **Saturday 3rd April**, please email the school urgently:

enquiry@stmich21.bham.sch.uk

Homework Challenge

All the staff at St. Michael's have been so impressed with the crosses that children have designed and made. This **Easter** we are setting you a new **challenge**. When you come back to school, you will be studying **Geography**. Your homework challenge work will go on display and housepoints will be awarded.

What?

Design a poster, make a leaflet, write a report, make a model, write a blog entry, record a podcast ... you decide—you can choose how you want to present your research about for **your Geography topic**.

When?

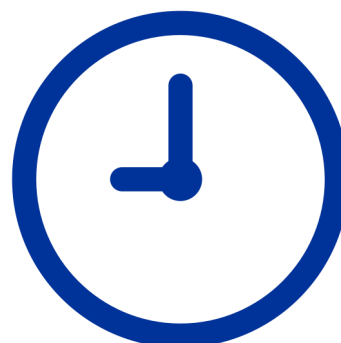
Hand in to your class teacher by **Monday 19th April, 2021**.

Topics

Year Group	Geography Topic
Reception	My School
Year 1	The World (Continents)
Year 2	The Isle of Struay
Year 3	Climates & Biomes
Year 4	Water
Year 5	World Trade
Year 6	Brindley Place, Birmingham

It's a new term and a new start...

Arriving to school on time is really important. Start times and end times have been temporarily adjusted so that children are not arriving and leaving together. This means we can reduce the number of children and parents gathering outside.



Siblings

Arrival

Please bring **all** of your children to school at the **earliest** start time.

Collection

Pick-up **all** of your children at the time of **latest** collection time.



Year 1 and 2 will now be starting school at **08:45** and finishing at **15:15**.

	Start Time	Collection Time
Reception	08:45	15:15
Year 1	08:45	15:15
Year 2	08:45	15:15
Year 3	08:40	15:10
Year 4	08:40	15:10
Year 5	08:30	15:00
Year 6	08:30	15:00

Behaviour Update

In last week's newsletter, I included the results of the behaviour survey that was completed by parents and children and I outlined the actions that we, as a school, are taking to ensure we are providing the very best provision for our children.

Since children have returned to school, your child will have received many different rewards. At St. Michael's, there are many ways that we show our children that they are valued and our behaviour system seeks to celebrate **achievement**, **conduct** and **behaviour**.

This week, I have outlined the different rewards that your children can receive.



Good News Notes Home

We know that the rewards children value the most are when parents know how well they are doing at school. Your child may receive one of these for their work or conduct.

Stickers

At St. Michael's, we focus on the positive. Your child will receive a sticker for being a brilliant St. Michael's role model, by displaying exemplary conduct of our school rules or values.





Certificates

We give out certificates for achievement. There are a number of certificates that can be earned, including: certificate of achievement, Headteacher's award, attendance certificate and good work certificate.

Housepoints

Every child is allocated a house. Housepoints are issued every day to children. These are accumulated into a weekly total and running yearly total. The totals can be found in the weekly newsletter. At regular milestones, children are awarded certificates for the housepoints they achieve.



Hot Chocolate Friday

Hot Chocolate Friday is for learner's who go 'over and above' during lunchtimes to share a hot drink and a chat together.

The Ultimate Star

This gold, pin star is awarded to pupils who are exemplary roles models of the St. Michael's values and recognises commitment to learning. These are awarded by the Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher, by recommendation. They are worn next to the school logo on the school jumper with pride.



Certificate of Achievement



Reception	Shante has made great progress in writing.
Year 1	Ameera has improved her work in writing, especially her letter formation.
Year 2	Minah has made a brilliant improvement in her handwriting so it is neat and joined.
Year 3	Rahima has made a conscientious effort to her writing work.
Year 4	Odane has used similes in his writing effectively and creatively.
Year 5	Raheem has concentrated on using cursive writing and using different sentence structures.
Year 6	Arturs has made a concerted effort to write for sustained periods.

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Reception	Safa has shown kindness and helped others.
Year 1	Helena has shown care towards her friends.
Year 2	Samaira has shown many acts of kindness.
Year 3	Ekroop has been an excellent role model for others to follow.
Year 4	Varundeep has shown care to others when they need it.
Year 5	Nayel has been committed to displayed role model behaviour.



Headteacher's Award

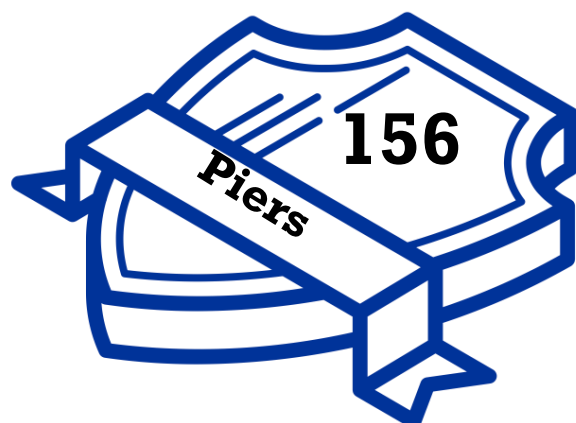


Each week children are nominated to receive a Headteacher's Award which recognises something special that has been achieved. This could be related to their work, behaviour or attitude to the school community.

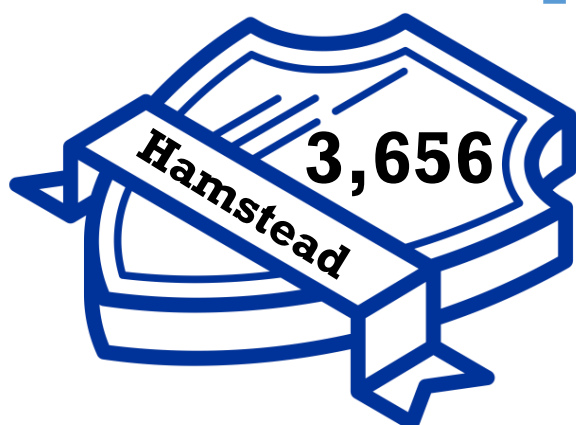
This week's award goes to Dylan. This has been awarded for his role-model conduct as part of our St. Michael's family, always modelling the St. Michael's values. Dylan is a critical thinker and considers carefully what he has learned so he can apply it in his work to the best of his ability. Since returning, Dylan's attitude towards school shows he is ready for Secondary school. It is a privilege to have Dylan at St. Michael's.

St. Michael's Housepoints

Weekly Housepoints



Housepoint Totals



I would like to wish
all families a blessed
Ramadan Mubarak
from Mr. Rogers and
the St. Michael's
family.



Dates For Your Diary

Monday 19th April: All pupils return to school.

Election Day: Thursday 6th May school is closed.

Half Term: Monday 31st May 2021 to Friday 4th June 2021

Term Ends: Wednesday 21st July 2021



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