



# St. Michael's Newsletter

Friday 23rd April

Dear parents,

I hope you have had a restful and safe Easter break and after a short, but busy Spring term, we welcome our St. Michael's family back to the start of an exciting summer term. For some of our pupils, this will be their last year at our school and we will endeavour to make their last term one to remember: Mrs. Okolie, the school council and Mrs. Devi have this in hand.

In collective worship this week, we have considered friendship and the special ways that are used to value friends, such as friendship bracelets. Just like the strands of a friendship bracelet, we looked at how Christians believe that Jesus is woven into their lives and will be their closest friend, even closer than the closest brother or sister.

In class collective worship, classes have discussed the qualities of building friendships and used this acrostic poem.



## Friendship

Finding things to do together

Relying on each other

Impossible on your own

Enjoying being together

Never selfish

Depending on someone else

Sharing hopes and dreams

Happiness and laughter

Including others

Precious

**I set a challenge at the end of collective worship for children to create their acrostic poem using the word 'friendship'. I look forward to publishing these next week.**

Have a blessed week,

*Mr. Rogers*

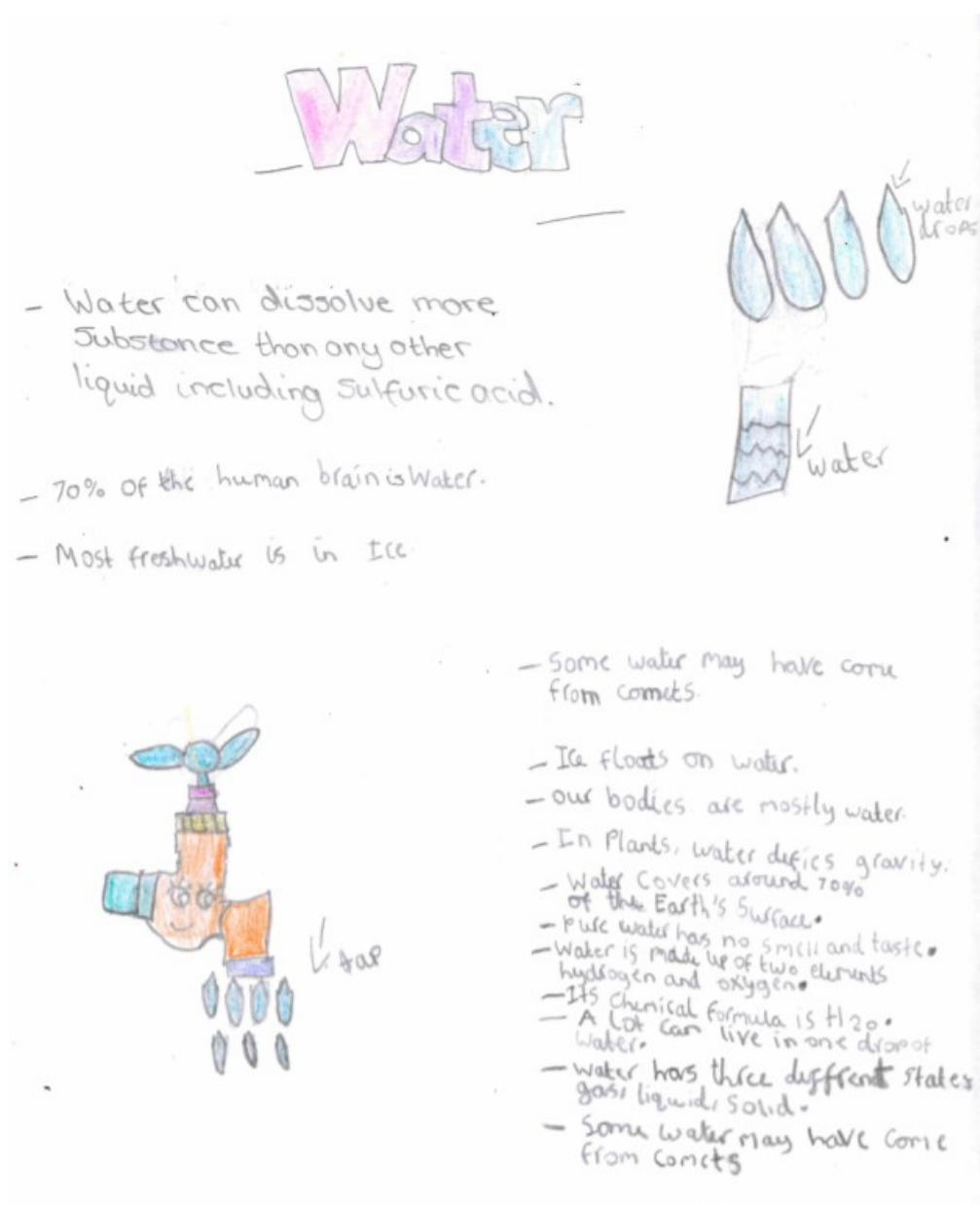
**'There is a friend who sticks  
closer than a brother.'**

**Proverbs 18.4**



# Homework Challenge

Before the Easter break, I set a homework challenge based on children's next Geography topic. There have been many brilliant entries from children across school. This week, I have published Navya's (year 4) water poster. Navya has worked hard to include her learning that she has been doing in class. Well done, Navya.



# Behaviour Update

In last week's newsletter, I included the different ways we celebrate **achievement**, **conduct** and **behaviour**.

*This week, I have included our school rules. These three simple rules underpin everything we do at St. Michael's.*

## Golden School Rules

**At St. Michael's, we:**

Follow instructions.



Use kind words.

Keep hands and feet to  
ourselves.



# Attendance



# 94%

Well done to the 94% of children this week who have attended school everyday this week. By attending everyday, you are on track for your half-termly attendance award. Let's go for 96% next week.

## Weekly Attendance

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93.3 %	96.8 %	91.9 %	96.4 %	95.0 %	97.3 %	93.1 %

## Yearly Attendance

92%	97%	95%	94%	95%	95%	95%
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## Attendance News

Well done to all the children who had 100% attendance during the Spring Term.

If your child has had 100% attendance in the Spring Term, they will be coming home with their certificate next week.

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

6 days or less  
absence per year  
**97% or above**  
**VERY GOOD**  
**THIS IS YOUR**  
**TARGET**

Between  
7 and 19 days  
absence per year  
**90% - 96%**  
**BELOW**  
**EXPECTATIONS**

More  
than 19 days  
absence per year  
**Under 90%**  
**POOR**  
**ATTENDANCE**

# Year 6 Swimming



Year 6 will be attending school swimming lessons from **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April** until the end of term. They will attend every **Tuesday at 09:30**. All swimming lessons take place at Handsworth Leisure Centre. As Handsworth Leisure Centre is only a short walk away, children will walk to the leisure centre.

Year 6 will leave school at 09:00 every Tuesday.  
**Unfortunately, if your child is late too school, they will be unable to attend if the class has already left.**

All children should aim to be able to swim 25metres, unaided, by the end of Year 6. In order to achieve this, due to prolonged lockdown periods, the school has purchased additional sessions so Year 6 have an hour in the pool, as opposed to the usual half hour. There will also be an additional swimming teacher. Therefore, school are providing three teachers to teach swimming to Year 6.

**Don't forget your swimming costume, short or trunks and a towel!**

## 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



## Contacts

**Childline**      **0800 1111**

**Women's Aid**    **0808 800 0028**

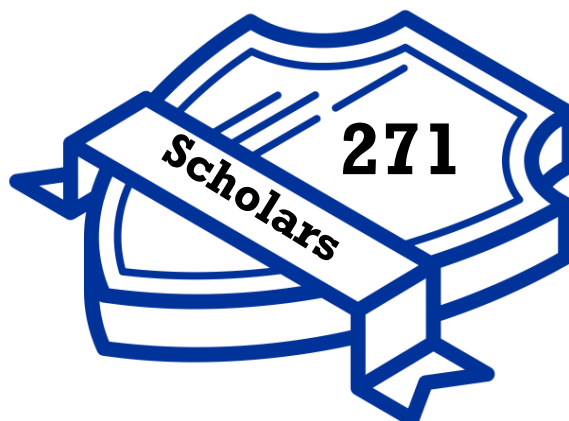
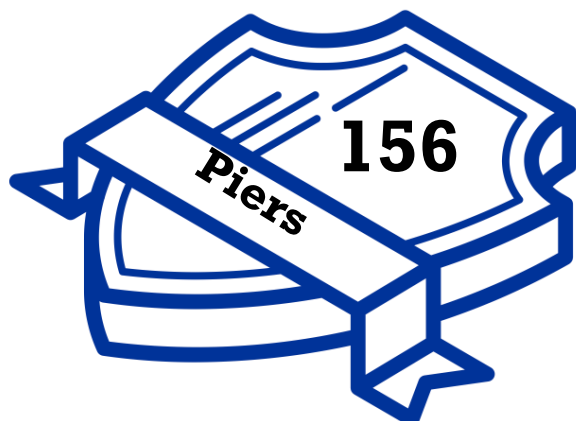
**Pause (Mental health support)**    **0300 300 0099**

**(School)**      **parents@stmich21.bham.sch.uk**

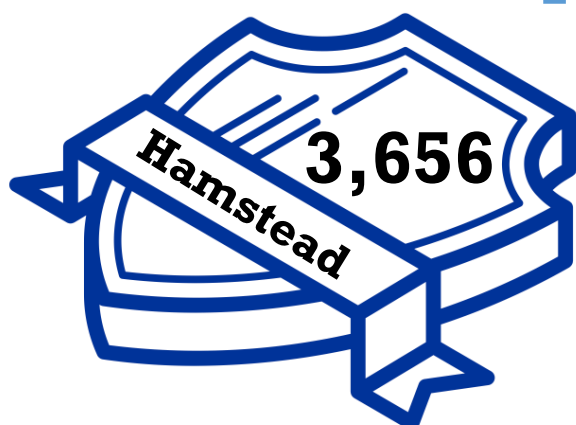
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# St. Michael's Housepoints

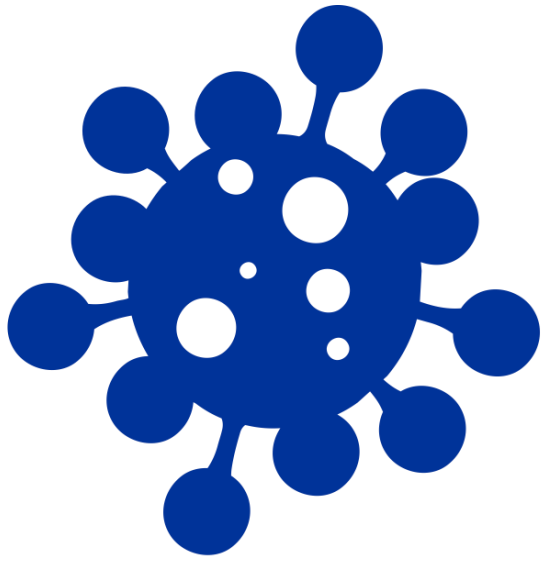
## Weekly Housepoints



## Housepoint Totals



# 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:

