



# St. Michael's

Church of England Primary Academy

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## Autumn Term 2 - Continued Progress and Improvement

Dear Parents/Guardians,

And just like that, it is nearly Christmas. How did that happen?

As we descend into the midst of winter, there is so much to be thankful for and many accomplishments to be proud of. Your children and your school continue to grow, achieve and improve. As always, we appreciate your support.

Over the past month, two new members of staff have joined the St. Michael's team. Mr Campbell is our new site manager and Miss Bavington is our new office manager. Both have settled in brilliantly and have already made a huge contribution to life at St. Michael's. It feels like they have been with us for much longer than a matter of weeks!

The past month also saw our 2021 Ofsted report published, the key points of which are:

- Pupils enjoy attending this school. They are happy and feel safe.
- Staff provide high quality care rooted in the school's values of community, aspiration, learning and love.
- The new staff have quickly settled into the school and along with the existing staff, have made a great start to the school year.
- All staff want to give pupils the best possible education and have lofty ambitions for them.
- Pupils behave well in school and are keen to learn.
- School leaders have made significant changes to what children are taught and how they are taught. These changes are ambitious.

In terms of development points, Ofsted advised us to focus on the following areas:

- Ensure that the changes made to curriculum and teaching are fully embedded.
- Continue to develop staff so that they can share leadership responsibilities over time.
- For school leaders to prioritise specific areas of school life, rather than trying to do too much, too soon.
- To continue making progress and improvements to Reception.

November has also seen our girls football team reach heights never achieved by a St. Michael's football team (neither girls or boys), as they reached the semi-finals of the Aston Primary Schools' FA 5-a-side Championship. They did so by winning their league with an unbeaten record! The boys team also made history by picking up their first ever victory following weeks of hard work, determination and commitment.

Finally, I would like to reiterate the point that if any family needs support with anything, please get in touch. You can speak to me in person or email [support@stmich21.bham.sch.uk](mailto:support@stmich21.bham.sch.uk).

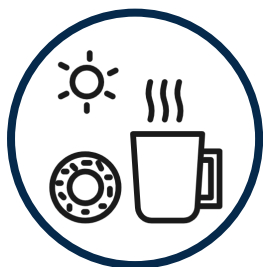
Mr P Hynan  
Headteacher



### School Reports and Parents Evening

The next half-termly report card will be sent home on Wednesday 15th December. Please speak to your child's teacher if there is anything on the report card that you wish to discuss in greater detail.

Parents evening is on Wednesday 1st December. Due to Covid regulations, appointments will be via a telephone call. An online appointment system has been shared with all parents. Please complete this ASAP. Once you have selected your desired time slot, we will confirm the exact time that your five-minute phone call.



### Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is available daily to all pupils and provides pupils with a nutritious meal at the start of a big day of learning. Pupils wishing to attend Breakfast club must enter school via the Piers Road entrance between 8:00am and 8:30am.

START: 8:00am

LAST ADMISSION: 8:30am

ENTRANCE: Piers Road

### PE Kit



The school PE kit is:

- Plain white t-shirt
- Dark tracksuit bottoms
- Trainers

- Year 1: Tuesday and Thursday
- Year 2: Monday and Thursday
- Year 3: Monday and Tuesday
- Year 4: Wednesday
- Year 5: Monday
- Year 6: Friday

Please note, Years 4 to 6 will only have PE once a week over the coming months. This will be reviewed in Spring term, once the weather improves.



### Autumn Term: Key Dates

We break up on:	Thursday 16th December, 2021
We return to school on:	Tuesday 4th January, 2022

**February Half-term: Monday 21st February - Friday 25th February**

**School is closed on Thursday 5th May as our building is being used as a polling station.**

### Other - Handsworth Leisure Centre: Sports Clubs

Several families have been accessing football and swimming coaching via Handsworth Leisure Centre on Saturday mornings and all have been full of praise of its quality and value for money. If you're at a loose end on the weekend, it might be worth popping along to this great facility and accessing the opportunities that are available in our community.

