



Rossington St Michael's CE Primary School



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All are welcome, All are accepted, All are loved, All achieve.

Welcome to our newsletter for the beginning of January 2023

It has been such a wonderful first day back, welcoming most of our children back after our Christmas holidays. Today, we also met with our new nursery parents and we can't wait to see their children settle in with our existing nursery children and become part of our St Michael's family. They are going to have a wonderful time.

I would like to thank you all for your returned parent questionnaires, they were so positive and a lovely read over the Christmas break. Parents commented about how we ensure that all feel welcome, accepted, achieve and are loved. They shared positive experiences which have been forwarded to all staff.

We are also grateful for the constructive comments. Some parents commented about the lack of school visits. We are very aware of this and have been looking at ways to address it. Due to the increase in fuel prices, we have noticed a substantial rise in the cost of a coach without adding the venue price as well. Prior to finishing in summer, we arranged for every child to visit the new Doncaster museum and library (a free venue); however, the coach cost, for half a day, was £12 per person. We felt that this was too expensive for families. We have looked for alternatives such as visitors coming in to school. This does still give an experience for the children without an increased cost of transport. Our year 4 have had a day learning circus skills and year 1 and 2 will be handling animals this half term. To keep the cost down and to ensure that parents have plenty of warning, we are looking at creating a timetable of events, both in and out of school, so that parents can plan for the cost. This will be released soon. We thank you for your patience.

King's medal

To link with the coronation of our new Monarch, His Majesty King Charles III, Tower Mint have released an official commemorative medal. This medal is a wonderful piece to commemorate this momentous and historic occasion. These medals can be purchased privately through visiting the website: www.towermint.co.uk/contact-us however, to save on postage we are offering to order these through school. If you would like a medal ordering, please contact school and then we will set up a ParentPay payment. The cost is: **£2.99**. We would need to order these by **Friday 27th January 2023** so that we can process the order before the deadline at the end of January. If you would like to see a sample of the medal then please call in to the school office.

Staff Changes

At Rossington St Michael's CE Primary School, we are a very close family and are blessed with consistent, settled staffing. There are times, where our staff move to different opportunities and, as a family, we support and wish them well with this. Last term, we were very sad to lose both Mrs Bell and Miss Aftab. Mrs Bell has been with the school for many years and has decided to leave to follow her other passions. Miss Aftab has left to choose a different career within medicine. We know that she will be incredible and an amazing asset to the profession. We thank Mrs Bell and Miss Aftab for their continued hard work and dedication to the school.

We also have extremely exciting baby news.

Mrs Noon and Mrs Stanfield are pleased to announce that they are both expecting babies. Both are hoping to start their maternity leave after Easter and we wish them well. We have secured experienced teachers to cover once they start their maternity leave.

Parent/Carers as Partners

Over the past couple of years, due to restrictions, we have missed welcoming parents physically into school and arranging events for parents to visit. Last term, we launched our parent/carer breakfast events on a Thursday morning and, following their success, we will be continuing them this term. All are welcome. They run from **8:40am-9:20am** in the old hall (please come through the main entrance) and there will be refreshments. Please see the timetable below:

Thursday 12 th January 2023	Handwriting	Mrs McClellan
Thursday 19 th January 2023	Toileting (hoping to invite the school nurse)	School Nurse
Thursday 26 th January 2023	Shine for Healthy Lives	Mrs Norton and Miss Walker
Thursday 2 nd February 2023	Autism	Mrs Dyson

We have also listened to parents/carers about coming into school to find out about how we teach certain concepts, to support their child, and have arranged parent workshops. Some of these workshops are after-school for parents/carers (and children) to attend. These will be in the new hall with information from class teachers and subject specialists.

We are also trialling parent/carers events within the classrooms. These will happen during school time and will give parents/carers the opportunity to see what is happening in class and then work with their child.

Please see below for the timetable. We understand that some people might be unable to make it so we will share the slides on our website.

Please let us know if there are any specific concepts you would like us to look at and we would be happy to arrange some in the summer term.

We thank you for your support.

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2022-23 Calendar

Spring Term	
Monday 2 nd January 2023	Bank Holiday- School not open
Tuesday 3 rd January 2023	School Starts Back for all Nursery closed for home visits.
Wednesday 4 th January 2023	Nursery open to all.
Tuesday 10 th January 2023	Zoolab to work with Year 2 and 3
Tuesday 10 th January 2023 3pm-4pm	Year 1 and 2 Parent number workshop in new hall.
Tuesday 17 th January 2023 2pm-3pm	Year 2 parent reading workshop (time in class with children as well)
Monday 23 rd January 2023	Bishop Sophie in school
Tuesday 24 th January 2023 3pm-4pm	Year 3 and 4 Calculation workshop for parents.
Tuesday 31 st January 2023 (for 5 weeks)	Year 4 to work with Linda Gardner Bible Explorers
Friday 3 rd February 2023	Young Voices
Thursday 9 th February 2023 2pm	Year 3 service in church for parents.
Thursday 9 th February 2023	School Disco
Friday 10 th February 2023	School closes at the usual time
Week Beginning 13 th February 2023	Half term- no school
Monday 20 th February 2023	School open to all
Tuesday 21 st February 2023 2:30pm	Shrove Tuesday year 2 parent event in school
Week Beginning 27 th February 2023	SEN Support Plan Meetings
Tuesday 28 th February 2023 4pm-5pm	Year 1 parent's phonic meeting
Tuesday 28 th and Wednesday 29 th February	Skipping School Leader with each class.
Wednesday 15 th March 2023 4pm	Year 6 parent SATs meeting
Thursday 16 th March 2023 3pm- 4pm	EYFS and Year 1 and 2 Parent maths workshop
Week Beginning 20 th March 2023	Parent's Meetings one after school in person and one within school time via zoom
Tuesday 28 th March 2023 4pm	Year 2 parent SATs meeting
Wednesday 29 th March 2023 2pm	Year 4 Easter Service in church
Friday 31 st March 2023	School Finishes at 2pm
Summer Term	
Monday 17 th April 2023	School Starts Back for all Nursery closed for home visits.
Tuesday 18 th April 2023	Nursery opens for all.
Monday 1 st May 2023	Bank Holiday- no school

Tuesday 2 nd May 2023	School open to all
2 nd May- 26 th May 2023	Year 2 SATs- no holidays please.
Monday 8 th May 2023	Extra Bank Holiday for King's Coronation
Week Beginning 8 th May 2023	Year 6 SATs- no holidays please.
Thursday 25 th May 2023	Year 5 Service in church
Friday 26 th May 2023	School closes at usual time
Week Beginning 29 th May 2023	Half term holiday- no school
Monday 5 th June 2023	School open to all
5 th June 2023- 23 rd June 2023	Multiplication Check for year 4- no holidays please
Thursday 8 th June 2023	Tempest Class Photographs
Week Beginning 12 th June 2023	Year 1 phonics check- no holidays please
12 th June- 14 th June 2023	Year 6 Residential- The Oakes
Tuesday 27 th June 2023	KS2 Sports Day – parents in the morning.
Wednesday 28 th June 2023	KS1 and EYFS Sports Day- parents in the morning
Thursday 29 th June 2023	School Disco
Week Beginning 3 rd July 2023	SEN Support Plan Meetings
Friday 14 th July 2023	PTA Summer Fayre
Monday 17 th July 2023	Reports out to parents
Monday 17 th July 2023	Year 6 Leavers Service in church
Tuesday 18 th July 2023	Year 6 Leavers Assembly in school
Friday 21 st July 2023	School Closes at 2pm
Monday 24 th and Tuesday 25 th July 2023	Teacher Training Days- no school