



*All Are Welcome, All Are Accepted,
All Are Loved and All Achieve*

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Dear Mothers, Fathers and Carers,

These half terms are certainly flying by - it has been incredibly busy in school once again. This term will be focused on our preparations for Easter and the joy that Spring brings - there are lots of exciting things planned! Your children are working very hard in their lessons, soaking up all the knowledge their teachers impart and school has a calm and productive feel as you walk around. We will also be celebrating Mum's and Mum-figures at our Mother's Day breakfast as a special thank you for all you do.

I hope this newsletter finds you well and is informative for you.

Warmest wishes,

Miss Birks

Key Dates this half term:

19th February	Children return to school
26th February	Parent's Evening (Zoom only) 3:30-4:30pm
27th February	Parent's Evening 3:30-6:30pm
4 - 8th March	Mother's Day Pop Up Shop from 3:10pm
7th March	World Book Day
8th March	Y3/4 School Nurse to visit - 'Managing Emotions'
w/c 11th March	British Science Week 'Time!'
11th March	Mother's Day Breakfast from 8:15am (Mum's and children welcome)
14th March	Author in to visit KS2
15th March	Red Nose Day
19th March	Y2 Trip to the Railway Museum
19th March	Rainbow Raffle Day
20th March	Y1 Trip to the Railway Museum
21st March	Disco (FS2 & KS1 3:30-4:30pm, KS2 4:45-5:45pm)
w/c 25th March	Easter Activity Week (inc. KS1 Easter Bonnet Competition and KS2 Egg decorating competition)
25th March	KS1 and KS2 Easter Services - from 9:15am
26th March	Easter Raffle
28th March	Last day of term - break up at 2.00pm
29th March	Bank Holiday - Good Friday

School Terms and Holidays for Academic Year 2023-24

Spring 2

Monday 19th February - Friday 29th March 2024
PLEASE NOTE - Bank Holiday 29th March and 1st April
Easter holidays - Tuesday 2nd April - Friday 12th April 2024

Summer 1

Monday 15th April - Friday 24th May 2024
PLEASE NOTE - Bank Holiday Monday 6th May
Spring Bank holidays - Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May 2024

Summer 2

Monday 3rd June - Tuesday 23rd July 2024
PLEASE NOTE - INSET Days 22nd and 23rd July
Summer Holidays - Wednesday 24th July - Friday 30th August 2024

New Playground Equipment

Thanks to all the fundraising our PTA have done, with the support of families, we have now saved enough funds to purchase new gym equipment for the playground! We will be installing 14 pieces of gym equipment and will inform you when we have a date for work to commence. A huge THANK YOU for your support in fundraising; buying raffle tickets, discos, movie nights & everything else - we couldn't have done it without you.



Parents' Evenings

Don't forget to book your appointment for parents' evening, on either Monday 26th February (3:30pm-4:30pm) or Tuesday 27th February (3:30pm-6:30pm). It's a great opportunity to find out how your child is progressing in school and what their next things to work on are, plus a chance to chat through any questions you have.

Message your child's class teacher on Dojo to book.



Young Voices

A big well done and congratulations to our school choir for taking part in the annual Young Voices concert, held at Sheffield Utilita Arena on February 9th. They had the most amazing night and represented St Michael's beautifully - we are so very proud of all 44 of them!

A huge thank you to Mr Porter, Miss Oliver, Ms Dillon, Mrs Dolan and Mrs Lowndes for making this happen - lots of time, effort and organisation went in to making this happen for the children and it is so appreciated.



D-I-S-C-O!

The PTA have arranged another date for our disco - to be held on 21st March with music, dancing and snacks. These are always well attended and very popular!

Times as follows:

FS2 and KS1 - 3:30pm-4:30pm

KS2 - 4:45pm-5:45pm

Further information for purchasing tickets will be coming soon.



Read, Read and Read again!

Please, please, please ensure you are reading as much as you can with your children, or encouraging them to read as often as possible. It is so important that they re-read books as well. We ask that they try to read at least 5 times per week at home, with as many of these as possible to an adult. Reading has the biggest impact on a child's abilities and we cannot stress how important it is for your child to read regularly. Please ensure you are proactive in filling out your child's reading diary whenever they read to recognise and celebrate their efforts!

A fact about reading that you may or may not know is:

"When children have a home library, as few as 20 books of their own at home, they achieve 3 more years of schooling than children who don't have any books at home."



Mother's Day Breakfast

As a way of us saying 'thank you' to all you Mum's who do an amazing job all year around, we would welcome you and your child in to join us on **Monday 11th March** from 8:15am in the new hall for a special Mother's Day breakfast. There will be teas, coffees and breakfast items available. Nearer the time, we will ask you to register your interest so we can provide enough items. Thank you!



Author Visit - KS2

We are very excited to welcome an author in to school on 14th March! John Wells III will be visiting KS2 children, leading an assembly to share his passion for writing and hopefully inspire any future authors we may have! They will have the opportunity following his visit to purchase a copy of his novels and have it signed by him.



World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day and raise the profile of reading, we invite them to take part in 'Blind-ing Books!' We ask that they wrap up their favourite book in paper, and write on the front a list of clues about the book inside for their classmates to guess before it gets opened in class!

We will be gifting every child in school a book chosen for them by their teacher using the special Book Day Vouchers.

Thank you for your support.

Mother's Day Pop-Up Shop

The PTA will once again be running the annual Mother's Day Pop-Up Shop - a chance for children to purchase quality gifts at a reasonable price. Held from 4th-8th March, straight after school down near the main playground. All funds raised will go towards school projects!



Red Nose Day!

We are having a non-uniform day on Friday 15th March to raise funds for Comic Relief. We ask for a donation of £1 towards the charity. Children will be able to wear their own clothes on this day - we look forward to seeing their outfits!



Easter Celebrations!

Monday 25th March

Easter Church Service at 9:15am

KS1 and KS2 children will be going over to Church to participate in our Easter Service, led by Reverend Neil.

Tuesday 26th March

Easter Egg Raffle

Raffle tickets to win a number of hampers will be available for purchase w/c Monday 11th March. The children can buy as many tickets as they like with tickets priced at £1 each. All proceeds will go towards school funds.

Donations of gifts would be gratefully received - we will be hosting another Rainbow Raffle Day on the 19th March to collect donations in and more information will follow soon. Thank you for your support.

Thursday 28th March

Easter Bonnet Competition (EYFS and KS1)

All infant children are invited to decorate an Easter bonnet / hat with the most creativity they can. We will then host a parade and winners will be chosen for the best bonnet, with prizes of chocolate eggs!

Egg Decorating Competition (KS2)

For Junior children, we will be holding a competition for the best decorated egg. Therefore, we invite children to bring in a decorated, hard-boiled egg from Wednesday 27th March - Thursday 28th March. The entries will be judged and 2 winners per year group will win a chocolate prize on Thursday 28th!



Parking

Please ensure that you continue to park legally and safely. We appreciate the difficulties that are faced, but just a few more minutes or a slightly longer walk could save a serious accident or even a child's life.

Please also be mindful of our close neighbours and avoid parking over driveways.

We all want to keep our children and community as safe as we can, but we can only do this when we all work together.

Thank you for your cooperation.

