



Autumn Term Newsletter

25th November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach Advent and the end of 2022, it's amazing how quickly this year has flown. We have seen a tremendous amount of activities taking place in school and all of the children and staff have worked so hard to settle back to normal school life this year.

We are looking forward to all of our festive celebrations and hope to see you all at the Christmas performances in school and the KS2 Christmas Carol Service at St Michael's Church. We will also have our Christmas Coffee Morning in school when our Raffle will be drawn. Raffle tickets will be sent home next week and the grand prize is £250 in cash! Please try and support us where you can, we really appreciate that times are hard for everyone and your continued support for all we do at school is sincerely appreciated.

Mr Loughran

We were absolutely delighted to win 2 awards at the prestigious Educate Awards this Year.

The school won the Mental Health and Wellbeing Award for all of the work we have done for the wellbeing of our children and staff.

Mrs McMullen, who you will know from our school office, won Business Manager of the Year. It is great to be recognised externally for all of the hard work we do in school and we are very proud of all of our staff.



Thank you to everyone who has made sure children are in school between 8:40-8:50. Children who are late arriving to school (after 8:50) must be signed in by an adult please

HALTON HEALTH IMPROVEMENT

Fit 4 Life Bite Size Sessions

START WELL

Join us for our 1-hour parent/carer workshops:

SLEEP & SCREENS
Did your children sleep well last night? In this session we will explore how the length and quality of sleep can affect us and our children. Pick up new tips and ideas to promote good quality, useful sleep. We will also look at how screen time affects our children, and share ideas for managing screen time better.

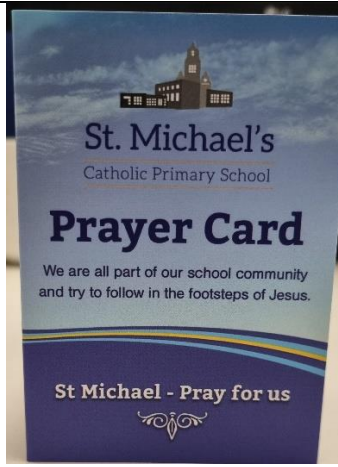
FUSSY EATING & SNACKING
Is your child a fussy eater? It's easier said than done to get children to try new foods. In this session we will share tips and techniques to encourage your child to eat more variety. We will also talk through the steps to food acceptance. We'll share healthy snack ideas to eat back at home when you're ready to try.

MENTAL HEALTH & EMOTIONAL WELLBEING
Everyone has mental health and looking after your child's mental health has never been so important. This workshop is aimed at the 1-ways to wellbeing and will give you tips and advice for supporting your child's mental health. We'll share resources and techniques to promote positive mental health and build resilience.

It has certainly been a busy month for parents/carers visiting school. We have had our Remembrance afternoon tea with Y5 and Y6; our mental health parent coffee afternoon and our Golden Tie assemblies each week. Reception parents also enjoyed a fun stay and play - don't forget our hall is open every Friday morning for any parents/carers who want a hot drink and a warm from 8:50-9:30.



The children enjoyed the recent Islam day and had lots of questions for our visitor. We had such lovely feedback too about the children on this day.



We hope your children have enjoyed using their prayer cards at home. Our chaplains helped design these for all of the children to keep at home when they want to say a special prayer.



The classes are all walking to Ditton Library and they have had some great sessions there. Each year group learns about something new and Y6 enjoyed learning all about the war and the local area.

Correspondence will be sent to parents by email and text so please ensure your email address and mobile number is always up to date with the school office. Follow us on [twitter](#) for all of our updates including photographs of what's happening in school: [@stmichaelscps](#)



The children all really enjoyed their movie night this month and it was great to see them all tucked up in their fleeces and onesies! Thank you to the staff who arranged this and stayed at school to make this enjoyable evening happen.

AMENDED HOLIDAY DATES WERE SENT OUT RECENTLY DETAILING THE ADDITIONAL BANK HOLIDAY AND CHANGE TO INSET DAY IN 2023.

We had a fantastic Anti Bullying Drama performance 'The Noise Keepers' in the hall which the children really enjoyed. This was a really good message and showed the children how noises represent our feeling and actions.



School closes for Christmas on Wednesday 21st December (1:30-1:40) and children return to school on Wednesday 4th January, 2023.

