



## ST. MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2018

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Dear Parent/Carers,

This term is speeding past but we still have so much in front of us!

### **MOTHER'S DAY COFFEE MORNING**

As previously informed this very popular event takes place tomorrow, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March, at 10.00 a.m.

We very much are looking forward to welcoming parents, carers, grandparents and other family members to this great fundraiser for our Parent Council. Donations of home baking and raffle prizes would be gratefully received, please remember we are a nut free school. The children will have the opportunity to buy gifts for mothers, grandmothers or whoever their special person is. Please make sure that monies are stored safely in purses, wallets or envelopes.



### **PARENTS NIGHT**

Online booking is now open for our parental consultations on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. We have many pupils on GIRFME plans who would benefit from meeting the teacher out with parents night as an alternative as it provides more time. The parents/carers of pupils on GIRFME plans will receive separate information.

### **BOOK FAIR**

All our children will have the opportunity to visit the book fair during week beg 26<sup>th</sup> March and it will also be open during Parent Consultations.



### **PARKING**

Unfortunately, I have received complaints regarding parking in and around the school, particularly in Culross Way. Can I ask all to park and drive courteously in the roads next to St. Michael's.

### **MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Members of our School Choir will represent St. Michael's at the prestigious Glasgow Music Festival on Monday at the Royal Concert Hall. We wish them all well! Consent forms have been issued to the children attending and should be returned before Monday.

### **SPRING SHOW**

This will take place on Weds 21<sup>st</sup> and Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 7.00 p.m. This showcase of talent will involve pupils from P.4 - 7. Details regarding tickets, etc. will follow soon.



## LENTEN FUNDRAISING

We are continuing to raise funds for Mary's Meals by creating our Lenten Pathway in the hall. For a small donation pupils decorate a paper stone which will be part of the display. SCIAF boxes are also available for the pupils to take home and return to school on Holy Thursday.



### LENTEN PRAYER

Please remember we have a Lenten Service in the hall on Fridays at 8.40 a.m. Mass is in St. Michael's Church at 8.15 a.m. on Wednesday - juice and toast is available on return to school for those who attend.

## MINDFULNESS

St. Michael's are working hard to reduce stress amongst pupils and we have created a Mindfulness Plan using a combination of Neuro-Linguistic Programming techniques, deep breathing and Yoga. We now offer mindful breaks regularly each day to learn new strategies to calm their thinking.

## STAY AND PLAY

We are delighted to see so many children and parents on a Friday morning at our Stay and Play sessions. All preschool children are welcome, please pass this information on to anyone who may be eligible.



## BARNARDOS COFFEE SESSIONS

We will also be continuing with our coffee drop in sessions in conjunction with Barnardos. These will take place every Wednesday morning in the Play Room from 9.00 a.m. onwards. Please drop in for coffee and a chat.

## WATER BOTTLES

Please also ensure your child has a suitable water bottle with them every day, these can be refilled at the water fountains.

## ALLERGIES

Please remember that we are a nut free school when you are giving your child their snack or packed lunch. Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

## COMMUNICATION



We have a growing number of followers on twitter - @StMichaelsPNS - and would ask if you could please follow us in order to keep up to date with news and events. The school website is an excellent source of communication also as it is regularly updated. We will continue to email letters as we have had very positive feedback regarding this.

## SCHOOL CONTACT

Any issues should be raised with the Head Teacher or Class Teacher in the first instance. Please do not approach children in the playground or on the way to or from school. The safety of all our children is paramount and incidents which happen in school will be dealt with by a member of the Management Team or staff member.

