



AUGHTON ST. MICHAEL'S C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 4th MARCH

Our Christian Value for this half term is **Doing Your Best**

Captured the Rainbow

The following children have 'Captured the Rainbow' this week.

Well done to:

Elspeth – EYFS
Emily G – EYFS
Michael – EYFS
George – EYFS

Erin – Y1

Elsie- Y2
Summer – Y2
Harvey D - Y2
Nancie – Y2
Isla C – Y2

Carter – Y4

Jack – Y5
Isabella – Y5
Ben – Y5
Olivia – Y5
Sadie – Y5

Harry – Y6



Citizens of the Week

Congratulations to our Citizens of the Week.

EYFS: Iris

Year 1: Scarlett

Year 2: Esmee

Year 3: Elizabeth

Year 4: Harlow

Year 5: Grace

Year 6: Eddie



TEAM POINT WINNERS
Edinburgh

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Tuesday 8th March**. We have a drama group in school on that morning, they will be presenting The Hobbit. In the afternoon, the children will be working on fantasy stories and are therefore invited to dress up as a character from a fantasy story. Fancy dress is optional!

Donations for the people of Ukraine

We are working with St Michael's Church to collect monetary donations for the refugees of Ukraine. Please place donations in an envelope and put them in the grey bin before Friday 18th March. Thank you.

Breakfast & After School Club Bookings

Please ensure you use the School Spider App to book your child's place at Breakfast and After School Club.

If you need to cancel your child's place, please do so through the same App. Failure to cancel their place will result in a charge being made.

Dinner Money

Please ensure all money owed for dinners is paid as soon as possible. If you are unsure as to what you owe, please ask Mrs Golding. Thank you.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our swimming team, Grace R, Sally, Ella, Gabrielle, Archie, Jake, Charlie and Harry who participated in the Ormskirk District Swimming Gala, securing 4th place. A fabulous achievement - well done.

Thank you

We want to say a HUGE thank you to Paul (our caretaker) and Lyn (a member of our cleaning team) for their incredible hard work repairing our decking area and building our new mud kitchen. We absolutely love it and the children have been so excited about it.



To finish off our new mud kitchen and to further enhance our provision, we are asking for some donations. If you have any of the following that is not being used, we would really appreciate your donations.

- Old pots and pans
- Chalkboards (for outdoor use)
- Cable reels
- Wicker baskets
- Utensils (whisks, spoons, spatulas)
- Plastic crates
- Small toy animals
- Herb plants
- Conkers
- Glass/wooden beads
- Spray bottles
- Trailer Wheels
- Top soil (for the mud kitchen)
- Wooden or metal bowls
- Drainpipes
- Slate place mats (for outdoor writing with chalk)
- Plastic jars
- Plastic jugs
- Unused decking planks
- Tree stumps
- Outdoor plants
- Corks
- Scrubbing brushes
- Steering wheel

Thank you.

Homework

In all schools, homework is always a controversial subject with some parents wanting more and others wanting none. We understand our children have busy lives outside of school and we truly value the importance of these activities. Furthermore, we recognise that the children need time to be children and enjoy their time at home doing what they want to do. We know also encouraging children to complete homework can be very stressful, as a parent myself, I have very clear memories of those situations!!

As a school, we took this information, along with what we felt our children needed to work on at home and devised the homework timetable that we have in place.

EYFS – Numbots–10 minutes per week,
Phonics activity (moving to Spelling Frame in the next few weeks)
Reading - three times a week

Year 1 – Numbots –10 minutes per week
Spelling Frame –set on a Friday, tested the following Friday
Reading - three times a week

Year 2 – Numbots or Timetables Rockstars (depending on the child's maths group) – 20 minutes per week
Spelling Frame – set on Monday, tested the following Monday
Reading - three times a week

Year 3- Timetables Rockstars –25 minutes per week
Spelling Frame – set on a Monday, tested on Friday
Reading – three times a week

Year 4 – Timetables Rockstars – 25 minutes per week
Spelling Frame – set on Monday, tested on Monday
Reading – three times a week (occasionally a reading task will be set, instead of a read, parents will be informed via TEAMS).

Year 5 - Timetables Rockstars – 25 minutes a week
Spelling Frame – set on Monday, spelling test varies but children are informed
Reading – three times a week

Year 6 - Timetables Rockstars – 12 minutes per week
Maths – 20 minutes per week
Spelling Frame – set on Monday, spelling test varies but children are informed
Reading – three times a week

The homework timetable has been set to take into account the busy lifestyles that our children lead, along with the fact that they work incredibly hard during the school day. However, there are currently a significant number of children throughout school who do not complete their homework on a regular basis. We understand there have been some problems with the technology and that some people do not have access to the technology, however if this is the case, please speak to Mrs Golding who will let the class teacher know, otherwise, we will expect the homework to be completed.

Timetables Rockstars has had a positive impact on those who have regularly been using it as not only has it allowed the children the opportunity to consolidate their knowledge, but it has also built their confidence. Accurate knowledge and the ability to recall times tables impacts on a wide range of maths topics (fractions, word problems, ratio, percentages etc) hence, we have chosen to use this as the focus for our Maths homework.

Our Homework Policy is reviewed annually, but until then, we ask for your support in ensuring your child completes their homework in line with their class timetable. Thank you.

Activities for week beginning 7th March

Monday

Writing Club Y3 12:50 – 1:15 (invited pupils only – for those children, please ensure they bring their work with them).

Forest School Y6 1:15 pm – 2:15 pm

Forest School for Y2 & Y3 children who attend After School Club
3:15 pm – 4:15 pm

Wednesday

Ukuleles Years 2 & 3
Guitars for those who have registered.

Net & Wall Games Y3 3:15 pm- 4:00 pm



Thursday

Tag Rugby Y4 3:15 pm– 4:15 pm

Friday

Swimming Y4 1:15 pm – 3:00 pm

Multi- skills Y2 3:15 pm – 4:00 pm

Forthcoming Dates

Tuesday 8th March – school celebrating World Book Day

Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th March – Y5 trip to Tower Wood

Tuesday 8th March – Friday 11th March Book Fair

Tuesday 15th March 9:00 am – Y5 to lead Worship, parents welcome to attend

Friday 18th March – Non-Uniform Day in exchange for Mother's Day Secrets' Room gift

Monday 21st March – Class Photos

Friday 25th March – Mother's Day Secrets' Room

Tuesday 29th March 9:00 am – Y4 to lead Worship, parents welcome to attend

Thursday 31st March 3:15 pm – 4:15 pm EYFS & KS1 disco

Thursday 31st March 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm KS2 disco

Friday 1st April 9:00 am – Easter Service at St Michael's Church (all being well!!!)

Friday 1st April 2:00 pm – Break up for Easter Holiday

