

28<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope you are all well and slowly adapting to a new way of life. I am missing our children so much in school, but I also know that restrictions are necessary, and that each day is a day one step closer to our school life returning to a sense normality. I am exceptionally proud of the way our children have adapted to this new way of working. Well done to all of our pupils who are accessing Seesaw regularly to complete their work at home. The work being produced is excellent and we are very proud of the determination and resilience our children are showing during these challenging times. Thank you for the support you are giving your child to enable them to learn from home. I appreciate the challenges you have and that not every day will be easy- be kind to yourself and remember that your best is always good enough. Thank you for continuing to encourage your child to complete their work on Seesaw every day and take part in their live Zoom lessons with their class teachers and friends. The three Zoom lesson per week are a great opportunity for your child to learn and socialise.

### Writer of the Week

'Writer of the Week' will be launched on Monday. It will celebrate children's written work, whether they are working at home or in school. Every week, your child's class teacher will choose a 'Writer of the Week' based on a piece of excellent writing that a child has produced. The winner will receive a certificate (online or in person) and two entries into a raffled prize draw. Every teacher will then pick three other children who have produced a fantastic piece of written work and they will also each receive one entry into the prize draw. Your child's class teacher will share the 'Writer of the Week' winners with their class every Friday via Zoom. The prize draw raffle will take place at the end of this half term and there are some excellent prizes to be won. The winning children's work will also be shared on the school website and Facebook page.

### Language of the Month

This month's Language of the Month is Italian. Thank you to our Italian speaking pupils and parents who have been involved in sharing their language with our school community. Next month, we will be celebrating the Chinese language and culture in school.



## Lateral Flow Device Testing

The government announced that Lateral Flow Device Tests (LFD) would be introduced to all primary school staff this month, with the intent of identifying those people who are COVID-19 positive but asymptomatic. The staff at St Michael's will take the lateral flow tests twice weekly. If a member of staff does test positive on a lateral flow test, they will still need to go for an official polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test, which will confirm their positive result. If a member of staff does test positive, I will inform you as soon as possible and if they have been in school within a 48 hour period, the bubble in which they were working in will be closed for a 10-day isolation period as a precaution.

## Family time...

As well as your child's curriculum work on Seesaw, there are many other activities for you and your family to take part in at home. Why not try our **Wellbeing Wednesday** or **Forest School Friday** activities, or snuggle up with a book as a family to complete our **Reading Challenge**? Information about these can be found on our school's Facebook page and on our school website.



Thank you to the staff team here at St Michael's. The commitment they show towards their work is incredible. They are working tirelessly at school for those children who are present and to provide the majority of children with remote learning that reflects the high standards of the curriculum.

We care deeply about you and your family and want to help and support in any way we can. Please contact us if you require any assistance.

Once again- thank you for all that you are doing and for the support you are showing to each other and to our school.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs C Chapman  
Headteacher