

St Michael and All Angels CE VA School Newsletter

Friday 13Th January



Happy New Year!



Happy New Year! We welcome back the children and staff after the Christmas period and we hope you have all had a fantastic holiday. We have started the Spring term re-focusing on our high expectations in regards to behaviour and attitude to learning. Staff and pupils are working hard being the best we can be! Our growth mindset value this half term is "learning from our mistakes" and our Christian value is "forgiveness." In assembly this week we learnt about Jesus forgiving Zacchaeus, the tax collector.

Whole School Behaviour Points



In assembly on Wednesday, we celebrated the Autumn term behaviour points scores. The children received bronze, silver and gold certificates. This award is based on their behaviour in class, behaviour at playtimes and dinner times, behaviour around school and completion of homework including extra challenges. The children will receive a key ring and token correlating to their Behaviour Award. The children will receive a token every term throughout their school life at St Michaels and All Angels. This will be a keepsake as a reminder of their time at St Michaels and All Angels. Due to delays in manufacturing, the key ring and tokens will be given out for the Autumn and Spring Term at the end of the Spring Term. Behaviour points for each class have now commenced for the SPRING term with each child aspiring for a gold award!

Cinderella Pantomime at Colne Municipal Hall

The whole school had a wonderful time at the concert on Tuesday and were very well behaved! They enjoyed a drink and ice-cream at the interval too! Mr. Mason made a star appearance on stage!



Curriculum News Key Stage 2 Learning Logs



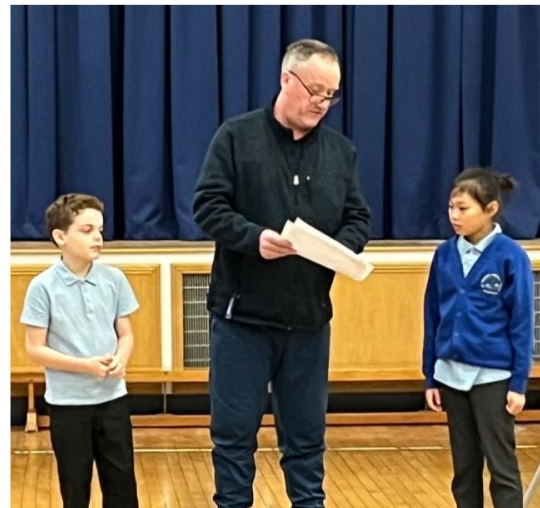
Each half term the children in Key Stage 2 receive a learning log challenge based on a topic in their curriculum. We are always amazed and in awe by the effort! Thank you so much for your support to achieve such quality! Here are year 3's fantastic effort creating volcanoes!



Here are some of year 5's 3D models focusing on biomes and climate zones!

St Michael Sports Assembly and Sports awards

Here are some pictures from our Termly P.E assembly where children from every class receive certificates and medals for making excellent progress and effort in P.E lessons and taking part in sports competitions against other schools. Already this year 56 children have represented St. Michael in interschool events- and we are proud of every single one of them!



St Michael Sports Assembly and Sports awards

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For more images click [here](#)

Project Touchline



Project Touchline - Started Monday 9th January

<https://www.touchline.org.uk/>

After the successes of last year, we have decided to take part in Project Touchline again! Project touchline has proven to have a huge impact on the way children and staff engage and live out their distinctive Christian values so far. It is deeply Christian and celebrates St Michaels unique vision and values not only through PE/Sport, but across the whole curriculum. This week we focused on our value of love. The Project Touchline program will take place in school over a five-week period every Monday.

Parents/Carers/friends/Church can be involved too!

On Monday 6th February we will be inviting parents/carers etc. into school to take part in a Project Touchline event. It will take place from 3:30pm-4:30pm and will take place in the hall. It will start with prayer, then a demonstration of some of the games the children have learnt followed by the making of prayer flags. These flags will have our Christian values displayed on them also with drawings and artwork of the children and their families. Children will be encouraged to bring in photos of their family to stick on the flags. The flags will then be displayed in school initially and then displayed in St. Michaels church. Please click [here](#) for more images

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All Age Service at St Michael and All Angels **Sunday 15th January 9:30am**

As a school we are extremely pleased our presence in the church is increasing and we will be participating in these services every month in school term time. We are helping with the service this Sunday and would love for as many children and families to attend as possible.

Church services <https://www.saint-michael.lancsnfl.ac.uk/our-church/>



There have been incidents of families routinely arriving at school at 9.00am or later. We appreciate the difficulty in dropping off your children due to the congestion in the car park. However, it is vital for your child's education that this does not become a regular occurrence.

School doors open at 8.40am every day and close at 8.50am. Children need to be in class at 8.50am at the latest so that they can start their lessons promptly. Children who arrive late are greatly disadvantaged because they miss starting the day with their peers and the beginning of lessons. This means that they are often unsettled and confused about tasks. Their teacher will not always be able to re explain work. It is also very important that children establish good routines and habits in preparation for the rest of their lives. Punctuality is a life skill that they need to develop whilst they are young. It is essential that you ensure that your child arrives at school on time to prevent disruption to your child's own learning and that of others.

We understand that there may be rare occasions when you are unavoidably late due to unforeseen circumstances. If you are experiencing difficulties with punctuality and would like to talk to us about it, please make an appointment to do so or telephone the school office.

Family **Warm and Welcome**



Drop in to our warm, fun, friendly, Family Zone

Help yourself to a free brew* and a slice of toast.

Play, read, and chat with other families

Every Friday Morning
9.30am - 12.00pm



Colne Neighbourhood Centre
(Formerly Surestart)
Walton Street
Colne, BB8 0EL

* Please bear in mind the risks of hot drinks around young children



During the Spring term, we often experience adverse weather. Please ensure that children come to school with appropriate warm clothing and a waterproof coat.

Starting School - Reception Deadline is Sunday 15th January 2023



If your child was born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019, you must apply for a Reception 2022 place online. The deadline is **Sunday 15th January 2023**. Reception places are offered by the Local Authority. To apply, go to <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-primary-school/>

We also have places available in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 4 – please get in touch with the school office for more information.



Breakfast/Afterschool Club

Please could any requests for late cancellations/late bookings be directed to **Mrs. Stuttard via the school office number 01282861338 then select Option 3.**

If there is no answer, please leave a short message with your child's name, class and date you want them to attend.

SEND News

Mrs. Lamb is the school's SENCO. Ms Richardson is the Acting SENCO whilst Mrs. Lamb is on maternity leave.

Autism YouTube clips.

These clips are superb in explaining what it is like to be autistic.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ezv85LMFx2E>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1CNY6BbtqS8>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4mh75_u0uR8

SEND Local Offer

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/>

Safeguarding Concerns

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any person have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform one of the school's designated safeguarding team.

DSL Lead Sara Richardson
Deputy DSL Michelle Coffey
DSL Amy Latham (Rebecca Lamb)

Dates for your Diary

Please click [here](#) for latest diary dates and information.

Please click [here](#) for the Church services.

Parent Survey.

Thank you so much for everyone who took the time to complete the parent survey. We very much appreciate it as your views are so important. We will publish the results and our actions in response to the survey soon.

FORGIVENESS

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focussing in school on the value FORGIVENESS. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK TOGETHER about Forgiveness

Everyone makes mistakes, it's part of being human. Sometimes our mistakes hurt others and then we need to say sorry. Sometimes mistakes made by other people hurt us. When this happens we need to be able to **forgive**. **Forgiveness** can be difficult and costly but without it a new start is impossible. Talk together about:

- A time when you needed to say sorry
- A time you didn't say sorry but wish you had
- A time when you had to **forgive** someone who had hurt or upset you
- How it feels when you are given a new start because someone has **forgiven** you

THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"Without **forgiveness** there is no future.... If you can **forgive**, then you can move on and even help the person you are forgiving to become a better person"

Desmond Tutu



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Maze

Design your own version of the maze tree in the story of Zacchaeus.

You can either draw it on paper or use other materials to create it. It's up to you! Take it to school to display in the Challenge Gallery.



READ TOGETHER...

Zacchaeus the Tax Collector

Zacchaeus was a little man. He was a tax collector and had become rich by making others pay lots of money in taxes to the Romans and to him. He didn't have many friends.

When Zacchaeus heard Jesus was in town, he wanted to see him. But Zacchaeus was short and Jesus was always surrounded by a crowd. So Zacchaeus decided to run ahead of the crowd and climb a sycamore tree. From there he could watch for Jesus. As Jesus drew closer, he held his breath excitedly until Jesus stopped right beneath his tree. Jesus looked straight up at him! "Zacchaeus," said Jesus with a smile, "come on down. I want to stay at your house today!"

Zacchaeus hopped down. "You are welcome at my house, Jesus," he said with a huge grin.

But others grumbled, muttering to each other. "Why does Jesus want to go home with the rich, cheating tax collector? He isn't good enough for Jesus to come and stay at his house."

Zacchaeus heard what the people were saying about him and he wanted to put things right. He turned to Jesus and said, "Master, here and now, I promise to give half of my money to the poor. If I have cheated anyone in taxes, I will pay them back four times that amount."

Zacchaeus wanted to turn over a new leaf because Jesus believed that everyone deserved a new start and now Zacchaeus believed it too!

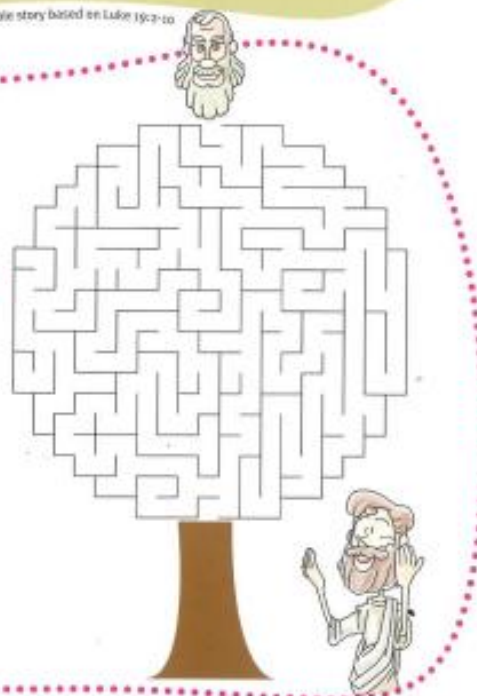
Bible story based on Luke 19:1-10



QUIZ

Tree Maze

Help Zacchaeus find his way down from the top of the tree, to meet Jesus.





Spring Term 2023 First Half



The Christian virtue focus this half term is forgiveness.

The Growth Mindset focus is learning from mistakes.



"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." John 8:12

