

St Michael at Bowes CE Junior School Newsletter

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'An inclusive Christian community, building on firm foundations for successful lives.'



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Spring Term
Issue 1

Dates for your diary:

- New Year 3 virtual Admissions Q & A sessions —Monday 1st February 9.30 a.m. and Tuesday 2nd February 2.00 p.m. (More information will follow).
- Half term— Monday 15th to Friday 19th

BEGINNING OF THE TERM

Welcome back to the start of the spring term 2021 and a belated Happy New Year!

I hope you are all well and managed to have a good festive break under very difficult circumstances.

Although it was good to have some time off, it certainly wasn't the Christmas we had planned. Like most people, it was difficult not to see family in person. Zoom and Facetime have been a fairly standard form of communication in my house; I imagine the same is true with lots of households up and down the country.

Unfortunately, SMAB has had to move to remote learning again but it appears that there is light at the end of the tunnel. Let's hope the new restrictions and the vaccine roll out means that we can return to some level of normality after half term.

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

This half term's value is <u>MR CARING</u>. We have linked the **Beatitudes** to each value. This half term's are:



"Blessed are those who show mercy to others. They are happy, because God will show mercy to them. "Blessed are those who are pure in their thinking. They are happy, because they will be with God.' The Rights Respecting Articles are: Article 19: You have the right to be protected from being hurt in body and mind. Article 22: Children have the right to special protection if they are refugees.

Article 3: All adults should do what is best for you. Please try to reinforce the values, Beatitudes and articles when talking to your child. May be they can do some research around them.

KS2 SATS 2021

You may already be aware that on Wednesday the Education Secretary announced that Year 6 KS2 SATs for 2021 have been cancelled. Whether the SATs go ahead or not, our pupils will still be getting high quality teaching, albeit remotely or in school. The Year 6 teachers will ensure that the pupils are as ready as possible for their new journey towards secondary school.

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REMEMBER TO ALWAYS SOCIAL DISTANCE AND WEAR A MASK WHEN DROPPING OFF/COLLECTING YOUR CHILD

