St Michael at Bowes CE Junior School Newsletter www.smab.enfield.sch.uk Email: office@smab.enfield.sch.uk

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

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back after half term. I hope you all had a lovely week.

OUR SCHOOL VALUES



This half term's value is <u>MISS CO-OPERATION</u>. We

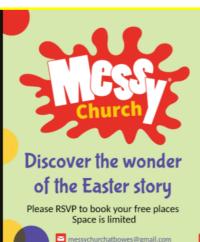
have linked the **Beatitudes** to each value. This half term's are 'Blessed are those people who know they have great spiritual needs. They are happy, because the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to them.' 'Blessed are those who are sad now. They are happy, because God will comfort them.' The Rights Respecting **Articles** are <u>Article 12:</u> You have the right to a voice, to give your opin-ion and adults must listen. <u>Arti-cle 13:</u> You have the right to find

out things and share what you think with others. <u>Article 24:</u> you have the right to the best health care and safe water. Please try to reinforce the values, Beatitudes and articles when talking to your child.

MESSY CHURCH

If you would like to attend with your child please book your place through the school office by Monday 9th March.

Priority will be given to parents



SPECIAL IN-SCHOOL EVENT Wednesday March 18

3:30 - 4:30pm

Hosted by St Michael at Bowes Church in the SMAB School Hall

Parents are welcome to join their children in a special Messy Church event with food, fun, activities and drama!

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and child. Child may attend without a parent if there are still places available.



Newsletter Date: Friday 28th

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Dates for your diary: • ESOL classes—

- Tuesdays 1.00 p.m.
- World Book Day— Author Sarah Roberts visiting—Thursday 5th March
- Sports Relief events— Week beginning 9th March
- Year 6 individual class photos— Wednesday 11th March
- Book Fair arriving— Wednesday 25th march
- Parent Consultation Evening— Thursday 26th March (More infor-mation to follow)
- End of term—Friday 3rd April (Back Tuesday 21st April)

FOTSA EASY-FUNDRAISING MESSAGE

Next time you are shopping online, first please go to:

https://www.easyfundr aising.org.uk/causes/fo tsa/ and help raise money for SMAB and Tottenhall Schools.



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ASH WEDNESDAY

On Tuesday Reverent Jones-Parry explained Shrove Tuesday (Pancake day) to the children. Following on from this, on Wednesday Fr. Engin explained Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday is important to Christians because it marks the start of the Lenten period leading up to Easter, when Christians believe



Jesus was resurrected. During this

repentance and mourn ing for their sins. because they



period, Christians show



believe that Christ died for them.

PUNCTUALITY AND ATTENDANCE TABLE Which class will win the trophies next week?

CONGRATULATIONS to 6W who won both the punctuality trophy with 2 lates and the attendance trophy with an amazing 100%.

CLASS	LATES	ATTENDANCES %
3S	8	91.03
3T	3	94.64
3M	4	96.07
4I	3	98.97
4C	8	98.52
4H	4	95
5 A	3	91.85
5E	4	96.21
5L	2	97.78
6B	5	96.67
60	2	97.39
6W	2	100

YEAR 3 SYNAGOGUE VISIT

Half of Year 3 visited the Southgate Progressive Synagogue to help us finish this part of our topic on Judaism. The Rabbi gave a talk about Jewish celebrations and showed them different artefacts around the Synagogue and explained why they are important. The other half of year 3 will visit on Monday.

Thank you to the parents who supported.





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Re: Parents' Questionnaire 2020

Thank you to all parents who returned their questionnaire this year. We received 71 (last year 59) and they were overwhelmingly positive in their feedback to us. However, we are always seeking to improve our provision for pupils and will act, where we can, to respond to individual feedback about the school.

1 response = approx.	1% but with rou	nding percentages	s do not always	add up to 100%

	% Agree or strongly agree	% Disagree or strongly disagree	% Don't know
The school is well led and managed.	99%	1%	
The school has high expectations of staff and pupils.	99%	1%	
I am invited into school regularly and I am made to feel	99%	1%	
The school is a safe place for my child.	99%	1%	
My child is happy at school and usually enjoys coming.	96%	1%	4%
I believe my child is well taught.	96%	1%	3%
The school keeps me well informed about how my child is doing.	94%	6%	
I know what my child's targets for improvement are.	94%	1%	4%
My child is encouraged and supported to reach their full potential and helped when they need it.	94%	4%	2%
I am kept well informed about what is happening in school.	94%	4%	1%
Pupils are generally well behaved and well mannered	94%	4%	1%
The school is effective at dealing with behaviour issues.	96%	3%	1%
There are enough after school activities for my child to take part in.	83%	14%	3%
The school website gives me all the information I need about the school	94%	2%	3%
Would you recommend this school to another parent?	Yes: 99% No = 1%		

In response to comments made on questionnaires, we would like to clarify the following points:

Class Dojo is being used as a communication tool between school and home. We are beginning to use it to replace sending home paper letters, but we are still trying to ensure as many parents as possible are connected before fully committing to this. Teachers, where practical, also use Dojo to send information about what is happening in class and to celebrate achievements, but we are mindful of staff workload and there-fore this is <u>not</u> an expectation

- We have attempted to offer several new clubs, including French and drama, over the past year, but have had very limited interest so have been unable to run them. We cannot run any additional free clubs so anything new has to have a cost attached and we understand that this may be difficult for parents. There has been a rise in clubs held during lunchtimes, with science club, book club, craft club and maths club being run weekly.
- Children's targets are set, adapted, reviewed and changed so regularly that we have not been able to find a way of sharing them with families effectively before they are out of date. The best way to find out what your child needs to work on next is to ask them. The children are mainly responsible for setting their own targets for improvement, with guidance from an adult.

From the comments received and the percentages above, the school will be taking the following actions to address parent/carer views:

Actions

- We will continue to increase the number of opportunities for parents to come and work alongside their children and celebrate their learning. We will try to make sure that some of these are just after school to accommodate as many parents as possible
- We will continue to improve our website by ensuring it is kept as up to date as possible and ensure that between the website and class dojo, all parents are kept well informed about what is happening in school
- We will be reviewing our Parents' Consultation arrangements for next academic year to try to ensure all parents and careers feel that they are given enough time to speak with their child's class teacher.

If you have additional views that you would like to discuss with us, please make an appointment with the office. We would be very happy to speak with you.