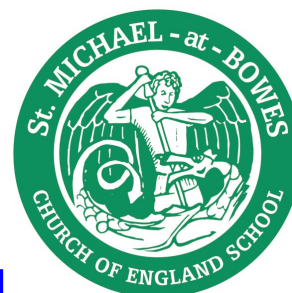




St Michael at Bowes CE Junior School Newsletter

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

OUR SCHOOL VALUES



This half term's value is **MISS HONESTY**. We have linked the **Beatitudes** to each value. This half term's is "Blessed are those who want to do right more than anything else. They are happy, because God will satisfy them." The Rights Respecting **Articles** are **Article 14**: you have the right to choose your own religion and beliefs. **Article 15**: You have the right to choose your own friends and join groups. **Article 17**: you have the right to get information that is important to you. Please try to reinforce the values, Beatitudes and articles when talking to your child.

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Newsletter Date:

Friday 23rd

April 2021

Summer Term

Issue 1

Dates for your diary:

- **May Bank Holiday:**
Monday 3rd May—
school closed
- **Local Elections—**
Tottenham Infant school
will be closed on Thurs-
day 6th May. **SMAB**
will remain open
- **Half term:** Monday
31st May to Friday 4th
June
- **Back to school:**
Monday 7th June
- **Class photos:**
Wednesday 9th June
- **Walton-on-the-Naze
Seaside Trip -**
Years 4, 5 and 6 **ONLY**
Tuesday 20th July
Letters to go out today
Payment required by
Friday 7th May to guar-
antee a place on this
trip as there are limited
numbers.

REHOMING SMAB RABBITS



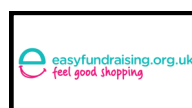
We are looking at rehoming Coco and Caramel, who are 6 years old; both are neutered.

If you interested in welcoming them to your family or have any questions please contact the school office or Mr Hamilton for further information.

The hutch, carry cage and any remain- ing food is also available.

FOTSA EASYFUNDRAISING

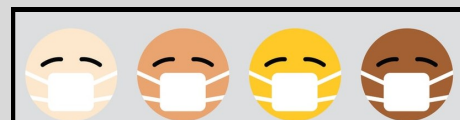
Remember next time you are shopping online, first please go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fotsa/> Help us raise more!



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**REMEMBER TO ALWAYS SOCIAL DIS-
TANCE AND WEAR A MASK WHEN
DROPPING OFF/COLLECTING YOUR
CHILD**



PUNCTUALITY AND ATTENDANCE TABLE

Which class will win next week?

As a school we aim for at least **96%** attendance. Due to covid the latest figures show that nationally, attendance for primary education is 93%. At present SMAB is **94%**, which is a drop but slightly better than national.

We still need to ensure all pupils attend school unless they are showing Covid symptoms or any other illness.

A massive **WELL DONE!** to **3S** who won the attendance trophy yet again with 100% and to **5L** who won the punctuality trophy with 0 lates.

CLASS	Punctuality	Attendance %
3S	2	100
3T	5	88
3M	7	92
4I	3	95
4C	3	98
4H	0	90
5A	1	98
5E	4	85
5L	0	96
6B	5	98
6O	0	95
6W	4	99

SCHOOL MEALS

The children are now eating in the dining hall.

The new summer menu is now available. Copies are available on the SMAB website. Next week, beginning 26th April we will be on **WEEK 2** of the summer menu.

MAY BANK HOLIDAY

Monday 3rd May
SCHOOL CLOSED

PARENT PAY

Please remember to top up your dinner money account and keep it in CREDIT.

MAINTENANCE FUND

£

As a Church school, we only receive 90% of the money we need to support our budget for the maintenance of the school building and fabric from grants. This leaves us with a budget deficit of approximately £8,000 per annum. It is for this reason that we ask for the contribution from parents. We try to be as flexible as possible and offer different means of payments, either annually or termly. The £39 contribution for each child, each year, allows us to have quality works at the school and to maintain the building.

Last year we managed to have a lockdown system installed, upgraded the smoke alarm and fire alarm systems and emergency lighting, totalling £38,000.

For next year we have put in a bid to refurbish Year 4 toilets.

Letters were sent out before Easter, if you have not yet paid for this academic year please do so by Friday 7th May so the accounts can be closed. Thanking you in advance.



RAMADAN

Ramadan Mubarak to our Muslim families. Primary aged children are not normally expected to fast but if you would like your child to fast during this period, please send a letter or email the school office.

SUMMER UNIFORM

Hopefully, as the weather improves during the summer term, full green and white gingham cotton, summer dresses may be worn but not gingham playsuits. Black shorts may be worn but not cargo trousers or shorts with pockets on the side.

If you need further clarification speak to a member of staff in the school office.



HEADTEACHER RETIREMENT

As many of you would have read in my letter posted this week on Class Dojo, after almost 36 years in education of which, nearly 18 years have been as Headteacher of St Michael at Bowes, I will be taking early retirement at the end of this academic year; July 2021.

We have a great deal to do over the next term to ensure that all our pupils continue to do well. I can assure you that we are all completely focussed on making this happen and, whilst a change of Headteacher can be unsettling, I will be focussed on ensuring that we continue to provide the high standard of education that you, as parents, would expect from us.

I would like to thank you for your kind comments.

LOCAL ELECTIONS

Tottenham Infant School will be used as a polling station on Thursday 6th May and therefore will be closed.

ST MICHAEL AT BOWES WILL REMAIN OPEN.



Please ensure your child attends St Michael at Bowes school on that day.

HEALTHY PACKED LUNCHES

On advice from the DCSF (Department of Children, Schools and Families) and concerns generally about the increase of obesity in England we are continuing to encourage healthy eating at our school. As a school we have 'Healthy School' status, which we hope to maintain through continuing to educate the children about eating healthily.

I would like to remind you, children are not allowed to eat crisps (or similar items) or sweets as part of their packed lunch. This decision has not been put in place as a punitive measure but as a genuine concern for your child's well being.

Thank you for supporting the school and your child in developing a healthier life style.