

# Farnsfield St Michael's CofE Primary School Newsletter



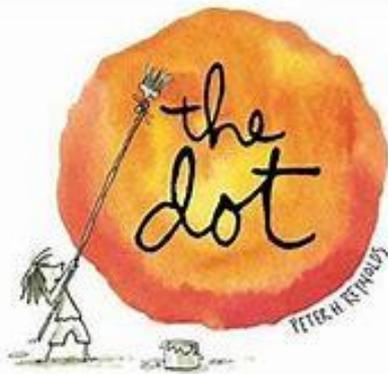
24<sup>th</sup> February 2023

## Spring Term Updates

Dear All,

What an exciting half term we have started with here at St Michael's. I can't believe it is the second half of the Spring term already, it seems to have flown by! The children have been really enjoying their 'Create' topics across school. It has been so lovely to see so many creative minds inspired and to see children enjoying their learning.

We started this week with 'Make a Mark Day', led by Mr Fry our Art leader, which was a fantastic art inspired day where all children produced a *dot* to express themselves. This was inspired by the book 'The Dot' by Peter H Reynolds. We started with a 'Draw with Rob (Fry)' style whole school art lesson, in which all produced a self-portrait. The children then went off to classes to develop their art skills and work with different medium to create their final pieces for display in the hall. When you are in for Parents' Evenings next week, please do come and pop along to the hall to see the fabulous creations.



This half term, we are very much looking forward to being able to welcome you into school to see the children's work and experience what they have been doing for yourselves. Parents' evenings will be held next week, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. We look forward to celebrating all that has been happening across school and all your child has achieved.

Please do read on for lots of important information we have to share with you.

Best wishes,

Louise Carpenter

## This Week's Key Dates and Events

**\*New\*** KS2 White Post Farm  
After school club – Monday

Parents' Evenings –  
Tuesday 3:30-5:30pm &  
Thursday 5-7pm

**\*New\*** Becky Bops FS and  
KS1 Club – Tuesday lunch

**\*New\*** Drumming Lessons –  
Wednesday

World Book Day –  
Thursday – enter our Potato  
design competition – please  
send these in on the day

Year 5/6 Sports Hall  
Athletics District Finals –  
Thursday afternoon

Rainbow Worship – Friday

All other clubs will continue as  
per advertised days and times



# Communication Survey Response

Thank you to all of those who completed the communication survey we sent out last half term. I really appreciate your feedback and honesty. We are trying hard to get things right and know that we can always adapt how we work to make improvements. We are listening to you, and although I know we won't always be able to meet everyone's requirements, we will do our best to go with the majority and make any changes necessary.

One of the key messages we received from the feedback was that you receive a high number of emails from our system in a week, and not all these are useful or relevant to all, meaning the important things can get missed. We appreciate this and want to help with that. **In response to this, we are going to produce a weekly briefing and updates newsletter for you to pull all this information into one communication.** Thus, hoping that we can reduce the number of emails you receive from us in a week.

Another key point we took from the responses was that many of you are not wanting to be informed of changes to the dinner menu. However, we do know that for some of you this affects your child and you do want to know. To try to ensure the people who want to be informed can be, **we are setting up an email correspondence group for those of you who do want to be informed of any changes to menus each week.** Therefore, this will be an opt-in service and you will need to inform the office that you wish to be part of this group. From now on, the parents in this group only will be informed of dinner changes. So those of you who no longer wish to receive this communication will not get those messages.

It was also reported that key information from teachers, specific to your individual child, can be lost in the number of messages you receive as it comes from the same St Michael's email system. To help with this, **teachers will communicate directly with you from their own email address on a one-to-one basis when contacting you about your child individually regarding any pastoral issues or in response to any concerns you may have.** First aid notifications will still come from the system, however.

Finally, it was noted that although some feel there are too many emails in a week, they wish to **receive reminders of key dates, events and equipment required on a weekly basis**, rather than having this information only sent at the beginning of term, or last minute. This information will be added into the weekly briefings and updates to help you to plan for the week ahead. Wherever possible, class teachers will inform you in their half termly phase newsletters of what children will need across the term and what days PE will be on etc.

Although we endeavour to make things more streamlined and update our procedures to make improvements, we are aware that there will be things we need to inform you of at times and will need to send some additional emails throughout the week. We do hope that we can help to some extent with these plans, and that you will feel communication is improved. Please do come and chat to me at any point if you have other suggestions or if you feel things are not working for the better. I will take things on board and do what we can to continue to improve.

## Key Points

- **Weekly briefing update newsletter to share majority of information in one email per week**
- **Dinner menu changes opt-in group – inform office to receive communication**
- **Individual emails to parents from class teachers to come direct from their emails to help differentiate**
- **Key dates, events and reminders to be shared weekly**

Thank you for your feedback and in helping us to continue to make improvements.

Continual improvement  
is an unending journey.

Lloyd Dobyns

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17

## Key dates this half term:

- **KS1 National Space Centre Visit – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March**
- **Y3/4 Castleton residential Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March**
- **Y5 visit to Sneinton Mosque – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March**
- **Connect – Thursday March 9<sup>th</sup>**
- **British Sign Language Week – WC 13<sup>th</sup> March**
- **Year 6 visit to Sneinton Masque – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March**
- **Red Nose Day – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March**
- **Y5 Residential to Boggle Hole – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**
- **Connect – Thursday March 23<sup>rd</sup>**
- **Parent open Evening – Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 6pm**
- **Upper KS2 (Year 5/6) Musical Showcase and Album Launch Parent open afternoon – time TBC**
- **Spring Term Music Concert – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 6pm**
- **Lower KS2 (Year 3/4) Art Gallery and Sale Parent open afternoon – time TBC**
- **Easter Egg-stravaganza – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**
- **Easter Church Service – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2pm**
- **Easter Holidays – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April to Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

**More information about all these events will follow**



Mr Fry's whole school art lesson to introduce 'Make a Mark Day', a whole school art inspired day to enable every child to express themselves through producing a 'dot'.

'Tangled Web'. Safer Internet Day performance and workshops for KS2 children. Supporting our online safety curriculum and sharing important advice for how to keep safe online.





# JUNIOR BAKE OFF

...IS LOOKING FOR THE UK'S  
BEST YOUNG BAKERS  
AGED 9 - 12



[WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK](http://WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK)

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE  
SUNDAY 12th MARCH 2023**

Enquiries:

[applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk](mailto:applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk)

**An email from the production company of Junior Bake Off:**

We are delighted to say, that we have recently opened applications for the 9th series of Junior Bake Off; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain.

With this in mind, we are contacting schools in the hope that you can help us spread the word regarding this exciting opportunity.

If you could share our casting flyer with the children, parents & staff at your school that would be really appreciated.

We are looking for young budding bakers between **9-12 years old**.

Filming would take place from July 2023, but our **applications close on Sunday 12th March 2023**.

Interested bakers can apply online at - [www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk](http://www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk)

# Vocals CELEBRATE AROUND THE WORLD

**A FUN WORKSHOP AND CONCERT  
OPEN TO CHILDREN AGED 5 - 14**  
Singing workshop: Saturday 22 April  
South Nottinghamshire Academy,  
Radcliffe on Trent NG12 2FQ  
Concert: Sunday 23 April  
Albert Hall, Nottingham NG1 5AA

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Music **40**<sup>th</sup>  
for everyone  
40th Anniversary Season

Please see this exciting opportunity for a singing workshop day. The information is also attached to this email as a PDF so you can access the booking form and links. Many thanks.

## Celebrate around the world!



Drop the kids off for a fun singing workshop day followed by a Sunday afternoon concert for all the family at Nottingham's famous Albert Hall.



Led by our experienced singing tutors, Alison Bennett, Sara King and Rachel Parkes, children will learn songs from around the world, taking in different cultural traditions and musical styles as they go. There will be rounds, part-songs, percussion and dancing, as well as popular songs from *Encanto*, *Aladdin*, *Matilda* and *Trolls World Tour*! Children will also be taking part in arts and crafts activities during the Saturday workshop, to make sure they get some time to rest their vocal-cords! Family and friends are invited to watch the afternoon performance on Sunday, taking you on a world tour from your seat!

Singers will be divided into three choirs:

**Vocals 1 (school yrs 1 - 2)**

**Vocals 2 (school yrs 3 - 5)**

**Vocals 3 (school yrs 6 - 8)**

Music packs, including lyrics and audio tracks, will be sent out approximately one month before the event, giving everyone the chance to learn the songs as best they can before the event.

### Provisional Timetable

**Saturday 22 April: Singing Workshops**  
South Nottinghamshire Academy NG12 2FQ  
Workshops: 10.30am - 4.30pm

**Sunday 23 April: Concert**  
Albert Hall, Nottingham  
Rehearsal: 11.30 - 2.45pm (all groups)  
Concert: 3.30 - 5.30pm

Book online via the QR code or at: [www.music-for-everyone.org/event/vocals-apr-2023](http://www.music-for-everyone.org/event/vocals-apr-2023) You can also complete and return the form below to Music for Everyone, 10 Goose Gate, Hockley, Nottingham NG1 1FF (0115 958 9312) enclosing a cheque/PO payable to Music for Everyone.



**Workshop Fees: All groups: £20** Less 10% discount if 2+ children from the same family



# Faith-Filled-Fun for all

Meeting on the following Thursdays after-school  
(3.30-4.40pm) in St Michael's School Hall

Jan 12<sup>th</sup> | Jan 26<sup>th</sup> | Feb 9<sup>th</sup>  
Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> | March 9<sup>th</sup> | March 23<sup>rd</sup>



*Come and give it a try - everyone very welcome (even robots!)*

# Do I need to keep my child off school?



<b>Chicken Pox</b> At least 5 days from onset of rash and until all spots have crusted over	<b>Conjunctivitis</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Diarrhea &amp; /or Vomiting</b> 48 hours from last episode	<b>Respiratory Illness</b> (e.g colds & flu) Can return when no longer have a high temperature and well enough	<b>Glandular Fever</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	
<b>Hand, foot &amp; mouth</b> No need to stay off if well enough, but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Impetigo</b> Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 hours after commencing antibiotics	<b>Head Lice</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Measles</b> 4 days from onset of rash	<b>Mumps</b> 5 days from onset of swelling	<b>German Measles (Rubella)</b> 5 days from onset of rash
<b>Scarlet Fever</b> 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	<b>Scabies</b> Until after first treatment	<b>Slapped Cheek</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Threadworms</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Tonsillitis</b> Can return when no longer have a temperature and well enough, school or nursery should be informed	<b>Whooping Cough</b> 48 hours after commencing antibiotics

Use this guide to find out when they should stay off, and when they can go back if they are well enough to do so.