

# St Michael's

## Church of England Infant School



**21<sup>st</sup> January 2022 Newsletter**

Our value this half term is  
**Patience**

Dear Parents and Carers

We are now a few weeks into the new term and the children have all settled back into school beautifully. We have had to manage an outbreak of Covid cases amongst children and staff but this hasn't dampened our spirits and it is testament to the strong school community that we have, that everyone adapts and shows flexibility.

The children have enjoyed starting their new Topic, 'Fire and Ice' and have already learnt a great deal about the Arctic and Antarctica. They have learnt about the climate, the habitats and the famous explorer 'Ernest Shackleton'. Ladybirds have been exploring polar animals and how they survive in cold climates.

### **Year 2 SAT's Zoom**

In May, the Year 2 children will be expected to sit National Curriculum tests. As teachers, we are responsible for judging the standards that your child is working at in English reading, English writing, Mathematics and Science by the end of Key Stage 1. To help inform our judgements, all pupils sit a reading, arithmetic and reasoning paper. There are occasionally exceptions to this, if a child is not fully accessing the Key Stage 1 curriculum. If this is the case, it is likely that we have already had some conversations with you about this or will do at the next parent consultation, if we have concerns. These tests are a tool for teachers to help measure your child's performance and identify their needs as they move into Key Stage 2. They also allow us to see how your child is performing against national expected standards.

The tests will be taken at any point during May and they are not strictly timed. We do not refer to 'testing' with the children but do support them with various different practice activities over the next few months.

We would like to share more detail about the actual tests and how you can support your child at home by offering you the opportunity to join us for a zoom meeting on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 5.30pm**. We will give you more information about the tests and there will be an opportunity to ask some questions at the end. We do hope you can join us.

### **LFD testing**

Can we remind all parents that if your child has a symptom or symptoms of Covid you should arrange a PCR test for them. As we have a Covid outbreak and we are all close contacts of positive cases please continue to use daily LFD tests on your child. If your child receives a negative PCR result please continue to take daily LFD tests.

## Open Book

Open Book is an event that we ran last year, where parents could come into school to share their child's learning and ask the class teacher any questions they may have. It was a big success last year and we were very hopeful that we could run an Open Book session again this half term but have made the decision, under the circumstances, to run this event after the half term break. Please look out for more details to follow.

Please enjoy a few pictures of St Michael's learning!



Have a lovely weekend.

**God Bless**

Nicola Cleather  
**Head of School**

