



# St. Michael's Church of England Primary School



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Our school values: **Respect \* Kindness \* Challenge \* Forgiveness \* Perseverance**

Dear Parents

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I am writing with a few updates today.

## *Home Learning*

As this was due to be half term we have made the decision not to provide home learning in the normal way this week. Staff are busy preparing for the partial reopening of St. Michael's on June 1st. New Home Learning will be posted on the website on Sunday ready for June 1<sup>st</sup>. In the meantime, if you are looking for some learning activities Mathletics, Mathseed and Times Table Rock Stars are all still available. You are also able to access past week's sessions on White Rose Maths and there are some good workbooks which can be downloaded from the site too. However, I must stress many of the children have been working very hard (as have the parents) and if you want to simply use this as a week to relax and spend time enjoying each other's company or are yourself working and need a break from juggling Home Learning, please do.

## *1st June*

We reopen on June 1<sup>st</sup> to groups of Key Worker children. All parents who submitted a booking form have been contacted and their place confirmed. If you have not booked a place please do not bring your child into school. We will not be able to accept any children into school on an ad hoc basis. Our hope is still to introduce more year groups back into school when it is safe to do so and we will be in touch regarding this in the coming weeks.

Please note that school is not reopening for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children from June 1<sup>st</sup>.

I want to thank you for helping us to keep the numbers attending on June 1<sup>st</sup> low and therefore enabling us to keep our children and staff as safe as possible.

## *Something different*

If you do have some free time over this week and are looking for something a little bit different to keep yourselves and the children entertained here are a few suggestions:

- A lot of museums, including the Natural History Museum [www.nhm.ac.uk](http://www.nhm.ac.uk) are offering free virtual tours.
- Several farms, zoos and wildlife parks also have free virtual tours online.
- The following link has ideas to try that do not involve a screen. <https://www.familiesonline.co.uk/news/fun-and-simple-non-screen-activities-that-kids-can-do-at-home>
- The following link has a mixture of ideas to try during lockdown. Some of them you will certainly have already thought of but one or two might be worth a go. <https://www.vervemagazine.co.nz/lockdown-activities-for-the-kids/>

Take care and stay safe.

Mrs J Paisley  
Headteacher