

## How would you like St. Michael's to grow?

This year, we are not only thinking about how we can grow as people, but how we want our school to grow in the future. Here are some questions to get you started in thinking about this....

**How can we continue growing as a church school?**

*What makes our school special now? What would you like to change?*

What should the future hold for us?

*What could we be like in 5 or 10 years time?*

*How can we make our school even better?*

Why am I collecting your ideas?

This year, we are renewing the vision for our school and we want **everyone** to be involved. This means that we want to think about the future of our school and keep improving what we do for all members of our school community.

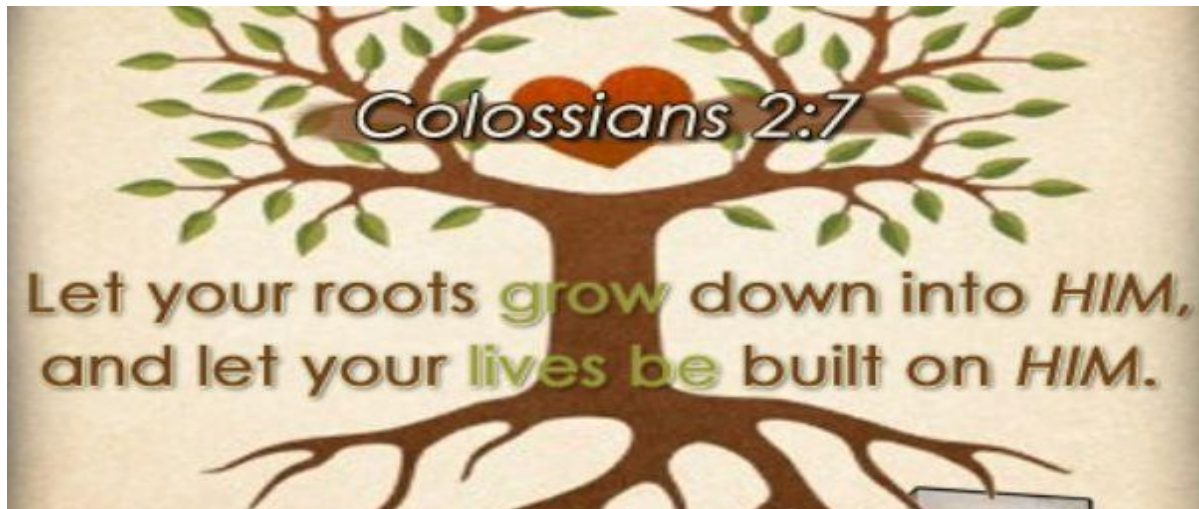
What happens next?

All pupils have been given a 'leaf' template. Using these templates, the children need to have a think about the questions above and either write or draw their responses. The leaves can come back into school any time before the end of January and will be displayed in the school entrance/hall.

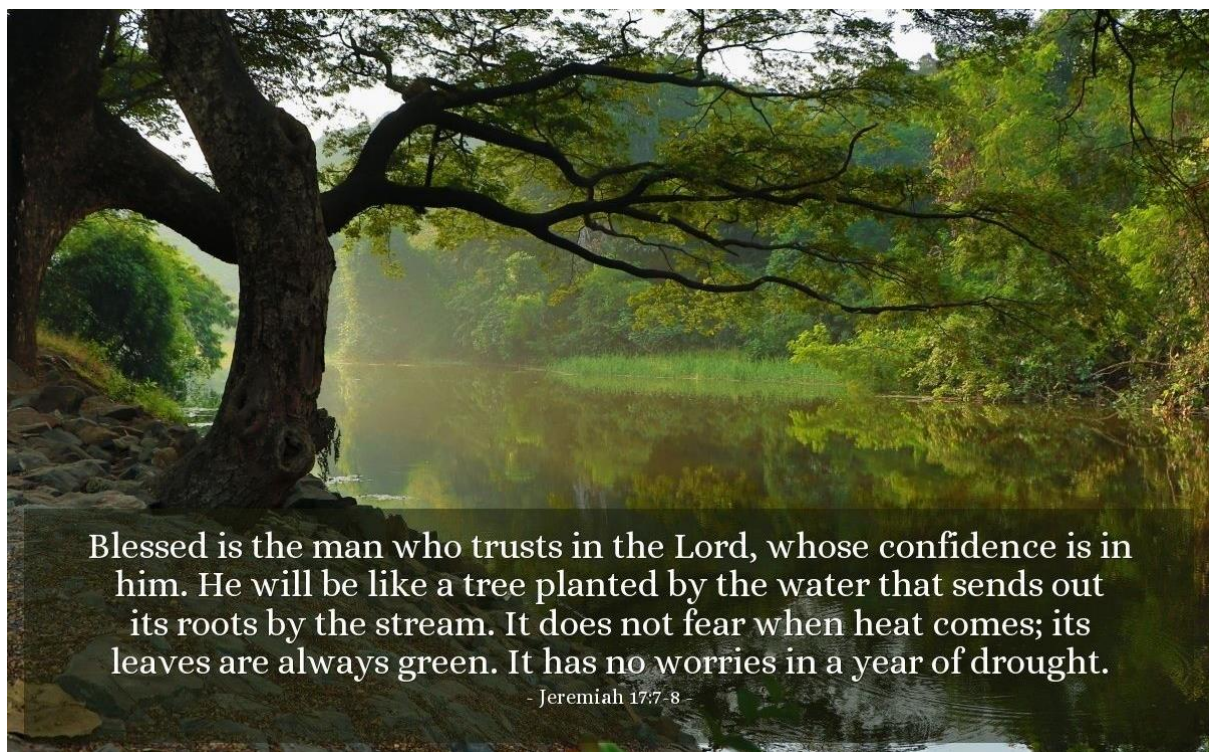
## Why leaves?

A tree is made up of the following:

Roots = this is what our school is already like and our current vision and curriculum.



Trunk = our foundation as a church school, with our values curriculum and child-centred focus, which holds the school together.



The leaves = All the things we do as a school to grow – this will be the focus of our vision in terms of what we can do to continue changing and growing.

**HE WILL BE LIKE A TREE FIRMLY PLANTED BY  
STREAMS OF WATER, WHICH YIELDS ITS FRUIT IN  
ITS SEASON AND ITS LEAF DOES NOT WITHER;  
AND IN WHATEVER HE DOES, HE PROSPERS.**

**PSALM 1:3**



Parent, Children, Governor and Church invitation



All parents, governors and members of the church community will be invited to share their own ideas for growth for our school during our INSET Day – 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022. You will receive more details nearer the time but need to put the date in your diary now so you can participate! (However, if you are not able to get into school between 1pm-4pm on 5<sup>th</sup> January, please send in your leaf template at any time before the end of half term).

What sort of things should I write?

These are your ideas for how we can grow as a school, so anything counts really! However, here are some suggestions:

- What would make our premises even better?
- What would make our curriculum even better?
- What would you love to see more of?

Don't worry too much about budget (although of course this does have a bearing on all that we do !) but be as realistic as you can. For instance, we are not going to build an outdoor, heated swimming pool!

### What will we do with the leaves?

Following the INSET Day on 5<sup>th</sup> January, we will establish working parties to collate and sort the ideas into groups in order to create our new school vision. We will then share this with the school community and publish the vision ready for the next academic year.

From here, your ideas will inform our School Improvement Plan for the coming years, short and long term.

### Why should I contribute?

This is a great opportunity to shape the direction of our school in a real way and be involved in an exciting project.

You have the chance to make a difference to the future provision and environment for your child's education and those coming through school in the future.

I really look forward to reading your ideas for the future.

Thank you for getting involved.                      Miss Griffiths