



St. Michael's R.C. Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for your continued support so far this academic year. We know that children achieve best when home and school work as one. We are always happy to work alongside you to ensure our children continue to thrive in order to reach their potential. It is a privilege to do the job that we do and we are very grateful for your support. If you need to, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Safeguarding

The staff, Governors and Trustees of St Michael's regard the welfare of the pupils as paramount. The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of children and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We seek to develop and improve our safeguarding policies and procedures continuously and promote a culture of excellence in safeguarding amongst our staff and volunteers. We have safeguarding policies and procedures in place that form the foundations of our safeguarding commitment. You can find these policies on our school website at www.st-michaels.school. The school's Designated Safeguarding Officers are Miss Jenny Consterdine, Mrs Charlotte Chapman, Mrs Ciara Yeoman, Mr Daniel Tolan and Mrs Ruth Jankowski. If you have any questions or queries regarding safeguarding, please speak to one of the safeguarding leads.

Green Ambassadors

Last week saw the launch of St Michael's Green Ambassadors. The four Year 5 children aim to inspire and empower the children of St Michael's to help to save our planet by reducing single use plastic in school, providing more opportunities for recycling, litter picking and growing more plants, fruit and trees on our school grounds. Our Green Ambassadors meet once a month and are already well underway in completing their first task as Ambassadors. They have set every class a mission for the upcoming term.

Liturgies and Services

Over the last few weeks we have enjoyed some brilliant class liturgies. They are always a great way to invite parents and grandparents into school and see how well behaved our children are. The first liturgy was a Buddy Liturgy where Year 6 introduced their Early Years buddies to the school community. Year 6 regularly go to Early Years to support the children in their learning and play. Last week, Year 3 led the school in a beautiful liturgy on the theme of families. The morning was full of song, dance and prayer. Thank you to all of you who have supported these events so far. Please check the school website for upcoming liturgies and cafes.

Parents Evening

Thank you to everyone who attended our Parents Evening last week. The attendance of parents was high and feedback was extremely positive. I really enjoyed speaking to you all and seeing how pleased you were with your child's progress. If you are one of the very few parents who have not yet spoken to your child's class teacher, please make an appointment via the school office.



Mental Health and Well-Being

At St Michael's, we prioritise the well-being of our pupils. Recently we held two Mental Health Workshops to share with you the things we do in school to promote and ensure the well-being of our children. Thank you to those parents who made the workshop. On Monday, the theme of our whole school assembly was 'Looking after our Physical and Mental Health'. I spoke to the children about the importance of looking after ourselves and together as a school community, we agreed on ways in which we can improve our own physical and mental health. These ideas included getting plenty of sleep, eating fruit and vegetables, drinking lots of water, talking to a trusted adult and doing regular enjoyable activities both inside and out of school.

Forest School

St Michael's is now a Forest School. Forest School is based on a Scandinavian idea that considers children's contact with nature to be extremely important from an early age. Mrs Scott leads the sessions in our outdoor classroom and Secret Garden every Friday for our Nursery and Reception children. By the end of the academic year, these sessions will be rolled out to all pupils across all phases. Outdoor learning helps to increase the confidence and independence of a child. It ensures pupils have the ability to take risks and to become more open to new experiences, benefitting a child's all-round development, particularly in the areas of personal, social and emotional, language and communication.

Volunteer Parent Readers

We are looking for volunteers to listen to our children read next term. Your skills, or even just your presence, would be very much appreciated. There are so many reasons to volunteer, not only do you support the school, but volunteering provides the opportunity to develop your skills and experience too. Do you have any spare time on an afternoon? Could you volunteer at St Michael's? If you feel you could support the school in this way, please contact the school office.

Ongoing building work

As many of you are aware, the building work on the land next to St Michael's is still ongoing and is expected to last until January 2020. Please take care when parking at school and use other roads such as Brunel Terrace and Clumber Street if necessary.

Please park with consideration for each other and drive with the safety of our pupils in mind.

Christmas dates for your diary

3rd December- Christmas lunch

6th December- Christmas Fair 3.30pm-4.30pm

17th December- Nursery and Reception Nativity 9.15am

18th December- Year 1/2 Nativity 9.15am (Year 1 Parents/Carers invited)

18th December- Year 1/2 Nativity 2pm (Year 2 Parents/Carers invited)

19th December- KS2 Carols by Candlelight 2pm at St Michael's Church

20th December- Christmas Jumper Day

On the last day of term 20th December, we are having a Christmas jumper day. We ask that children bring in a donation of 50p-£1 which will go to charity.

Yours Sincerely



Mrs C Chapman
Headteacher