



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the start of the Autumn Term at St Michael's - I hope you had a restful summer break.

Welcome

We are pleased to welcome 14 new children and their families into different year groups:

Year 1: Rosie, Connor, Bronte, Ellora and Aleksander,

Year 3: Carter, Filip and Kaedon.

Year 4: Lilimay and Liam.

Year 5: Jack and Emma.

Year 6: Lilly and Corey.

We currently still have some places available in Year 1, Reception and Froglets. If you have friends or family who have children of this age and they would be interested in a place, please contact the school office.

Parent Drop Ins

On the week beginning 16th September we would like to invite parents and carers into school to meet their child's new teacher. The classroom will be open from 3.15 - 4.00. There will be a formal parents evening later in the Autumn Term.

Monday 16th - Year 1 and Year 6 Drop In

Tuesday 17th - Year 2 and Year 5 Drop In

Wednesday 18th - Reception, Year 3 and Year 4 Drop In

Uniform

All the children have come back looking super smart, however, can I please remind you our school uniform is: -

- School sweatshirt or sweat cardigan with school logo (or Froglets logo for Nursery children).
- White polo shirt or short sleeved shirt.
- Grey/black shorts/trousers/skirts/pinafore dress. Nursery children may also wear black jogging bottoms.
- Children can wear gingham dresses in the summer (school colour blue).
- School shoes must be worn to school. These can be black/brown sensible shoes, **not trainers**. But at break and lunchtimes children can wear trainers for running around if they wish.

Lost Property

With the start of a new school term lots of the children have lovely new lunchboxes and drink bottles which are of the same design. Without clear names, this is causing confusion! Please ensure that they are clearly labelled with both name and class. Please also ensure that all uniform items are also named so that if they are lost, we can return them to the correct class. If we have any 'unnamed' lunchboxes/drink containers left over at the end of each week, these will be disposed of for hygiene reasons. Unclaimed/unnamed uniform will be passed to the FOSM's for the Pre Loved sale.



Application for a Secondary School Place

For children in Year 6, please remember that applications for a place at secondary school need to be submitted by 31st October 2019. You need to apply online to www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline to ensure that your child gets their place.

Music Lessons

We offer weekly music lessons in guitar to children from Year 2 to Year 6. These lessons take place during the school day at an additional cost. Mr Alex Knight currently has spaces for guitar. If you are interested in finding out more information about these lessons, please contact him directly on 07896 438 242.

Illness & Medication

If your child is ill, please phone the school office by 9.30pm and leave a message using Option 1 to report their absence. Please leave clear details as to the illness, not 'poorly' or 'under the weather'! If your child has had sickness and/or diarrhoea, they need to stay at home for 48 hours after the last episode.

Please do not send your child in with medication in their bag. If your child needs medicine within school hours, please go to the school office and complete the necessary paperwork.

Absences - Authorised or Unauthorised

Please can I reiterate to you that any request for absence can only be authorised if there are very clear exceptional circumstances. This is the law and ignoring it may result in a penalty notice being issued. Please check the calendar on our website to ensure you book holidays during the school holiday period. If you are booking further in advance, please don't hesitate to contact the office to check if we can confirm dates. You must also complete an S2 Absence form. These are available from the main reception area.

Can I also remind the parents of children in Year 6 that your children will sit their SATs in the week beginning the 11th May 2020. Please could we ask that you do not make appointments and that you do not take any holiday.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me as I may be able to help. If you are unable to pop into school, please ring or email me via the school office. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards

Mrs Kate Arnold
Head of School