



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the Spring Term at St Michael's, we hope you had a lovely Christmas and we wish you a very healthy and Happy New Year.

Christian Value

This term, the value that we are focussing on is Justice. This is the upholding of what is fair, just, and right.

Rights Respecting Article



Each month we consider a different article and ensure the rights are being taught through our classroom practice. This month we are focussing on Article 24 the right to have a safe and happy environment.

School Meals

As we start the new term, please can you ensure that there is credit on your ParentPay account to cover any school meal taken. The school cannot carry debts and the recovery of outstanding amounts is taking up a lot of administration time. Your help in this matter is appreciated.

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.

Cycling/Scootering

It is great to see so many children and their families cycling and scootering to school, but please can I ask that, when on the school playground, bikes and scooters are pushed



rather than ridden as this will help to keep everyone safe. It is essential helmets are worn and I appreciate your support with this.

Application for Primary School

Application for a Primary School Place Applications opened on 15th November for admission into Primary School in September 2020 and you can apply online at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline You can apply for a place if your child was born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August, 2016. Applications must be **in by 15th January 2020** or they will be considered as late and you may not get a place for your child in a school of your choice. Please make sure you apply for **3 schools** of your choice. If you only apply for one school and do not get a place, your child will be placed in a school where there is a space, which may not be a school you would choose.

Hair Bands

Please can I ask for your support in encouraging your children to wear small, not novelty and preferably school colours hair bows and bands. It is also essential that children with hair longer than their shoulders have it tied up- this will help in the prevention of head lice.

Mental Health and Well-Being

In order to help support ourselves the government recommends that we should do the following: Connect with others, be active, take notice of the world around you, keep learning and give of yourself to others, to ensure positive mental health. We will be sharing these ideas with the children too.

Authorised Absence

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.

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.



Parental Consent

We need your support when it comes to items via ParentPay that require consent, i.e. swimming, school visits etc. As we often need to run reports, collate information, arrange groups and pupil/adult ratio information, it would help the school if you could give consent as soon as possible for all future items.

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.

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.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to use our 'tier' system. If you are unable to pop into school, please ring or email via the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards

Mrs Kate Arnold
Head of School

