



September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 5 and the Autumn Term at St. Michael's Primary School.

Please find attached an overview of the topics we will be covering in Year Five this year, as well as a copy of your child's timetable.

Mrs Noel and Mrs Peres will be supporting Year Five classes this year. Mr Morgan will provide PPA cover teaching.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of a few of the expectations that we have in Year Five.

- ❖ Due to the current pandemic, drop offs and collection times will be sent to you via Parentpay. Please follow the instructions given and arrive on the school site at the given times. Please ensure that you are not early as we are staggering start and finish times for health and safety reasons.
- ❖ Please encourage the use of the home school diary, which will be sent home shortly. The children *must* record their reading in the home school diary and will be expected to read at least four times per week. We will be checking reading diaries every Monday, to ensure that children are reading regularly at home. Your support with this would be very much appreciated.
- ❖ Full school uniform is to be worn every day. Please ensure suitable length skirts for girls, ideally to the knee. All children with long hair must tie it back and children's hair should be a natural colour. Please note that the wearing of nail varnish is not permitted in school. Now the weather is becoming unpredictable please ensure your child has a raincoat in school. As Health and Safety is so prominent, we ask that all jewellery is kept at home with the exception of stud earrings which must be removed or covered with tape during PE lessons.
- ❖ PE lessons are on **Tuesday** and **Friday**. Due to Covid 19 school guidance, the children must come to school in their PE kit on these days.

A reminder of the PE kit expectations:

- Plain white t-shirt
 - Plain dark shorts or dark tracksuit/joggers for colder months
 - A jumper that is used only for PE
 - Trainers or plimsolls
 - Socks
- ❖ At present spellings and multiplication facts (times tables) will be practiced during the school day. Also the children are encourage to continue to practice their multiplication facts

through the use of the times tables Rockstars website at home (www.ttrockstars.co.uk). Information will follow at a later date regarding year 5 homework.

- ❖ Children are not allowed mobile phones in school, unless absolutely necessary for walking home alone. All phones brought into school are the children's responsibility and must be switched off at all times whilst on school premises and kept in their school bag. Please note that we are not able to take any responsibility for lost or damaged phones.
- ❖ If your child is scootering or cycling to school please ensure that they are wearing a helmet. Only children with the Bikeability Award can cycle to school without adult supervision. There will be opportunities for Year Five to take part in Bikeability training throughout the year.
- ❖ We can only administer medication to your child with parental consent. Prescribed medicines must have an accompanying white medicine slip, which can be collected from the school office.

Internet/Computer safety is important to all of us. If you wish to find out more about this, these websites may be useful: <http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk> or <http://ceop.police.uk/>

Please do not hesitate to contact us if there are any questions or issues that you would like to discuss, by phoning the school office or sending a note in with your child to hand to their class teacher and a member of the Year 5 team will get back to you as soon as we can.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Liz Snell Mrs Naomi Fletcher Mr Alan Quinsey

Year Five Team