



Dear Parents and Carers

What a great start we have had to the Autumn Term – a huge well done to your children, who are smart, well mannered, brilliantly behaved and smiling which is exactly what we want to see!

I'd like to start by thanking you for your patience while we refined the new systems and for wearing face coverings for drop off and collection. We really appreciate your support.

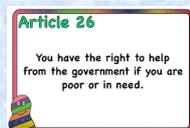
Welcome

Welcome to our new members of staff – in Holly Class there is Mrs Claire Foin and in Oak class Miss Katie Sandercock. I know you will join me in making them feel very welcome. Welcome also to our new Froglets and Reception children. We are delighted you have joined us here at St Michael's.

Christian Value

This term, the value that we are focussing on is FRIENDSHIP. Each week, children vote for the child/children who they feel has been showing good friendship. We celebrate this in our virtual whole school assembly on a Friday and on the Values Blog.

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 26 which says that **children** and young people should get financial support from the Government when their parents or guardians are unable to provide them with a good enough standard of living by themselves.

Celebration Assembly

The children may have informed you that we have been doing an online celebration assembly. This is shared on our Blogs page. If your child has





achieved something outside of school that they would like to share, please email me with a picture and a blurb and we will share this on the Blog.

STOP

As a school, we work together to create a safe and caring environment, where no bullying is tolerated. We believe everyone has the right to be who they are and we will help everyone to get on with each other. In our classes and year groups we have discussed what bullying is and we use the acronym:

STOP S – Several T – Times O – On P – Purpose

Collection of Children

Please can I ask that when your children are handed over to you at the end of the day, you ensure that they **remain with you, under your supervision.** We endeavour to have a member of staff on each gate, however at times we can be caught up elsewhere or be talking to parents. It is also essential that if you have younger children with you when you collect, that they are safely with you at all times. Please leave the school site promptly and do not congregate at the Church Street entrance.

Issues in School

It is important that if you have any issue or concerns about your child/children in class or school that you contact us about it. We will always do our very best to try and sort it out. In case you are unsure of who to speak to, there is a “tier” system in place that should be followed:

- Speak to class teacher via their email (listed on our website) or leave a message by ringing the office 01626 352854
- Then, if your issue is not resolved, contact a Team Leader
- Our Team Leaders are as follows:



KS1
Mrs Davies



KS1
Mrs Copping



Lower KS2
Mrs Amey



Upper KS2
Mrs Fletcher



Upper KS2
Miss Bray



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- Finally talk to the Assistant Head (Mrs Harding) or the Head of School (Mrs Arnold)

If your problem has still not been resolved after this tier system, then you can ask for our Complaints Policy. A member of our Leadership Team is always out on the school gates in the morning, so please don't hesitate in talking to them if necessary.

Application for a Secondary School Place

For children in Year 6, please remember that applications for a place at secondary school needs to be submitted by 31st October 2020. You need to apply online to www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline to ensure that your child gets their place.

Safeguarding

Please can I remind you when you come on to school site that your mobile phone should either be switched off or in your pocket.

Mental Health

Don't forget Hello Yellow day tomorrow (2nd October)! Wear all yellow or something yellow and donate £1 to our 3 Peaks Challenge Charity, Young Minds. As a school, we are introducing brain breaks throughout the day, to relax children's minds and focus on the here and now. Find out more about the benefits of mindfulness for us humans at <https://positivepsychology.com/mindfulness-for-children-kids-activities/>

School Office

Please can we ask that you only come to the office if it is essential. The office staff cannot be responsible for returning forgotten items to classes – as they are not allowed to 'burst' the bubbles. Please try to ensure your child has everything with them at the beginning of the day.

School Community

Kingsteignton Town Council is promoting a 20mph 'advisory' speed limit to improve safety for non-motorised transport in the town. The town council are joining hundreds of other towns with a [20s Plenty for Us](#) campaign. The campaign will include strategically placed signage around the town. There will





be supporting information on this purpose built web-site www.kingsteignton.20splentyforus.org.uk and via KTC Facebook. The campaign will be coordinated to launch Town-wide during October 2020.

No smoking/vaping school site

Please can I ask that you DO NOT smoke or vape on or around our school site, this includes the main entrance gate.

Exciting News

I am pleased to inform you that Mrs Blackmore and her husband are expecting their second baby in February - Huge congratulations to the Blackmore family.

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

