



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back after the half term break. I hope you enjoyed the two weeks together.

### Christian Value

This term, the value that we are focussing on is PERSEVERANCE. Perseverance is the quality of continuing with something even though it is difficult.

### This Month's Right



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 19 Every child has the right to be protected from all forms of violence, abuse and neglect.

### School Spaces

We have some spaces for child admissions in our current Reception and Year 1 and 2 classes. If you know of anyone looking for a school place for their child, please let them know we have spaces! We would love to welcome some more children to our school and would be only too happy to give anyone interested more information or a guided tour.

### Lost Property

Please could we politely request that all items of school uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name, so that we can return lost items quickly and easily. We are trying to avoid holding lots of lost property at school at the moment, so your help with this would be much appreciated. Please could we also ask that drink bottles, snack boxes, school bags and coats are also labelled with names. Uniform that is not named and is unclaimed after a week, will be put in the local clothes bank or on the pre-loved rail.

### Uniform Reminders

Everyone has been looking really smart in their uniform at the moment and it is especially lovely to see the children wearing their star badges with pride. Please could we remind

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everyone that children need a coat every day at school, especially at the moment. We are trying to take the children outside as much as possible, even when there is a little rain, so they do need a coat (labelled with their name) in school. Please could you also ensure that long hair is tied back for health and safety/ hygiene purposes.

### School Blogs

Find out all about what your children have been up to, by checking out our class blogs on the school website. Go to 'Pupil Zone', then 'Blogs and Celebrations' and select the class you wish to explore. We guarantee you will want to come to school to learn too! We update the blogs every week, so make sure you check regularly and let us know what you think!

### Application for Primary School Places

Applications for places will open on 15th November, for admission into Primary School in September 2021 and you can apply online at [www.devon.gov.uk/admissiononline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissiononline). You can apply for a place if your child was born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August, 2017. Applications must be in by 15th January 2021 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.

### Packed Lunches

We encourage families to ensure that their child's packed lunch provides a healthy, balanced diet. SWEETS, CHOCOLATE BARS OR FIZZY DRINKS ARE NOT PERMITTED. Guidance on a healthy lunchbox can be found on the Change 4 Life website.

<https://change4life.service.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

### Congratulations!

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Webb has had a baby girl – Nora Grace. I am sure you will join me in wishing the Webb Family huge congratulations on the safe arrival of their second daughter.



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## **Google Classroom**

Please can I remind you that it is essential that you have logged on to your child's Google Classroom account – this is so, should you need to access online learning for your child due to self-isolation you are already up and running. Any issues please email [homelearning@stmichaels.education](mailto:homelearning@stmichaels.education)

## **Mental Health**

We are starting to teach our children about their brains and how the different parts of our brains can affect their feelings and behaviour. This is a fascinating topic that we will be building on throughout the year. In order to calm our busy minds and reduce stress, we are teaching mindful breathing to the children as brain breaks, across the school day.

Try following this mindfulness calendar:

<https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/media/2026/mindfulness-calendar-daily-5-minute-activities.pdf>

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



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