



St Michael's C of E Primary School

May 2021 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after our Easter break. I hope that you all had a lovely holiday and like us, have returned refreshed and ready for the term ahead.

Christian Value:

This half term, the value that we are focusing on is *Courage*. Courage isn't about something magical that happens inside us to make us 'not scared'. It's about something magical that happens inside us to make us push through fear, self-doubt, anxiety, and do the things that feel hard or risky or frightening. Sometimes, courage only has to happen for seconds at a time - just long enough to be brave enough.

May's Right:

Each half term we will consider a different article and ensure the rights are being taught through our daily classroom practice. This month, we are focusing on Article 12 of the UNCRC. Article 12 says children have the human right to have opinions and for these opinions to be heard and taken seriously.

Mental Health

As well as teaching our children about their brains and how to regulate their emotions through our MindUp programme, we promote the "10 a day" ways to support both our physical and mental health.

Normal Magic is a nonprofit making website that shares information, knowledge and resources to support children, young people and their families with their mental health. Check out the "10 a day" ideas as well as lots of other helpful resources, at www.normalmagic.co.uk

Sun Safe

Hopefully, some of the lovely sunshine we have been experiencing recently is here to stay.

We would like to remind everyone about the importance of sun safety, with the following tips:

- Water bottles: please make sure that your child has a water bottle every day. These need to be refreshed daily and named.
- Hats: we would like to see the children with hats to wear in hot weather. Please make sure



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that hats are named before they come into school.

- Sun protection: once-a-day sun lotions are ideal for school use. These can be applied at home before school and they avoid the need to add more sun lotion during the school day. If your child does bring sun lotion into school, they need to be able to apply it themselves. It should also be in a container labelled with their name/class. Although we love the fact that we have generous children who would happily share their sun lotion, we do need to be careful with sharing as some children may have sensitive skin or allergies to certain creams. Your support with helping your child to stay sun safe is much appreciated.

Attendance

The current attendance rate for our whole school is 96.2%. Thank you for helping us keep our attendance rate above the 96.01% threshold set by the local authority.

Please be reminded that we are unable to authorise holidays during term time and have a legal obligation to report unauthorised absences which reach the 10 session (5 day) threshold. The local authority then decides whether further action will be taken, which in the first instance may result in parents incurring a £60 fine per parent and per child. Your help and support with this is much appreciated. Please remember to notify the school for each day of absence so that we can record these accurately.

Dropping off and picking up:

Just a reminder of pick up and drop off times for each year group.

	Drop off	Pick up
Froglets	9:00	3:00
Reception	8:40	2:50
Year 1	8:45	3:00
Year 2	8:45	3:05
Year 3	8:50	3.10
Year 4	8:50	3.10
Year 5	8:55	3:15
Year 6	8:55	3:15
Walkers	-	3:20

Please stick to these to help us avoid congestion and keep everyone safe.

Dates:

We have planned dates for events that usually happen within the Summer Term with the hope that we will be able to hold them. Please be mindful that **we may have to change or cancel events** if restrictions/guidance do not change. Please keep an eye out for further information about each event as the date approaches.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to use our 'tier' system. In the first instance 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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KEY DATES	
MAY	
Monday 3rd	Bank Holiday
Monday 31 st - Friday 4 th	Half Term
JUNE	
Monday 7 th	Start of second Half Term
JULY	
Wednesday 21 st - Friday 23 rd	Year 6 residential to Skern Lodge
Tuesday 27 th	Year 6 Leavers Service Last Day of Summer Term
Wednesday 28th	Summer Holidays begin



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