



St Michael's C of E Primary School

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June 2021 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we enter our half term break, I hope that you all have a lovely holiday and enjoy the sunshine that is finally forecast!

Christian Value:

This half term we remind ourselves each week of our school values and the stories that are linked to them. Our values are Friendship, Perseverance, Justice, Compassion and Courage. If you feel your child has shown one of these values outside of school, then please let us know so we can celebrate this success in our assembly on Fridays.

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 31 of the UNCRC. Article 31 of the UNCRC says that children and young people have the right to have fun in the way they want to, whether by playing sports, watching films, or doing something else entirely. They have the right to rest, too.

Mental Health

Being a parent is wonderful. There's no doubt that parenthood brings joy and fulfilment into our lives, but it also brings its own set of challenges and stressors that we have to manage. Unlike any other job, there is no rule book, no job description, we just have to grow and develop our own set of strategies to cope with what parenthood throws at us - the good and the not so good.

One thing is certain though, if we take positive action to promote our children's mental health and wellbeing, this in turn will reduce our stressors and help maintain our wellbeing. So, if you haven't already watched our tips here's the link to get some great advice.

<https://ssscpd.co.uk/education/parentsandguardians/child-mental-health-10-tips-for-parents/>

COVID 19 Symptoms

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature

UNCRC Article 31 – I have a right to relax and play.



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- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, COVID-19 will be a mild illness. However, if you have any of the symptoms above, stay at home and [arrange to have a PCR test](#) to see if you have COVID-19.

DON'T GUESS, GET A TEST

How COVID-19 is spread

COVID-19 spreads from person to person through small droplets, aerosols and through direct contact. Surfaces and belongings can also be contaminated with COVID-19 when people with the infection cough or sneeze or touch them.

Social distancing, washing your hands regularly, good respiratory hygiene (using and disposing of tissues), cleaning surfaces and keeping indoor spaces well ventilated are the most important ways to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

People who have COVID-19 can infect others up to 2 days [before symptoms](#) start, and for up to 10 days after. They can pass the infection to others, even if they have mild symptoms or no symptoms at all, which is why they must stay at home.

People who live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 are at higher risk of developing COVID-19. They could spread the disease to others even when feeling well, which is why they must stay at home.

Staff Contact/Emails

It is easy for work to become all-consuming when you are working at home which I know may also be the case for many of you and it is really important to me that my team stay healthy and have time for their families during these challenging times. I would be grateful, therefore, if you do have a particular issue with something, that you send any messages on weekdays between 8.00am and 4.00pm. If you message outside of these hours, please do not expect a response that day. Alternatively, you can phone the school office and they will get a message to a member of staff.

Attendance

The school's attendance rate is currently at 96.2%. This year, our school is aiming to 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.

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Staff Structure

From September, we are very sorry to be saying goodbye to two of our Foundation Stage teachers.

Mrs West has been seconded to the Nursery Plus Team and will be based at St Catherine's. We would like to thank her for her sterling work in Froglets over the last year. She has been a valued member of our Froglet Team.

We would like to share some happy news with you - Miss Sandercock is expecting her first child in the Autumn term. Congratulations, Katie!

Miss Wainwright will be Oak Class Teacher from September.

Mrs Webb will return from maternity leave and will be based in Froglets and supporting Mrs Harding in leading the Foundation Stage.

Mrs Vicky Connell will be in Willow class covering Mrs Blackmores maternity leave.

Therefore, attached is the planned staff structure for September, all being well!

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. 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

KEY DATES	
June:	
Monday 7th	Start of second Half Term
July:	
Friday 16th July	Year 2 Camp
Monday 19th Wednesday 21st	Year 6 residential to Skern Lodge
Tuesday 27th	Last Day of Summer Term
Wednesday 28th	Summer Holidays begin