



# St Michael's C of E Primary School

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October 2021 Newsletter

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, brilliantly behaved, well-mannered 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.

### Christian Value:

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

### Our 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 24 of the UNCRC. This says that healthcare for children and young people should be as good as possible, and also goes further than this by saying children and young people have the right to be both physically and mentally fulfilled.

### Welcome:

Welcome to our new members of staff – in Willow Class there is Mrs. Kathryn Wilson and Mrs. Vicki Connell - I know you will join me in making them feel very welcome.

Welcome also to our new children in school – in Year 6, Year 5, Year 3, Year 1 and our new Froglets and Reception children. We are delighted you have joined us here at St Michael's.

### 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
- 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 test](#) to see if you have COVID-19.

## DON'T GUESS, GET A TEST

### Celebration Assembly

The children may have informed you that we have continued to do 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 to me [kate.arnold@stmichaels.education](mailto:kate.arnold@stmichaels.education) 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



**UNCRC Article 1 – I have the right to good quality health care, to clean water and good food**



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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

### Attendance

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.

### 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 endeavor to have a member of staff near 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 top 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/google classroom 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:



EYFS Mrs. Webb



KS1 Mrs. Davies



KS1 Mrs. Copping



LKS2  
Mrs. Amey



UKS2  
Mrs. Fletcher



UKS2  
Miss Bray

- 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.

### Mental Health

Mind Up, our programme to support children's emotional wellbeing, continues this term with recaps on our brains and how they can make us think, feel and behave. We will continue to do brain breaks and encourage mindfulness and positive psychology with our children.

On Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding a "Hello Yellow" day to recognize World Mental Health Day. Children may come to school wearing something yellow or all yellow! Please do not send any money to school. If you wish, you can donate to the Hello Yellow campaign via the Young Minds website [www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)

Thank you for your continued support.  
Kind Regards,  
Mrs Kate Arnold  
Head of School



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KEY DATES	
October:	
14 <sup>th</sup> October	Bring a can, send a cow - Harvest
18 <sup>th</sup> October - 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term

