



St Michael's C of E Primary School

OUR VISION: 'Working together, growing together, for all to flourish.'

November 2021 Newsletter

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 focusing on is PERSEVERANCE. Perseverance is the quality of continuing with something even though it is difficult. 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 14 of the UNCRC. This says that children and young people are free to be of any or no religion. Their parents can help them make decisions around religion, but: a parent can't force a child or young person to adopt a religion, and, a parent can't force a child or young person to stop following a religion.

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

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 with a picture and a blurb and we will share this on the blog.

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 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.

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.



UNCRC Article 14

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Application for Primary School Places

Applications for places will open on 15th November, for admission into Primary School in September 2022 and you can apply online at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline. You can apply for a place if your child was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018. **Applications must be in by 15th January 2022 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.

Breaktime Snack and Packed Lunches

We encourage families to ensure that their child's snack and/or 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://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

Mental Health

From 15th – 19th November, it is Anti-Bullying week. The theme this year is One Kind Word. We are always encouraging our children to show kindness to one another – even a small gesture such as a smile or a warm hello, can make a huge difference if we are having a down day! Kindness is a part of our Social and Emotional Learning which is taught through our PSHE and MindUp Curriculum.

To kick start Anti-bullying week, we are holding **Odd Socks Day on Monday 15th November**, as a way of celebrating differences. There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or buy new socks – all the children have to do is wear odd socks that day, it could not be simpler.

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	
November:	
9th November	Individual Photos (See email sent 4/11)
15th November	Odd Socks Day
19th November	Children in Need day (email to follow with more details)
Week beginning 22nd November	Online Parents evening (email to follow with more details)



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