



January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. Welcome back to the Spring Term at St. Michael's in Year Five.

Please find attached an overview of the Learning Challenge Curriculum, which we will be covering in Year Five, as well as a copy of your child's timetable. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of a few of the expectations that we have in Year Five.

- ❖ The school day begins at 9 am promptly. Classes are open from 8.50am to allow the children to settle before lessons start.
- ❖ Please encourage the use of the home school diary. The children *must* record their reading in the home school diary and will be expected to read at least **four times per week**. We will be checking reading diaries every Monday, to ensure that children are reading regularly at home. Your support with this would be very much appreciated. **Please ensure that any messages written in the diary are handed in to the class teacher at the beginning of the day.**
- ❖ Full school uniform is to be worn every day, except on Tuesdays and Fridays, when children should come to school in their PE kit. Please ensure suitable length skirts for girls, ideally to the knee. Children can change into PE shoes/trainers for playtimes only. As Health and Safety is so prominent these days, we ask that jewellery is kept at home with the exception of stud earrings which must be removed or covered with tape during PE lessons. All children with long hair must tie it back and children's hair should be a natural colour. Please note that the wearing of nail varnish is not permitted in school. Now the weather has become colder, please ensure that your child has a warm rain coat in school every day.
- ❖ PE lessons are on: **Tuesday** and **Friday**- children should come to school in their PE kit. Please ensure that there are no logos on items of clothing, as listed below.
Kit List:
 - **Plain** white t-shirt
 - **Plain** navy blue/black shorts
 - School jumper or **plain** navy blue/black jogging/tracksuit top
 - **Plain** navy blue/black jogging/tracksuit bottoms (can be worn in colder months)
 - Socks
 - Trainers or plimsolls
- ❖ Homework will be given out every **Thursday** and will be collected in each **Wednesday**. Each week, one piece of English or MyMaths homework (www.mymaths.com) will be set, linked to their learning in class and the children will write this in their

home/school diary, along with their weekly spellings and times tables. If your child has any problems completing their homework, or difficulty accessing the internet, please let us know ASAP.

- ❖ Spellings will be given out on a **Thursday**, to be tested the following **Thursday**. Your child's new spellings will be stuck into their home school diary each week. Please encourage your child to practise these at home. They will also be available on the school website.
- ❖ Multiplication facts (times tables) and related division facts will be tested each **Wednesday**, as part of Maths homework. Children need to practise these at home regularly to help them progress and develop rapid recall of these facts.
- ❖ Children are not allowed mobile phones in school. However, if they need a phone because they are walking home alone, a permission letter is needed. Please ask the class teacher for a copy of this. A member of staff will then look after the phone during the school day.
- ❖ If your child is scootering or cycling to school please ensure that they are wearing a helmet. Only children with the Bikeability Award can cycle to school without adult supervision. There will be more opportunities for Year Five to take part in Bikeability training during the spring and summer term.
- ❖ We can only administer medication to your child with parental consent. Prescribed medicines must have an accompanying white medicine slip and be left with the office.
- ❖ Internet/Computer safety is important to all of us. If you wish to find out more about this, these websites may be useful: <http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk> or <http://ceop.police.uk/>

We are very keen for volunteers who would be prepared to give a careers talk with Year 5 and 6 and talk to the children about their job/careers, either in school or virtually online. Please do let us know if this is something you could help us with, to support our PSHE curriculum.

Please do not hesitate to contact us, via the school office or by writing a note in your child's home/school diary, if there are any questions or issues that you would like to discuss. We would like to thank you for your continued support.

The Year Five Team