



# St Michael's C of E Primary School

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

February 2022 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't quite believe we're at the beginning of February! We have had a fantastic start to this Spring Term and it has been great to see so many smiling faces each morning.

### **Christian Value:**

This term, the value that we are focusing on is **JUSTICE**. Justice is doing the right thing - even if it is hard. We celebrate this in our whole school assembly on a Friday and on our 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. This article states 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.

### **Attendance and Requesting Absence**

All schools have a duty to monitor the attendance of the children at their school, to ensure regular and punctual attendance. It is also monitored by the local authority and scrutinised closely as part of Ofsted inspections. We continue to monitor our attendance weekly.

If parents wish to make a request for an absence, permission must be sought from the school at least 3 weeks in advance using an 'Absence Request' form (S2)

which outlines the legal information you will need to consider.

Please be reminded that, by law, the school is unable to authorise holidays unless circumstances are deemed exceptional and, if the school refuses your request and the child is still taken out of school, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Where your child has 10 or more unauthorised absences from school (5 days or more), we are obliged to report this to the Education Welfare Service, which may then lead to a penalty notice being issued by the local authority.

**We would also like to remind the parents of children in Year 6 that your children will sit their SATs in the week beginning the 9th May 2021.**

**Please could we ask that you do not make appointments or take any holiday in this week.**

### **Safe Parking**

Can I please remind you about safe parking outside the school. Whilst I appreciate that during the colder months more people drive to school, can I remind you that there should be no parking on the markings or the double yellow lines along Church Street. With more cars parking incorrectly, there is an increased risk to pedestrians, especially those needing to cross the road. None of us would want to see an accident.

### **Year 6 Hoodies**

The Year 6 children have been given their hoodies to wear for the rest of the school year instead of their school jumper. This is something we like to do for our



## **UNCRC Article 24**

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children each year. They were all very excited to receive them and they do look very smart! We would like to say a huge thank you to The Friends of St Michael's who purchased them.

### Term Dates

The term dates for the rest of the year and next 2022-2023 are available through the school website.

<https://st-michaels-pri.devon.sch.uk/parent-zone/calendar/>

### Mental Health

Children's Mental Health Week is taking place on **7-13 February 2022**. This year's theme is **Growing Together**. **Growing Together** is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other grow. Challenges and setbacks can help us to grow and adapt and trying new things can help us to move beyond our comfort zone into a new realm of possibility and potential. However, emotional growth is often a gradual process that happens over time, and sometimes we might feel a bit 'stuck'.

As parents and carers, you play an important role in your child's mental health. Below is a link you can follow for free resources for families:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>

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	
February:	
Half term	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> - Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> February



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