



St Michael's C of E Primary School

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

April 2022 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

How lovely has it been to see the sun - hopefully it is here to stay! I hope you are all well and continuing to avoid the latest bout of Coronavirus which seems to be present at the moment. Thank you for your support with testing and keeping children off school when they have tested positive.

Christian Value:

This term, the value that we are focusing on is **COMPASSION**. Compassion means we care about others, treat them with kindness, and feel a strong desire to help people in need. 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 2 of the UNCRIC says that **all children have the rights set out in the UNCRIC, and individual children and young people shouldn't be discriminated against when these rights are realised**. This covers both direct and indirect discrimination.

Additional School Spaces

We still have some spaces remaining for child admissions in our current Reception, Years 1 and 3 classes, so please help to spread the word! We would love to welcome some more children to our school and would be only too happy to give anyone interested more information or a guided tour.

Parking

CAR DRIVERS - please **DO NOT** use the Church Street entrance in the morning as a drive by, drop off area - this is not safe. Please ensure you park in a safe, designated area and walk your child to school.

Attendance

Attendance is monitored weekly, as part of our legal duties as a school. We will notify you by letter if we have a concern about your child's attendance. If you would like to discuss attendance, please talk to your child's class teacher in the first instance. We will be happy to work with you and your child to help improve their attendance at school if needed. If your child is unwell, you must contact the school via the Absence Option. We are also required to ask for as much information as possible about the nature of the illness in line with our health and safety procedures.

STOP - Bullying Campaign

This term we will continue looking at how we can help to ensure that children, staff and parents have a clear understanding of bullying and how it affects everyone involved. A leaflet is attached which helps to explain the STOP acronym. Staff will be discussing this with children over the next few weeks so that they are very clear in their understanding of bullying and what they can continue to do to help prevent bullying.

Lost Property

We are still finding that a lot of items do not have names in them. Lots of the children have lunchboxes and drink bottles which are of the same design. Without clear names, this is causing confusion! Please ensure that items are clearly labelled with both name



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and class. Please also ensure that all uniform items are also named so that if they are lost, we can return them to the correct class. If we have any 'unnamed' lunchboxes/drink containers left over at the end of each week, these will be disposed of for hygiene reasons. Unclaimed/unnamed uniform will be passed to the FOSM's for the Pre-Loved sale.

Safeguarding Leads

Members of staff who are Safeguarding Leads are as follows:

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is:

Mrs Kate Arnold

Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSL) are:

Mrs Alix Harding, Mrs Claire Webb and
Mrs Claire Foin

If any parent has a safeguarding concern or query about ANY child within our community, please contact us for advice.

IF ANY ADULT FEELS A CHILD OR ADULT MAY BE IN IMMEDIATE DANGER YOU MUST CALL MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) OR 999

"If you are worried about a child or young person in Devon and want to speak to someone, or if you are a child or young person worried about your own safety please contact the MASH on 0345 155 1071 or email mashsecure@devon.gov.uk and give as much information as you can."

Devon Children and Families Partnership

Mental Health

As well as teaching our children about their brains and how to regulate their emotions through our MindUp programme, we promote the "10 a day" ways to support both our physical and mental health. Normal Magic is a non-profit making website that shares information, knowledge and resources to support children, young people and their families with their mental health. Check out this "10 a day" video https://youtu.be/b8DY97_VBtwideas as well as lots of other helpful resources, at www.normalmagic.co.uk

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	
April:	
11th - 24th	Easter Holidays
27th	Year 1 phonics and Year 2 SATs parents' workshop - letter to follow



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