



St Michael's C of E Primary School

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

May 2022 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you enjoyed the Bank Holiday weekend. This week it has been so nice to see the sun has made an appearance - lets hope it is here to stay.

Christian Value:

This term, the value that we are focusing on is **COURAGE**. Courage involves **making good choices in the face of fear or obstacles**. It's another term for bravery. 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 UNCRC says that **all children have the rights set out in the UNCRC, and individual children and young people shouldn't be discriminated against when these rights are realised**. This covers both direct and indirect discrimination

Sun Safe

Hopefully, some of the lovely sunshine we have been experiencing recently is here to stay.

We would like to remind everyone about the importance of sun safety, with the following tips:

- Water bottles: please make sure that your child has a water bottle every day. These need to be refreshed daily and named.
- Hats: we would like to see the children with hats to wear in hot weather. Please make sure that hats are named before they come into school.
- Sun protection: once-a-day sun lotions are ideal for school use. These can be applied at home before school

and they avoid the need to add more sun lotion during the school day. If your child does bring sun lotion into school, they need to be able to apply it themselves. It should also be in a container labelled with their name/class.

Although we love the fact that we have generous children who would happily share their sun lotion, we do need to be careful with sharing as some children may have sensitive skin or allergies to certain creams. Your support with helping your child to stay sun safe is much appreciated.

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.

Staff Contact/Emails

It is really important to me that my team stay healthy and have time for their families, when not at work. I would be grateful, therefore, if you do have a particular issue with something, that you send any messages on weekdays between 8.00am and 4.00pm. If you message outside of these hours, please do not expect a response that day. Alternatively, you can phone the school office and they will pass a message to a member of staff.



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Welsh 3000

As you are now aware, some members of staff from across the United Schools Federation (USF) will be undertaking the Welsh 3000 Challenge in order to support UNICEF and the work they are undertaking to support Ukrainian children and their families. This challenge requires the ascent (and descent) of all 15 of the 3000ft peaks in Wales, covering a distance of 40km. The routes up the mountains are more challenging than the routes on the 3 Peaks Challenge, some involving more rock climbing than walking. We are keen that all the children from across the USF are involved in the challenge too and this year are inviting them to devise their own fundraising event linked to the staff challenge. This could be linked to the number 3000 or the 15 peaks that will be conquered! Ideas have been suggested on the attached poster, but the children are invited to be as creative as possible!

There will be prizes awarded for each school in the federation for: - the highest individual fundraising total and the most creative and unique method of fundraising.

The prize will be a free climbing session at Clip 'n' Climb in Exeter with a friend - we'll even include a slice of cake and a drink!

Mental Health

Your child's mental health is very important to us. Please remember that if you feel your child is struggling emotionally, we will always do our best to help. We offer nurture time and activities for our children when needed, as well as counselling sessions with our experienced school counsellor Julie Sandover, who works online. Please ask Mrs Harding for further details.

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	
May:	
3rd	Bank Holiday
Monday 30th - Friday 3rd	Half Term
Monday 6th June	Non Pupil Day



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