



# St Michael's C of E Primary School

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

June 2022 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we enter our half term break, I hope that you all have a lovely holiday and enjoy the sunshine that is finally forecast!

## Christian Value:

This half term we remind ourselves each week of our school values and the stories that are linked to them. Our values are **Friendship, Perseverance, Justice, Compassion and Courage**. If you feel your child has shown one of these values outside of school, then please let us know so we can celebrate this success in our assembly on Fridays.

## 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 7. Article 7 of the UNCRC says that **all children and young people have the right to a name and nationality**, which they should be granted at birth. It also says that they have a right to - as far as possible - know and be cared for by their parents.

## 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.

## Attendance

The school's attendance rate is currently at 93.72%. This year, our school is aiming to increase our attendance rate to the 96.01% threshold set by the local authority. Please be reminded that we are unable to authorise holidays during term time and have a legal



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obligation to report unauthorised absences which reach the 10 session (5 day) threshold.

The local authority then decides whether further action will be taken, which in the first instance may result in parents incurring a £60 fine per parent and per child. Your help and support with this is much appreciated. Please remember to notify the school for each day of absence so that we can record these accurately.

### Mental Health

Being a parent is wonderful. There's no doubt that parenthood brings joy and fulfilment into our lives, but it also brings its own set of challenges and stressors that we have to manage. Unlike any other job, there is no rule book, no job description, we just have to grow and develop our own set of strategies to cope with what parenthood throws at us - the good and the not so good.

One thing is certain though, if we take positive action to promote our children's mental health and wellbeing, this in turn will reduce our stressors and help maintain our wellbeing. So, if you haven't already watched our tips here's the link to get some great advice.

<https://ssscpd.co.uk/education/parentsandguardians/your-mental-health-10-tips-for-parents>

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	
June:	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Non Pupil Day
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Foundation Stage Sports Day
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Local Geography week and Jubilee celebrations



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