



St Michael's C of E Primary School

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

September 2022 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great start we have had to the Autumn Term – a huge well done to your children, who are smart, brilliantly behaved, well-mannered and smiling, which is exactly what we want to see!

Christian Value:

This term, the value that we are focusing on is FRIENDSHIP. Each week, children vote for the child/children who they feel has been showing good friendship. We celebrate this in our whole school assembly on a Friday and on the 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 29 of the UNCRC. This says that **a child or young person's education should help their mind, body and talents be the best they can.** It should also build their respect for other people and the world around them. In particular, they should learn to respect: their rights and the rights of others.

Welcome:

Welcome to our new members of staff – in Hazel Class there is Miss. Megan Winsborrow - I know you will join me in making Megan feel very welcome.

Welcome also to our new children in school – in Year 6, Year 5, Year 4, Year 3 and our new Froglets and Reception children. We are delighted you have joined us here at St Michael's.

Celebration Assembly

The children may have informed you that we have continued to do an online celebration assembly. This is shared on our blogs page. If your child has achieved something outside of school that they would like to share, please email to me kate.arnold@stmichaels.education with a picture and a blurb and we will share this on the blog.

STOP

As a school, we work together to create a safe and caring environment, where no bullying is tolerated. We believe everyone has the right to be who they are and we will help everyone to get on with each other. In our classes and year groups, we have discussed what bullying is and we use the acronym:

STOP

S – Several T – Times O – On P – Purpose

Attendance

Please be reminded that we are unable to authorise holidays during term time and have a legal 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.



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Collection of Children

Please can I ask that when your children are handed over to you at the end of the day, you ensure that they **remain with you, under your supervision**. We endeavor to have a member of staff near each gate, however at times we can be caught up elsewhere or be talking to parents. It is also essential that if you have younger children with you when you collect, that they are safely with you at all times. Please leave the school site promptly and do not congregate at the top entrance.

Please be aware staff are also getting to know whose parent is who in their new classes. It is essential the younger children are handed over by the teacher so they know who has collected – please be patient and allow for this to be managed. Thank you.

Issues in School

It is important that if you have any issue or concerns about your child/children in class or school that you contact us about it. We will always do our very best to try and sort it out. In case you are unsure of who to speak to, there is a "tier" system in place that should be followed:

- Speak to class teacher via their email/google classroom or leave a message by ringing the office 01626 352854
- Then, if your issue is not resolved, contact a Team Leader
- Our Team Leaders are as follows:



Mrs. Knight



Mrs. Davies



Mrs. Amey

Mrs. Fletcher

Miss Bray



Finally, talk to the Assistant Head (Mrs. Copping) or the Head of School (Mrs. Arnold)

If your problem has still not been resolved after this tier system, then you can ask for our complaints policy. A member of our Leadership Team is always

out on the school gates in the morning, so please don't hesitate in talking to them if necessary.

SEN Team

Working at St Michael's we have a new SEN team. One member of the team will be on the school gate in the mornings available to speak too if you wish. They will be sending a monthly newsletter. Should you wish to speak to them directly please phone the school office.

Lizzie Hurford – SENDCO

Charlotte Williams - Assistant SENDCO

Alison Barnes – Assistant SENDCO

Mental Health

Mind Up, our programme to support children's emotional wellbeing, continues this term with recaps on our brains and how they can make us think, feel and behave. We will continue to do brain breaks and encourage mindfulness and positive psychology with our children.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards,
Mrs. Kate Arnold
Head of School

September:

Wednesday 14 th 3.30 - 4.00	Year 1 - Year 6 - Meet your new teacher
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SEND team:



Hi everyone!

I'm Lizzie Hurford. I've been a SENDCo now for four years and specialise in Early Years teaching. Whilst working in Torbay, I trained as an Autism Champion and Attachment Lead. I am currently completing the NASENCo Award which I hope to complete in January 2023.

Outside of work I have 3 year old boy/girl twins who keep me very busy! I love running and last October I ran London Marathon for Mencap. I'm really excited to be working here at St Michaels and cannot wait to get to know you all!



Hi Everyone!

I am Charlotte Williams one of the SENDCo Assistants at St. Michael's

I have worked at St. Michael's for over 12 years, the last year taking on the role as an Assistant SENDCo, prior to that I was a 1:1 LSA, supporting children with additional needs.

Whilst being a part of the USF I have had a variety of training in different needs, including Autism, communication and interaction, sensory needs to name a few.

Outside of school I have a 3-year-old boy who keeps me very busy, we enjoy being outside and exploring together.



Hi Everyone!

I'm Alison Barnes and I am a new Assistant Senco. I have worked in SEN for the past 8 Years. 4 Years were in a local Devon primary school specializing in Reading and Phonics and Autism and attachment. For the past 3 1/2 Years I have worked at a large local Secondary school as a Teaching and Learning Co-Ordinator supporting students, teachers and families with ADHD, Autism, Dyslexia and SEMH. I also lead the enhanced transition from Primary to Secondary for those with additional needs. I feel having experience in all key stages means I have an overview of what our students are going to face at every stage in their educational journey and can fully support them. I have 2 children both now at secondary and I love being outdoors. I have 2 horses and am at the stables as much as possible. I am really looking forward to meeting the children and getting to know you all.



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