



# St Michael's C of E Primary School

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October 2022 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy month we have had one way or another, from all the amazing busy learning that has taken place so far.

### 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 27 of the UNCRC. This says that children and young people should be able to live in a way that helps them reach their full physical, mental, spiritual, moral and social potential. For this to happen, they should have access to adequate food and housing.

### Applications for Secondary School:

For children in Year 6, applications for Year 7 secondary school places opened on 1st September 2022. Please be aware that applications for a place at secondary schools in Year 7 need to be

allocation that has been made for your child. To complete your application, you need to apply online at [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline) to ensure that your child gets their place.

### Lost Property and Coats

Please could we remind everyone that children need a coat every day at school, especially at the moment. We are trying to take the children outside as much as possible, even when there is a little rain, so they do need a coat (labelled with their name) in school. The staff try their absolute hardest to make sure that children do not lose their belongings but sometimes things still go missing.

We would ask for your support to make sure all clothing is clearly labelled with permanent marker. We will do our best to reunite lost property with its owner but cannot be held responsible for any items that go missing. If it is not named, it is more likely to be lost.

### Olio App

OLIO connects neighbours with each other and with local businesses so surplus food can be shared, not thrown away. This could be food



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nearing its sell-by date in local stores, spare home-grown vegetables, bread from your baker, or the groceries in your fridge when you go away. For your convenience, OLIO can also be used for non-food household items too. OLIO is super easy! To make an item available, simply open the app, add a photo, description, and when and where the item is available for pick-up. To access items, simply browse the listings available near you, request whatever takes your fancy and arrange a pick-up via private messaging. For more information visit: <https://olioex.com/>

### Uniform Reminders

Everyone has been looking really smart in their uniform at the moment and it is especially lovely to see the children wearing their star badges with pride. Please could you also ensure that jewellery apart from studs and a simple watch is worn. Children will be asked to remove other items.

**Please can I also remind you children are NOT allowed to bring toys into school.**

### Dogs

Can we please ask that dogs are not brought onto school grounds (including in arms or inside jackets!) unless they are guide dogs. Please also ensure that you make other relatives/friends who collect children are aware. It can unsettle Lotta and Bea who are our school dogs. Thank you for your understanding.

### Mobile Phones:

Mobile phones are NOT to be used by parents or children on school site you will be asked to turn

off and put away prior to entering the playground.

### Mental Health

On Monday October 10<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding a "Hello Yellow" day to recognize World Mental Health Day. Children may come to school wearing something yellow or all yellow! Please do not send any money to school. If you wish, you can donate to the Hello Yellow campaign via the Young Minds website [www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk).

Thank you for your continued support.  
Kind Regards,  
Mrs Kate Arnold  
Head of School

October:	
Mon 10th	Hello Yellow
Mon 17th - Fri 28th	2 week half term



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