



# St Michael's C of E Primary School

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

November 2022 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the half term break. I hope you enjoyed the two weeks together.

## Christian Value:

This term, the value that we are focusing on is PERSEVERANCE. Perseverance is the quality of continuing with something even though it is difficult. 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 38 of the UNCRC. This covers how the rights of children relate to the armed forces.

Children and young people should never be forced to fight in the armed forces or go to war. This right covers all jobs in a war, so doesn't just apply to soldiers.

## Lost property:

We seem to have gathered a large amount of lost property which has no name in. We will aim to put all the items out on the fence when the weather is dry so please check to see if anything belongs to your child.

## Application for Primary School:

Places Applications for places will open on 15th November, for admission into Primary School in September 2022 and you can apply online at [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline). You can apply for a place if your child was born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019. Applications must be in by 15th January 2022 or they will be considered as late and you may not get a place for your child in a school of your choice. Please make sure you apply for 3 schools of your choice. If you only apply for one school and do not get a place, your child will be placed in a school where there is a space, which may not be a school you would choose.

## Breaktime Snack and Packed Lunches:

We encourage families to ensure that their child's snack and/or packed lunch provides a healthy, balanced diet. SWEETS, CHOCOLATE BARS OR FIZZY DRINKS ARE NOT PERMITTED. Guidance on a healthy lunchbox can be found on the Change 4 Life website.

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

## Coats

In our ever-changing weather please can we ask that every child is coming to school with a named coat every day.



## UNCRC Article 38

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### Parent Support Group

Our group for parents has been running for half a term now from 9.15 to 10.15 every Monday morning – it is a great place to come for an informal chat, a hot drink and a biscuit! Being a parent is a wonderful job but it can also bring a lot of challenges – we offer a quiet space for you to bring whatever you need and a chance to off load! Our group is run by Rose Millard from Kingsteignton Church and Alix Harding, our federation Wellbeing Lead. There is no expectation to come every week unless you want to. It is really a very relaxed and friendly group. If you are interested, please do come along – we would love to see you.

### Mental Health

As mentioned above, being a parent can certainly bring its challenges and it's important to remember that we do not need to be perfect, just good enough!

Check out this link written by Dr. Lucy Russell Clinical Psychologist who talks about how to support your own mental health, in order to benefit the mental health of your child.

[www.theyarethefuture.co.uk/adult-and-child-mental-health](http://www.theyarethefuture.co.uk/adult-and-child-mental-health)

### Anti-Bullying Week:

From 14th – 18th November, it is Anti-Bullying week. The theme this year is Reach Out. We are always encouraging our children to show kindness to one another – even a small gesture such as a smile or a warm hello, can make a huge difference if we are having a down day! Kindness is a part of our Social and Emotional

November Dates :	
Tuesday 8th	School photos
Monday 14th	Odd Socks Day
Friday 18th	Children in Need

Learning which is taught through our PSHE and MindUp Curriculums.

To kick start Anti-bullying week, we are holding Odd Socks Day on Monday 14th November, as a way of celebrating differences. There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or buy new socks – all the children have to do is wear odd socks that day, it could not be simpler.

### School Photos

Next Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November is our school photo day where every child will have their individual photo taken throughout the school day.

In a change to recent years, sibling photos will not happen in school but you will be offered the opportunity to have photos taken of siblings together before school.

If you wish to have a photo of siblings together (this can include siblings in school, younger or older siblings) then please come to main reception between 8.15am and 8.50am on the morning of the 8<sup>th</sup> November.

### Congratulations

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Hannah Buff and her husband are expecting their first child in April. I know you will join me in wishing them congratulations on their exciting news.

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



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