



St Michael's RC Primary School

Weekly Newsletter



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Friday 7th September 2018

Dear Parents,

We hope all our children and their families had a safe and happy summer. We hope all our young people are feeling refreshed and excited about the year ahead. Our home and school partnership at St Michael's is crucial to ensure we have happy children, who are ready to learn and make progress. In the words of Pope Francis:



As we start the new school year, we welcome our newest and youngest members of St Michael's school as they begin their journey in Nursery. We also welcome any new starters to Reception, KS1 and 2, including teaching staff. Mrs Howe, Assistant Head teacher, is teaching our Year 5 children this year, Mrs Francis and Mrs Murphy as new lunchtime organisers and Mrs Lomax in our Nursery class. Let us not forget our Y6 children from last year who have moved onto their Secondary schools; we wish them our very best.

The building work this Summer that focused on the Hall, KS1 corridor and Nursery classroom has been completed and it is pleasing to see a bright, safe and welcoming environment for our children to enjoy.

At this point in the year may we remind all our families that the school day starts at 8.45am, where children go straight to their classrooms with registration commencing at 8.55am and school finishing at 3.15pm. Children's attendance and punctuality is paramount at St Michael's as it supports their learning, progress and general well-being and we want to continue the good work already started.

NEWS

Diary dates

After-school : 11/09-18/10

Tu Y5/6 Football

Th Y3/4 Multi skills

Dinner Money

Nursery & Yrs 3-6

Sept-Oct will be £78.20 based on £2.30 per day (£11.50 per week). We need 2 weeks notice if your child moves from school meals to packed lunches. Please help us reduce our administration costs by paying dinner money on time.

Pupil Contacts

It is essential we have your up to date contact details. If you have changed your mobile, work or home number during the holiday please let us know.

Thank you.

Pupil of the week!

Nursery	Lanie Bescoby
Reception	PJ McDonagh
Year 1	Maisie Munroe
Year 2	Evan Knight
Year 3	Tye Yates
Year 4	Millie Thomason
Year 5	Oliver Morgan
Year 6	Roksana Lorecka

School Uniform Policy

The children are looking smart in their school uniform. A reminder that black school shoes are to be worn and boots are not part of our school uniform policy. Children's P.E and Games kits must always be in school so that each child can partake in the sessions.

50th Anniversary of St. Michael's School

We look forward to celebrating the 50th Anniversary of St Michael's school this month and on 28th September we will be combining this with a Parish Mass, celebrating the feast day of St Michael. The new Mini-Vinnie team will be arranging a coffee and cake morning in the school hall, following the 10am Mass inviting parishioners, parents and carers to reflect on the years gone by. Drinks and cakes will also extend into the afternoon for our children and parents are invited at the end of the school day to take a look at our Hall displays. More details about the day will be sent in the next two weeks.

Reading

This term, and throughout this school year, we are engaging all our young people in some of their favourite books and authors. The children will listen and respond to their class novel each day. Reading is a vital life skill that we want to develop and grow. Creating a love for reading is our aim and in the words of Dr Suess,

'The more that you read, the more things you will know, The more that you learn, the more places you will go'

We ask that each child **reads daily** at home. Each child's Reading Record must be signed by parents/carers and we will encourage our KS2 children to record any other books they read from the class/school library or from home. Reading books will be changed once children have had quality time reading their book, they may explore further questions relating to the book, record personal responses and must ensure they have re-read all of the book.

Packed Lunches

We remind that packed lunches should have a healthy balance of foods and as a 'nut' free school we have to remain vigilant to ensure the health and safety of our children.

Parent Hub

St Michael's School Newsletter is available on the school website and also on Parent Hub. It is really crucial that all parents sign up to Parent Hub to receive daily and weekly updates and direct messages to parents as we no longer use the texting service. Please see separate letter outlining how to subscribe. We are aiming to go paperless by the end of September and from the end of September School Newsletters will be available on request from the School Office.

Class Curriculum and Timetable information

Your child's class teacher will share specific year group information, outlining certain Curriculum details and expectations for the year ahead.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Bowes