



St. Michael's Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents,

We have had a busy half term in school and our pupils have enjoyed the gradual reopening of a more 'normal' St Michael's school family life. A particular highlight has been 'book buddies' once a week. Many of our junior children have been able to read and share a book with our infant pupils. It was a very special moment seeing them enjoy a story together, chat and begin to form friendships. We are ready for our pupils to mix and work together to learn and grow.

Before we finish for half term, I want to share a few things with you.

MEDICINE

Throughout the year, some pupils may need to take prescribed medicines. In order to have it at regular intervals, we realise that pupils may need a dose at lunchtime, within the school day. All medicine must be dropped off at the school office, clearly labelled with your child's name, dose required and at what time. Parents will be asked to complete our school administering medicine consent form. At the end of the day, parents will be asked to collect and sign out the medicine from the office. Medicine cannot be brought into school by a child or handed over to a child at the end of the day. If your child attends breakfast club, please ensure that you hand it over to the staff on duty. The same procedures to keep your child safe will be in place. Thank you for your support. This procedure is to help keep all of our children safe.

CHOCOLATE BINGO

On Tuesday 22nd February, we are having a non-uniform day. We ask that if pupils want to take part that they come into school with a chocolate bar, box of chocolate or a bag of Maltesers etc. These chocolate bars will then be used as our bingo prizes for our chocolate bingo event after school on Thursday. The chocolate Bingo will be held in the school hall on Thursday 24th February @3.45pm. There will be a raffle and the opportunity to purchase teas/coffees/drinks and cake. We hope many of our families will be able to attend. To date we haven't had a talented bingo caller come forward from our staff team – any interested parties please let me know!

READING INFORMATION

We would like to invite our Reception and Year 1 parents to an information evening on Monday 28th February to share more details of our approach to teaching reading within school and ways that you can support your child at home. The session will start at 3.35pm on Monday 28th February and should last about 45minutes. Children are welcome to attend.

WORLD BOOK DAY/READING CAFE

A reminder that we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March. We are asking children to come dressed up as their favourite book character. We will be sharing lots of stories and retelling parts from our favourite books. Any pupils not wishing to dress up, should come to school in their uniform as normal. Our Reading café will



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be open on that morning too and we look forward to welcoming you to share a cuppa and a book with your child/children.

PARKING

A polite reminder to consider our local residents whilst dropping off and collecting your children. Please do not park on the pavements as these are very much used for local residents and those within our school family walking to and from school with prams, pushchairs and scooters etc.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast Club starts at 8am and offers your child a healthy breakfast and a choice of activities to start the day. Some children are being dropped off just after half past eight either outside the gates or on the playground and are unsupervised. This poses a safeguarding concern and a much safer option would be for them to attend this provision. Please speak with the school office regarding our booking system.

THANK YOU

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support, positive messages and engagement with the few events we have held within school so far, including our reading café mornings and our curriculum event. I hope we can begin to share more of what we are doing within school as the term progresses.

I hope you enjoy a restful and happy half term with lots of family time. As always, if you have any questions or need to discuss something with me, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We will see you again on Monday 21st February. Enjoy half term!

Kind Regards

Lorna Smith

Acting Headteacher