



St. Michael's Church of England Primary School

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Our school values: Respect • Kindness • Challenge • Forgiveness • Perseverance



Friday 19th July 2024

Dear Parents,

As we end this school year, I wanted to finish by saying a huge thank you for your continued support, feedback, kind messages and emails of appreciation that I have received throughout the year. I feel so proud to lead a school with such enthusiastic, considerate and dedicated pupils and staff members. Our links with home can never be underestimated and I want to say how much we as a team appreciate the many times you have supported school trips, visits, events and extended curriculum opportunities.

As a school community we are absolutely delighted with our Ofsted report and feel it truly reflects the care, dedication, nurture and amazing curriculum on offer at St Michael's for all of our pupils. 'Better never stops' and we will continue our journey in September to ensure St Michael's C of E School gives the best it possibly can to all of our pupils.

RATLINGATE

Our whole school trip to Ratlingate was a huge success! Thank you to our HSA who have funded the cost of the travel for this trip. It is very much appreciated.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS

We will say our fond farewells to our Year 6 pupils as their learning journey at St Michael's comes to an end. They leave us with our best wishes. Our Year 6 pupils will always be a part of the St Michael's extended school family. Each and every one of them will always find a warm welcome should they visit our school at any point in the future. So it's good luck and farewell but never goodbye!

FOND FAREWELLS

Mrs Carruthers will be leaving us today, after eighteen years at St Michael's. She will be a big miss on our staff team and we wish her well in her retirement from education. She has fulfilled many roles during her time at St Michael's including teacher, French teacher, HLTA and after school club leader... to name but a few. Mrs Carruthers will always be remembered for her unwavering support, kindness and hard work. We hope she will always come back to see us and perhaps help out when she has some free time.

Miss Butcher will also be leaving the staff team, as her maternity cover contract comes to an end. Miss Butcher has been an incredible asset to our teaching team and we thank her for all her hard work and dedication this year. We also wish her and Mark the very best for their wedding in August.

INSET

As a staff team we will be having INSET on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September. School will be open to parents to purchase any uniform orders on these days.



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RETURN TO SCHOOL

Our pupils return to school on Wednesday 4th September. Pupils should wear our normal school uniform - grey trousers/shorts/skirt, a white shirt, our school tie and a blue cardigan or jumper. Black school shoes should be worn.

ATTENDANCE

In line with government guidance, absences will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances and not for holidays taken in term time. Please see attached the term dates for the next academic year. If your child is going to be absent from school for a planned event, this needs to be shared with our school office. Absence requests can be made through our website. All requests will be considered on an individual basis. Our whole school attendance this year was 95%.

PRIMARY ENGINEER COMPETITION



Earlier this year, our children entered the competition - 'If you were an engineer, what would you design?' On Tuesday three of our pupils were invited to the regional awards ceremony. A great well done to Ted (Y6) and Joshua (Y2) whose designs were **HIGHLY COMMENDED!** Congratulations to Ronnie (Y1) whose design was a **WINNER!** All of the children who entered had some amazing designs – well done!

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to all in our school community who have helped make this academic year a **HUGE** success for our pupils at St Michael's including staff, parents, governors, community members, extended family members and our school vicars. May I wish you all a relaxing and happy holiday. I hope you enjoy many special family times together. See you in September.

Kind Regards

Lorna Smith

Mrs Smith