



# St. Michael's Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of a busy and exciting week to start our summer term in school, I write with some key information and diary dates.

## Uniform

Thank you for the united support in ensuring our pupils look smart in their summer uniform and attend school ready to learn. A reminder that smart black shoes or trainers, without colour or logos, is the desired footwear. Pupils should refrain from wearing sandals as this isn't conducive to sport and activities on the field during break times.

## Hot Weather

We are hopeful to see lots of warm, sunny days in the summer term. Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school and has a sun hat. Ideally pupils should apply sun-cream before coming to school and if desired, bring a small bottle of sun-cream to school that they can reapply if needed.

## Dolce

Our new school meals provider, Dolce have been serving up some really tasty meals this week. The cooks are keen to hear feedback from our pupils and will be attending a school council meeting next week. Our pupils are now being served on porcelain plates and bowls, which were purchased by our HSA – a huge thank you. This has also enhanced the dining experience for our pupils. After the three week cycle of menus, we will also ask for parent feedback.

## Parents' Meetings

Thank you to all parents who attended their pupil's review meeting at the end of last term. It was great to see so many families and share the developments of our school. At this event many parents completed a parent survey about our school. The results of this are very positive and I will write with further, specific details in due course. Thank you to all parents who took the time to complete it. If you did not get a chance to take part and wish to do so, please contact the school office and they will send you a link to the survey,

## Strike Days

The NEU have announced two imminent strike days for their members, as no settlement was reached on pay and conditions with the government. I will write to individual classes with the intended action of the class teachers.

## Coronation Lunch

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May we hope to host a school picnic lunch whereby parents and grandparents can come into school to share a picnic lunch with our pupils on the school field (weather permitting) to celebrate the King's coronation. Our pupils will also sing to celebrate this event. If you would like to book a picnic lunch, provided by Dolce, for your child please book this on SchoolGrid, as normal. (The new celebratory, picnic lunch for this day will



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be listed early next week.) Adults joining the picnic lunch can either book a lunch through the school office or come along with their own picnic. We ask that families who have picnic blanket bring it along too.

## *Coronation Run to Buckingham Palace*

On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April we will launch our new house teams with our pupils. The first team challenge will be to 'run' collectively to Buckingham Palace for the King's coronation. Miles will be added to the team totals for every 7 seven laps that pupils complete. The distance from Dalston to London is 306 miles. 7 laps of the field is one mile – with the help of Year 5 pupils, (to do the Maths), house teams will need to get 2,142 laps to reach London. Within assemblies we will look at the collective distance run by each team and plot where our pupils are on the map. If we are very eager – there is always the return journey too!

## *Coronation Crowns*

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May, our pupils will be involved in creating crowns using natural objects as part of the theme on sustainability. More details will follow soon.

## *Curriculum Newsletter/Quiz Me Questions*

These grids, which give further information about your child's learning and ways that you can support at home through asking questions, will be sent out early next week. These will also be posted on our school webpage in your child's class folder.

## *Sports Day*

We hope to host our school sports day on the afternoon of Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June. If we need to postpone this event due to adverse weather conditions, the reserve date is Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

## *Whole School Trip*

Within school we are busy planning our whole school trip to Rattlingate. As soon as we have a confirmed date I will let you know as we will very much appreciate any parent volunteers on the day.

## *Induction Day*

We are planning our induction days to meet our class teachers for the next academic year. Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July will be an induction day for all pupils. Year 6 pupils will visit their secondary schools and we will have visits from our new Reception pupils. We would also like to offer a second day, whilst Year 6 are on residential. This will be on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June and will be for our new Reception starters and all classes from Reception to Year 5. Currently, all of our Reception spaces for September have been filled and we have more requests with the LA – School Places department pending a place for September in other year groups.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office to make an appointment and I will be happy to meet with you.

Kind Regards

Lorna Smith