



St. Michael's Church of England Primary School

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As we approach the end of another busy, happy and successful term in school, I write with some information.

Dolce/New School Meals Provider

After Easter, our school meals will be provided by Dolce. We are excited to be working with this new school meals provider, who pride themselves on cooking their meals from fresh ingredients. Each day there will be a choice of three main courses and puddings. Each meal has nutritional and allergy information to help you in the selection process. Please make sure you log on to your account and start pre-booking school meals with your child/children. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Any credit balances currently held with Orian will be transferred as soon as possible.

We are also moving away from the flight trays as a way of serving our meals. Our school meals will be served on crockery plates and bowls to further enhance our school meals provision.

Breakfast Club and After School Club Bookings

You can now book for a session in our wrap around care (Breakfast Club or After School Club) using School Cloud. School Cloud can be accessed using the same email/credentials you used to access school cloud to book parents' meetings. Again, if you have any queries, please contact our school office. Many thanks to those parents who helped us test this new system, prior to launching it.

Extra Curricular Clubs

Our extra-curricular clubs after Easter are now live. These can also be booked using your School Cloud account.

BINGO – Full house!

Thank you to all of our families that donated chocolate prizes and attended our Easter Bingo last night. It really was a 'full house!' We raised £519.00 towards enhanced learning opportunities for our pupils in school. Many thanks to Brendan McArdle for being our bingo caller and to Dolce catering for baking the chocolate crunch and cakes for our table refreshments.

Easter Service

On Friday afternoon we will be taking part in a whole school Easter service/celebration in St Michael's church. Each class will share an aspect of the Easter story through song, poetry, drama or a story and we will be joined by Rev Chris Casey, who is covering Ben throughout his sabbatical. Unfortunately we will not be able to invite parents to this event - as a whole school we fill the church with pupils and staff alone!

Parents' Meetings

This week we hope you enjoy meeting with your child's class teacher to share their progress, attainment and next steps in their learning journey. Miss Mawson and myself will be launching our St Michael's enhanced curriculum passport during these meetings in the hall. We will also ask for your participation in a short parental survey. Your feedback is hugely important to us as a school and we look forward to hearing your comments.



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Feedback Forum

Next half term, our senior leadership team – (Miss Mawson, Mrs Henshaw and myself), would like to invite parents to a feedback forum – to talk openly about the results of the survey and discuss how we can improve teaching and learning and our education offer for all of our pupils. We want St Michael's to be the best that it can be to ensure every pupil can 'let their light shine'. Parental voice and feedback is an important part of this, alongside that of our pupils, staff and governors. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 18th April 3-4pm in school and we hope as many parents as possible will join us for an informal chat and a cuppa to share your ideas.

Good Egg Awards

Within school each class are voting for the member of their class who is 'a good egg' – someone who always follows our school values and looks out for others. Class teachers, Miss Mawson and myself will also award a prize to our 'good egg' school ambassadors. This end of term award will be instead of the record of achievement certificates.

Swimming Lessons

Next term our Year 3 pupils will swim on Monday and our Year 4 pupils will swim on Tuesday at The Sands Centre. These swimming lessons will run until the end of the summer term.

Children's Safeguarding Newsletter

Keeping our children safe is a top priority at St Michael's. Earlier last week myself and Miss Mawson led a whole school assembly on Safeguarding. Some of the key messages shared in the assembly have been added to our pupil's safeguarding newsletter. Within school, keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility, however Miss Mawson is our designated safeguarding lead and I am the deputy safeguarding lead. The pupils' Safeguarding Newsletter will be issued fortnightly.

Uniform

After Easter, we hope the weather will be milder and sunny. A reminder that pupils can wear our summer uniform. This consists of white polo shirts, black/grey shorts, trousers or skirts and a blue cardigan or jumper. Blue gingham dresses can also be worn. May I take this opportunity to remind parents that tight black leggings are not part of our school uniform and thank you in anticipation of your support in encouraging our pupils to wear the correct uniform.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Easter and hope that you enjoy some fun family times and I look forward to welcoming our pupils back to school on Monday 17th April.

With best wishes and a huge thank you from myself and the team at St Michael's for your continued support.

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