



St. Michael's Church of England Primary School

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Thursday 28th September 2023

Dear Parents,

I write with some further information to help keep you updated about school life.

St Michael's Day Service

Tomorrow afternoon, we will join in a service as a whole school to celebrate the life of St Michael. Ben, our school vicar will lead us in this worship. Unfortunately we cannot open our doors to the wider school community, due to the number already participating.

Jewellery and Nails

Pupils should not wear jewellery to school. If your child has recently had their ears pierced then small studs can be worn and covered for PE lessons. Children should not wear false nails and refrain from wearing nail polish to school. Thank you for supporting us with this as it helps to keep our pupils safe and looking smart in their uniform.

National Poetry Day

Thursday 5th October is National Poetry day. We will be sharing and reciting poems throughout school. We would like to extend an invitation to join us at our pop up reading café on Thursday 5th October after school in the hall. All are welcome to join us for a cupcake and a cuppa whilst sharing some poems and good stories.

Artist in School

We are delighted to be working with a local artist, Abby Kilfedder. All children are working in clay to produce a tile. These tiles will be part of our whole school art project, centred around our school motto – 'let your light shine!' The final piece will be displayed on the wall as you approach the main entrance, underneath the shelter – watch this space!

Parents' Evenings

Our parents' meetings for Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be held on Tuesday 17th October and Thursday 19th October in school. We look forward to welcoming you into school on those nights to find out about your pupil's progress so far and how they have settled in the new school year. Further details of how to book appointments will follow shortly.

Please note a slight change for our Reception class. Reception parents' meetings will be held on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th October.

Book Fair

Within school on the week beginning Monday 16th October we will be hosting a book fair. The book fair will be open in the hall after school and throughout the evenings of parents' meetings.

Reception New Starters Open Day

We are opening our doors to invite the parents of pupils due to start school in September 2024 to join us with their child for a morning of fun and great learning experiences. We are very proud of our school and hope that our Year 6 pupils will rise to the occasion and enjoy showing our visitors around St Michael's.



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Forest School Training

This year, as a school we are delighted to let you know that four teaching staff will be taking part in forest school training and working towards their qualification in outdoor learning. We hope to maximise the use of our outdoor space and involve creative learning opportunities as much as possible. More details will follow as staff become trained.

Flu Vaccination

If you wish your child to receive the flu vaccination in school on Friday 20th October, please return any consent forms (still outstanding) by Friday 13th October.

HSA Meeting

Our HSA is meeting on Wednesday 4th October at 7.30pm in the Bluebell. The team have lots of exciting event ideas to discuss and any new members would be more than welcome.

As always, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office and we can arrange to meet at a convenient time.

Kind Regards

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