



St. Michael's Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents,

I write with some news from school. We have had a great start to the summer term and I can't quite believe we are starting week 3 already. Our pupils have come back after the Easter break with great energy and enthusiasm for their learning which is wonderful!

HSA Disco Fundraiser

Thank you to Mrs Gardhouse and our dedicated team of parents on our HSA who organised a great end of term disco for our infant and junior pupils. The children had a great time and loved the tattoos, face paints, stalls and of course the music and dancing! A total of £995 was raised -which is amazing!

Sporting Success

This half term we have had great sporting success in three football competitions and a multi skills event at Central Academy.

Our Year 3/4 girl footballers have reached the County Finals, which will take place next month. Our Year 5/6 girl footballers finished joint in second place at the CUFC football festival last week. Our Year 5 boys football team also finished in second place the CUFC football festival last week. A huge thank you to Neil Dickinson and Michael Wood for supporting Mrs Tait (our Sports coordinator) and our pupils at these events. We are immensely proud of our pupils and they were super ambassadors for our school, really demonstrating our five school values. Well done everyone!

Class Curriculum Newsletter and Quiz Me Questions

Teachers have been working on their class curriculum newsletters to keep you fully informed as to what your child/children will be learning in school over this half term. We hope you find the Quiz Me questions useful to help start conversations about what your children are learning in school. Research has shown that when pupils can discuss and explain aspects of their learning it has a huge impact on their understanding and retention.

Morning Welcome

Each morning, myself and Miss Mawson are always on either the front or back yard to welcome and greet all of our pupils into school each day. Within school, as a team we recognise the need for all pupils to feel valued and connected with our teaching team. You may have noticed that all teachers are now joining myself or Miss Mawson on the front/back yards to welcome and greet our pupils. Class teachers are also available at this time, if you need to pass on any essential information about your child. At St Michael's we value home/school links and hope this new approach to the start of our school day will continue to develop the strong bonds with our wider school community.

Year 2 SATS

As you may know Year 2 SATS are no longer compulsory. However, our school has been selected by the DfE to take part in a trial research of new Year 2 test papers. This is not optional but compulsory. The research company appointed by the DfE will deliver the materials and we will administer the tests in the same way as previous years.



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There may also be an additional monitoring check to verify the validity of the assessment process. As a school we will be made aware of this closer to the assessment period.

Year 6 SATS

The week beginning Monday 13th May is the beginning of SATS week across the country. All of our Year 6 pupils will take part in these assessment/tests. Within school we will offer all of our Year 6 pupils breakfast in our school hall from 8.30am. We hope as many pupils as possible take up this offer and it gives the children a chance to meet, chat, socialise and prepare for the day ahead. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help out on the mornings.

Tempest Class Photos

Our class photos will be on Wednesday 5th June. Tempest will take these photographs and details of how to order will follow in due course.

Swimming

This term, our Year 2, 3 and 4 classes are enjoying taking part in swimming lessons at The Sands Centre. Thank you to our parent volunteers who support these experiences for our pupils on a weekly basis.

Cycle Training

Within school we are busy planning Cyclewise training for our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils. Further details of confirmed dates will follow soon.

NHS Immunisations

Due to the increasing numbers of measles within the UK, the NHS are launching a campaign to promote awareness and uptake of the MMR vaccination. As soon as we receive further details of this initiative, we will forward it to you.

OPAL – Outdoor Play and Learning

Within school we have joined the national programme to develop our outdoor play and learning for all of our pupils. We are working closely with a national advisor and we hope to provide some new and exciting play opportunities for our pupils in the very near future. Please see the follow up letter which gives you more information about OPAL and ways that you can become involved in our school to support the implementation of this programme for the benefit of all of our pupils. Exciting times are ahead!

Below is a summary of all upcoming key dates in school.

Date	Event details
Monday 6 th May	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 13 th May	Year 6 KS2 SATS start
Monday 27 th May to Friday 31 st May	May half term break

Date	Event details
Wednesday 5 th June	Class photographs
Wednesday 12 th June	Sports Day
Wednesday 19 th June	Reserve Sports Day

Kind regards
Mrs Smith