



# St. Michael's Church of England Primary School

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Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Dear Parents,

I write with details of staffing changes and further information for our 'move up'/ 'transition' day on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

## Staffing Changes

At the end of term, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Butcher in Year 1 who has been covering Mrs Johnston's maternity leave. Miss Butcher has been a great asset to our school and we will miss her so much but do hope that she may continue to cover any supply work that we have within school.

We will also be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Carruthers who has been part of our team at St Michael's for almost eighteen years. Mrs Carruthers has decided to retire from teaching and to take some time to enjoy her love of making and creating and pursue more opportunities in this area. Mrs Carruthers has led several curriculum areas with integrity and skill, in particular the teaching of Modern Foreign Languages including French and German throughout school. She is a caring and supportive member of our team. We will all miss her and wish her well.

Miss Peascod will also be going on Maternity leave early in the autumn term. We are very excited for her at this special time.

## Move-Up Day

Our pupils are excited about their 'Move up' day on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July. We are also looking forward to welcoming our new reception pupils and other new starters in different year groups (also joining us in September) into school for their first taster session of St Michael's school life. We hope it will be a busy and exciting day.

Pupils should come into school and leave through the door for their new class tomorrow. The Year 2 pupils will have the biggest change as they now need to come into school through the junior playground. The entry/exit doors will be labelled to help our pupils in the morning.

I hope our pupils enjoy meeting their class teacher for next year. I'm sure this transition day will help to settle many pupils and give them greater confidence for their next step in September.

On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July our Year 6 pupils will be visiting their secondary schools.



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At the end of the day we would like to welcome all parents into their child's new classroom to meet their new teacher. This will be for an informal chat and to answer any questions you may have. The 'meet your child's new teacher' meetings will start at 3.45pm and 4pm to allow you to meet several teachers.

The classing structure for next year will be as follows –

Year	Teachers	Teaching Support Staff
Reception	Mrs McArdle	Mrs Atkinson (part time) Miss Mayer (part time)
Year 1	Mrs Miller Mrs Johnson	Mrs Atkinson (part time) Miss Mayer (part time)
Year 2	Miss Armstrong Mrs Lambert	Miss Reddan
Year 3	Mrs Henshaw Miss Mawson	Mrs Rennie (part time) Mrs Kirby (full time) Mrs Fairlam (part time)
Year 4	Miss Atkinson	Mrs Tait (part time)
Year 5	Mrs Shennan Mrs Lambert	Mrs Smillie (part time) Mrs Barnwell (part time)
Year 6	Miss Rowe	Mrs Austin (part time) Mrs Tait (part time) Mrs Smillie (part time) Mrs Barnwell (part time)

Pupils with additional needs will continue to access the additional support they need and Mrs Henshaw or myself will be in touch to discuss the provision in place for next year, should there be any changes to what is currently in place.

## Ordering Class Photos

The final date for orders from Tempest to ensure free delivery to school is Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Lorna Smith