



# St Michael's CE Junior School

## Newsletter – Issue 1 08.09.2023

### **Message from Mrs Jones**

This is the first newsletter of this academic year!

We welcome back children and families to our school and welcome for the first time our new children and families. We have had a lovely four days with the children this week. I asked staff to sum up their experience of how the children have come back, these are some of the quotes: 'children are keen to be in class'; children have learnt the new routines really quickly'; 'children have shown positive attitudes and resilience towards their learning'; 'children are showing good manners, thoughtfulness and the school values of respect, courage and resilience'.

As you can tell the staff at the school are really proud with the children for settling in so well after the summer break. The adults have really enjoyed being back in school as the children have made it such a great experience.

### **Children's Achievements**

If your child takes part in activities outside school which merit a mention in our newsletter, e.g. sporting or musical achievements, please let the School Office know, and we shall ensure it is included in the next newsletter.

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### **Open Classrooms**

Thank you to those who came to the open classroom event. It was a chance to see your child's classroom now that they are in it and a glimpse of some of the work they have completed.

### **Attendance**

All studies show that having high attendance in school is really important. Children who miss school regularly do not do as well as those who are in school; this is in all areas – academic, friendships and mental health / wellbeing.

We are working on achieving high attendance this year for all children. We will not authorise any leave for

holidays in term time, this is following government guidance.

If a child misses 5 days or more for a holiday or for unauthorised absences then parents will be issued with a penalty notice and a fine. This is a fine per parent, per child. Again, this is in line with government guidance.

The teachers have planned fantastic learning journeys for the children, please do ensure they are there for the whole of the journey.

Our Family Support Worker will be happy to support you if you are finding it difficult to get your child into school.

We celebrate really high attendance this week - 97%. Well done and thank you! We will celebrate classes with high attendance on a Monday using Attendance Ted and classes with no children arriving late using Punctual Polly.

### **Moving House**

Can we please remind parents that if you have moved house over the summer holidays, or have moved recently, that you let the School Office know. It is a legal requirement that we hold the correct home address for our pupils. Thank you.

### **Play equipment**

Please remember that children are not allowed on the play equipment before or after school. The equipment is designed for junior aged children so is not safe for smaller, younger children. Children must be supervised by school staff when on the equipment and so should not use it outside of school hours.

Thank you for your co-operation with this.

### **Summer Fete**

We did our thank you to everyone in the newsletter last term, but we had not announced how much we raised. The event raised a fantastic total of £2082.15!

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### Church service

It is the feast of St Michael's on 29<sup>th</sup> September. The church will be holding a service on 1<sup>st</sup> October to celebrate this. Vicar Alwyn would like some children from the school to plan and deliver parts of this service.

Children will be told about this next week and a letter will go out to those who are interested in taking part asking for parental permission for them to attend the service on 1<sup>st</sup> October.

### Water Bottles

Please can you ensure that your child comes to school with a named water bottle.

### Medication

Just a reminder that any medication for your child needs to be handed into the school office and not left in their school bag.

### Healthy Snack

Please can we remind you that we encourage the children to have a healthy snack whilst they are in school – studies show that eating sugary foods affects concentration.

Fruit or vegetable sticks are much better than manufactured products which contain high levels of sugar.

### Nut Free Zone

Please can you ensure that your child does not bring anything with nuts in it into school as there are children with severe nut allergies in the school, this includes chocolate hazelnut spread.

### DIARY DATES

*All diary dates for future events are now available on our school website – this will be updated regularly as and when events are added/updated.*

12 <sup>th</sup> September	Secondary School Applications Open	
21 <sup>st</sup> September	Y6 Residential Parents Information Meeting	3.30-4.30pm
28 <sup>th</sup> September	Y6 Residential Parents Information Meeting (Y5 going into Y6 Sept 2024)	3.30-4.30pm
13 <sup>th</sup> October	Y3 – Early Man Workshop	In school
24 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup> October	HALF TERM	

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