

St Michael's CE Academy Newsletter



Friday 28th September 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

First newsletter of the new academic year and we have collected up heaps of information to share with you all. Please note that all newsletters and letters will be on the new school website (except trip letters). All key dates will also be on the new school website (see calendar).

I have to tell you, it has been a smashing start to the new school year! Everyone is working hard and making progress in their learning. We have already been on several trips to the museum, Wakefield library etc. The new school council have been elected and are raring to go.

We also have some super things to look forward to this year, a Harvest Festival is coming up that we really want to share with parents. Details are on this newsletter. There are the Bedtime Story events for you to look out for.

Finally, I would like to share with you some changes to our homework provision. Please read the details below so that you can really help us help your children get the most from home learning.

How can parents support Home Learning?

Parents have an important role to play in supporting this approach to Home Learning. Simply sending your child to their room with a pencil and their homework book does not work. For our pupils to achieve success we need parents to take an interest in what their children are learning.

Here are some tips as to how parents can best support their children:

1. Make Time: your child will benefit from you taking an interest in what they are doing.
2. Experiences: Try and link life and leisure experience to your child's school work e.g. visits to the park, museum or days out.
3. Talk: Make time to ask your child about what they are studying and what they have learned. Another great way to show you are interested is to attend school activities such as parents' evenings and sport events.

The types of home learning that will be provided:

Key Stage or Year Group	Minimum home learning activities that all children will do.	Extending activities that many children will do.
EYFS	TBA	
KS1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reading: Daily - Books to be taken home daily. Parents to comment on reading records.Spelling: Weekly – Words will be identified from RWI word lists.	Topic (wider curriculum) work as appropriate per topic (e.g. bring in your favourite toy)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Year 1 will focus on first 100 words and common exception words. o Y2 will focus on new rules and common exception words. 	
KS2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Maths – KIRFS · Reading: Daily - Books to be taken home daily. Parents or children will comment on reading records. · Spelling: Weekly – Words will be identified from RWI word lists. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Year 3 and 4 will use words from RWI spelling scheme. o Y5 and 6 will use RWI spelling scheme or generate ARE based words as necessary. · Maths: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o KIRFS o Timestables Rockstars 	<p>Topic (wider curriculum) work as appropriate per topic (e.g. make a Roman shield)</p> <p>Mathletics Maths Software Package for any KS2 pupils who have access to a computer at home and will commit to doing this activity daily.</p>

Please see KIRFS BOOKLET attached.



There will be two assemblies at school this year that parents are invited to attend.
It would be lovely to see you all there.

KS2 - Monday 8th October – 10.10am

KS1 – Thursday 11th October – 9.15am

We will be collecting food to donate to Community Awareness Programme (CAP) – who are a charity that help those in need (www.capcare.org). Any packaged or tinned food will be greatly received.

We hope to display food donated by the parents and children of our school. In previous years you have always been very generous with your donations at this time of year.

You can send donations to school with your child right up to the morning of Thursday 11th October.

Trip Reminders

Year 1 Eureka – **Tuesday 2nd October**

Year 2 Rainbow Factory – **Monday 8th October**

Please give consent and make payment via Parentpay. Thank you

Bedtime Stories



*Please ensure your child has appropriate sleepwear **to change into** for the afternoon, they are also welcome to bring soft toys/teddy bears along.*

Nursery children can come to school in their sleepwear.

Day	Class
Monday 1 st October 1.30pm-3.00pm	Yr2
Tuesday 2 nd October 2.00pm-3.00pm	Reception
Wednesday 3 rd October 1.30pm-3.00pm	Yr3 & Yr4
Thursday 4 th October 1.30pm-3.00pm	Yr5 & Yr6
Friday 5 th October 1.30pm-3.00pm	Yr1

Tuesday 2 nd October 10.30am-11.30am	Nursery
Tuesday 2 nd October 2.00pm-3.00pm	Nursery

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Reception Phonics Workshop

Monday 1st October – 3.30pm – 4.15pm

Phonics is a very important part of your child's development. We hope that you can join us for what promises to be a very informative, helpful and engaging session.



Individual Photographs

Monday 22nd October



Flu Vaccinations – Reception to Year 5

Thursday 18th October