

St. Michael's RC Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

We welcome all the children in Year 5 and look forward to working with them this year. Our home and school partnership at St Michael's is crucial to ensure we have happy children, who are ready to learn and we want to see them make progress.

Reading

This term, and throughout this school year, we are engaging all our young people in some of their favourite books and authors. The children will listen and respond to their class novel each day. Reading is a vital life skill that we want to develop and grow. Creating a love for reading is our aim and in the words of Dr Seuss,

'The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you will go'

We ask that each child **reads daily** at home. Each child's Reading Record must be signed by parents/carers and we will encourage our KS2 children to record any other books they read from the class/school library or from home. Reading books will be changed once children have had quality time reading their book, they may explore further questions relating to the book, record personal responses and must ensure they have re-read all of the book. Reading Records may show a 'guided reading stamp' that is dated and signed, this indicates that your child has taken part in a Guided Reading session which is a group read with a member of our teaching staff.

All children who read every day for a half term will receive a raffle ticket, each half term one child from each class will win a book to share at home with their family. We thank you for your continued support in this area.

P.E and Games

These sessions will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday please ensure that the following are in school:

- Plain Black and Navy shorts - Plain white T-shirt/polo shirt
- Plain Black Pumps

Outdoor P.E/Games

- Trainers for outdoor games
- Black/Navy jogging bottoms (no logos)

Homework

Maths and English homework will be given out on a Monday to be handed in on a Friday

Please note that some homework this year will involve researching and learning information about given topics and areas of learning.

Times tables

Children will be tested on their times tables each Friday. By the end of year 5 they should be fluent in recalling times tables facts to 12x12 and understand the inverse division facts. We are developing the children's speed and accuracy this year as it supports all other areas of learning in maths. All children have access to the website Times Table Rock stars to support the practice and recall of times table facts.

Spellings/Phonics

A new spelling pattern will be introduced on a Monday which the children can practise for a test on Friday.

The children have received an individual log in for the 'Spelling Shed' website. The children's spelling will be on here for them to practice weekly. The website contains games for the children to practice spellings linked to their year group. The spelling games will be updated every Monday.

Parents Meeting

We will be hosting a parent's information session on Thursday 12th September at 9:00. This will be an opportunity to meet the Y5 staff and find out information about what your child is learning in year 5 and ask any questions you may have. If you are unable to attend a copy of the information shared will be available on the schools website via the Year 5 class page.

Thank you for your support and co-operation. If there are any questions regarding the class information, please ring the office or speak to me at the end of the school day. I am so excited to be joining the St Michael's team and cannot wait to start to get to know you and your children and begin our Year 5 journey together. This is going to be a fantastic year full of fun, enjoyment and most importantly lots of learning- I hope that your children are looking forward it as much as me!

Mrs Camilleri