



Newsletter—September 2018



A WARM WELCOME

Welcome back to the new school year—summer to enjoy some family time returned to school very ready for the are wearing the correct school uniform smooth start to the beginning of term weeks ahead. A very warm welcome to We hope you enjoy your journey with well.



we do hope you had a lovely break over the together. As always our children have year ahead; thank you for ensuring that they and are well organised! It has been a very and we look forward to lots of successful our new families who have joined our school. us and we look forward to getting to know you

This term we also welcome Mrs Rebecca Sheahan who will be teaching in Year 1 on a Friday morning and Miss Charlotte Kilcran who joins our teaching team as our new trainee teacher and will initially work in Y3 with Mrs Miller and Mrs Tattersdill. To help you stay informed, our school website contains an extensive range of information about our school including an on-line calendar of events so please do take a look. Class newsletters will be uploaded onto the school web-site in the Curriculum area. Many thanks to all our families who returned their report acknowledgement forms at the end of last term. We value very much your overwhelmingly positive feedback and use your responses to assist us in further enhancing our provision.



With very best wishes,
Mrs Sheena Sinclair
Head teacher.



A GREAT START



As you know attendance and punctuality are very important to help ensure that your child makes the best progress they can at school. This week we have an excellent attendance figure of 97.06% and everyone has been punctual which means the school day can get off to a prompt and efficient start. Many thanks.

Please remember to phone the school office before 10am (earlier if possible) if your child is going to be absent and to follow-up absence by completing the form in the school porch. Holidays and non-urgent medical/dental appointments should be avoided during school time. I am unable to authorise requests for holidays due to legal regulations (except in exceptional circumstances) therefore any absence would be recorded as unauthorised.

Teaching staff supervise the beginning of the school day (from 8.40am). Once you have brought your child to school, using the Thames Road entrance whenever possible, we request that you leave the school grounds to help ease congestion. We also recommend that you do not arrive at school before 8.40am so that the pathway does not get too busy. The paths should be used and not the grass—as you will appreciate, very soon the grass will become muddy and will cause shoes to do the same! At the end of the day please avoid coming into the school grounds before 3pm as lessons are often still going on outdoors. Dogs are not allowed within the school grounds and in line with our safeguarding procedures mobile phones and other electronic devices should not be used within the school grounds. Many thanks for your co-operation.

PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

We know our best partners in education are you, our parents and carers. We always encourage open and honest conversations to ensure the best possible outcomes for your child. Therefore, if you have any queries or concerns then please do bring them to our attention by calling into school or you can telephone to make an appointment with your child's class teacher or speak to myself or Mrs Peacock, Deputy Head. Duty teachers at the beginning of the day can pass on general messages to your child's teacher. There will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher and discuss their progress on **Monday 22nd October or Wednesday 24th October**. The on-line booking system will open on Monday 10th September at 5.30pm so you can select a convenient appointment time.

SAFE GUARDING AND PUPIL WELFARE

We are committed to ensuring that the children in our care are kept safe at all times; our Child Protection Policy, along with our Behaviour, Anti-Bullying and Online Safety Policies all ensure that we are compliant with the expectations in the Government's "Keeping Children Safe in Education" document. Mrs Sinclair is the designated safeguarding lead and Mrs Peacock is the deputy designated safeguarding lead. Should you ever need to raise a safeguarding concern or query then please do so.

As well as our commitment to safety, we also take seriously our responsibility in ensuring that our pupils develop healthy lifestyles. We encourage our children to be active and to take good care of their bodies. Children are encouraged to make healthy choices at lunch time—meals provided by school meet nutritional regulations. It is therefore essential that children on packed lunches have an equally nutritious meal. Please avoid including more than one sweet treat and ensure that at least one portion of fruit or vegetables are included. **IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT PRODUCTS CONTAINING NUTS ARE NOT INCLUDED AS WE HAVE SOME PUPILS WITH SEVERE NUT ALLERGIES.** Sweets, chocolate bars and fizzy drinks are also not allowed. Please note that we do not accept birthday cakes or sweets in school.



We have clear guidance and policy information on our school website regarding medical conditions and illness. **IF YOUR CHILD HAS SICKNESS OR DIARRHOEA THEN THEY SHOULD NOT RETURN TO SCHOOL UNTIL 48 HOURS AFTER THE LAST EPISODE.**



To ensure that your child's uniform is kept safe, please ensure that each item of clothing is clearly labelled. This will avoid unnecessary upset and expense. We also request that plain tights or socks are worn with uniform rather than patterned or with motifs. They should be black, white, grey, dark blue or red. Many thanks, this will ensure that our children look smart. **PLEASE NOTE THAT EARRINGS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BE WORN IN SCHOOL.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please find below a list of dates for the forthcoming weeks. The school calendar and dates are frequently updated via letter or email and are available on the school website.

Tuesday 11th September (6-7pm) - A presentation by Mr Ramsey, Headteacher of St Michael's Catholic Academy for Parents and Carers of Y5 and Y6 children.

Friday 28th September (1.45-3pm) - Macmillan Coffee Afternoon—everyone welcome

Monday 22nd and Wednesday 24th October—Parent Consultation Evenings 3.45-6.15pm

Friday 5th October—CAFOD Harvest Fast Day—details to follow

Reception Class Parents Consultation—Week Commencing Monday 8th October—details to follow

Monday 15th - Friday 26th October - Y3 Swimming each morning

Thursday 8th November - Friends of St Paul's Disco—Details to follow



CLASS COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

A new addition this term is to invite families to join their child's class for Collective Worship.

Dates are below but a reminder will be sent nearer the time. Our children take part in Collective Worship each day and this is an opportunity for you to join us in prayer.

Year 6—Wednesday 11th October at 2.50pm

Year 5—Thursday 4th October at 2.50pm

Year 4—Tuesday 2nd October at 2.50pm

Year 3—Friday 5th October at 9.00am

Year 2—Tuesday 25th September at 2.50pm

Year 1- Tuesday 18th September at 2.50pm

Reception Class Welcome Liturgy—Thursday 11th October at 2.15pm