

# St. Michael's RC Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

We welcome all the children in Year One 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 Suss,

*'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 ask that you record any other books your child reads from the school library or from home. (Thursday is our library day). 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.

**P.E and Games** These sessions will take place on Monday and Tuesday, please ensure that the following are in school:

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

**Outdoor P.E/Games**

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

**Spellings/Phonics** The children will use their phonic knowledge practised in class, to read the words in his/her reading book, sounding out the letters then blending together. You could practise writing the words too, saying the word, listening for the sounds in it, then recording for spelling.

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.

**Mrs Riley and Mrs Dutch.**