



## ST. MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2023

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Dear Parent/Carers,

We are all looking forward to the October break, with the school closing on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 3.00 p.m. and reopening on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Please note the next In-service day takes place on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November when the school will be closed to all pupils.

### FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Our Christmas Coffee Morning will take place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 10.00 a.m.

If you have any donations for the tombola, please hand them in to the school office. We would be grateful for any unopened bottles of alcohol/juice/jams/sauces; toiletries; stationery; unwanted gifts; confectionery. Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

Our Parent Council intend to hold a Christmas Fayre on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December in the evening, please put this date in your diary!

Our Infant Nativity is scheduled for the afternoon of 12<sup>th</sup> December and evening of 13<sup>th</sup> December. Further details will be sent nearer the time.

### HALLOWE'EN PARADE

The infants, including the nursery and P. 1 - 3 pupils, will take part in our Hallowe'en Parade on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct at 1.30 p.m. within the school. The children can either go home at lunchtime and return in their costumes or they can bring them into school in the morning and



will be helped into them after lunch. Children who may not wish to dress up are under no obligation to do so. All parents and carers are welcome to come along and enjoy the parade in the school hall. There will be a raffle and any donations towards this would be gratefully received. Nursery children will have more information about this sent via their own newsletter.

### HALLOWE'EN DICSO

Our Parent Council will once again be holding Discos for all the children on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Oct.

**Primarys 1-3 from 6.30-7.30 p.m. (entry and exit by main door)**

**Primarys 4-7 from 7.45-8.45 p.m. (entry by Room 11 fire door and exit by main door)**

Tuck will be provided by the Parent Council and many thanks to them all for organising this event for our children. The cost will be £2.00 per child, payable on the night.

## **P.7 HIGH SCHOOL OPEN EVENING**

The first transition event will take place at St Maurice's High School on Wednesday 11th October from 6.00 - 7.00 p.m. The evening will begin with an introduction from key staff who will support your child and an overview of transition events which will take place over the course of the academic year. You will then visit classrooms and hear from subject specialist about the S1 curriculum. P.7 pupils are welcome to attend.

## **BREAKFAST CLUB**



This supervised service is available to all our children from 8.15 a.m. All children must be supervised until they enter the building. Parents should be aware that any children arriving before 8.15 a.m. may not have access to the building until Breakfast Club staff arrive. Please be aware that all children attending must purchase a breakfast. The breakfast consists of cereal, milk and toast. This is free to pupils who are in Primary 1 to 5 and for pupils in Primary 6 to 7 who receive free school meals. For all other pupils the cost is £1 per day with a sliding scale for families of two at £1.50 per day and families of three at £1.80 per day. Children will then be dismissed into the playground at 8.45 a.m.

## **AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS**

We are delighted to be able to give our children the opportunity to take part in many different extra-curricular clubs. If your child is not allocated a place this term, there will be another block of clubs in the new year.

## **PARENTS NIGHT/OPEN AFTERNOON**



Details have been emailed to parents regarding the process of booking parents' night appointments. One parent/carer slot is allocated per child. Two parental appointments for one child will only be allocated where legal paperwork dictates it. Should you choose to remove your child from school due to a pre booked holiday on this date, we will be unable to provide another appointment in line with the school's priority to improve attendance for all pupils post covid.

We are all very much looking forward to welcoming all parents/carers into St. Michael's.

## **COMMUNICATION**



We have a growing number of followers on X - @StMichaelsPNS - and would ask if you could please follow us in order to keep up to date with news and events. The school website is an excellent source of communication also as it is regularly updated. We will continue to communicate through the e-mail system and ask that you check this regularly to keep up to date.

Homework continues to be issued on TEAMS and this also provides an excellent vehicle for class teachers to share useful information.

## **PANTOMIME**

Motherwell Concert Hall is temporarily closed and further work and inspection of the building is being carried out. We expect an update at the end of October on whether the Pantomime season will be going ahead. I will keep you updated as and when we have any news.

## UNIFORM

As we head towards colder days, please ensure your child is appropriately dressed for school. Girls should no longer wear the green gingham dresses and all children should have outdoor shoes and warm coats/jackets to change into.

School fleeces are for children to wear in the classroom as the need for increased ventilation will mean windows are open at all times. Please ensure they have another outdoor jacket for playtime and lunchtime, as we do not want anyone sitting in class in a wet fleece. Should you be experiencing financial barriers to purchasing uniform or winter clothing please contact myself or Mrs Di Mascio, we will do our best to help.



### **BOYS**

White shirt, long or short sleeve (not polo shirt)  
Brown tailored trousers or shorts (summer)  
Brown v-neck jumper  
School tie (traditional)

### **GIRLS**

White shirt, long or short sleeve (not polo shirt)  
Brown skirts or pinafore dresses, trousers (winter)  
Brown v-neck jumper or cardigan  
School Tie (traditional)

All uniform can be purchased from <https://www.logoxpres-schoolwear.co.uk/>

M&S or Asda websites also have brown uniform items. Should you have any preloved items please send them into school and we will redistribute.

## STAY AND PLAY



If you have a child under 3, our popular Stay & Play sessions for toddlers have restarted on Fridays from 9.00 until 10.30 a.m. Please see the poster at the end of this newsletter for more information. There is no need to book a place, just come to the main school door.

## PARENT COUNCIL

We would like to thank Caroline Taylor for her support of the school and Parent Council during her time as chairperson. I am personally grateful for Caroline's dedication during her time as an office bearer.

Following the A.G.M. on Monday, I can confirm Francesca O'Neill as Chairperson, Angela Tyrrell as Vice-Chair, Siobhan Smith as Treasurer and Marissa Buchanan as Secretary.

## SPONSORED READ

A huge thank you to everyone who took part and donated to our sponsored read day. The fantastic amount of £1,285.70 was raised for school funds, thank you to everyone for their generosity.



## PARKING



Parents/carers are reminded to park safely around our school grounds. There is strictly no parking allowed in the yellow zigzags or the school car park. We encourage all parents to park in the Church of Scotland or Co-op car parks when dropping off/picking up from school. Please help us keep the children safe by leaving the areas around the school free from vehicles. Thank you to the Community Police for their recent support with this.

## STATIONERY SHOP

S.S. X-press is available to all our children every Friday. For budget prices, children can purchase pens, pencils, rulers, sharpeners, etc. Please support this school fundraiser if you can.



## BOOK FAIR

A separate letter has been sent to all parents/carers regarding the Book Fair, which will be in the school next week. Parents will also be able to visit during our Parent Appointments.

## SCOTTISH POPPY APPEAL

Remembrance poppies will be available to buy, for a small donation, in November.

## ALLERGIES

Please remember that we are a nut free school when you are giving your child their snack or packed lunch. Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.



## E-MAIL CONTACTS

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As always, if there is anything in this newsletter that you would like to discuss or indeed any aspect of school life, please contact via e-mail addresses stated above.

Yours sincerely  
Mrs K Greechan  
HEAD TEACHER