

Primary 1 Newsletter

Term 1 - August/September 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to St Michael's Primary, we look forward to working in partnership with you and your child this year.

The children are settling in well to school life and made a great start to Primary 1. We are working very hard in class and will be sharing lots of our learning on our school Twitter page so be sure to follow us @stmichaelspns .

Homework and Microsoft Teams



The children have now been issued with homework jotters. All children should now also have access to Microsoft Teams using their Glow username and password. This is where homework will be issued on a weekly basis. Homework can be uploaded into your child's individual Notebook through our Team, where feedback will be provided. More information regarding homework and the use of Teams will be given at our Parents' information evening this Thursday. If you are unable to attend and have problems accessing the class team, then please let us know.

Reading Books

Reading books will be issued to children on a **Monday** and **Wednesday**. The books sent home will have been read in class that day. We ask that children please return books to school each day as they will be working on these in class daily.



Outdoor Learning & P.E.

We are very lucky in St Michael's to have access to wonderful grounds and a school forest. We will be visiting the forest regularly and when we plan to visit will be communicated via Teams.



Could children please bring in wellies and appropriate outdoor clothing (jogging bottoms, fleece, rain jacket etc.) as this will allow them to be comfortable and enjoy our time outside. (If you wish your child's boots to remain in school then just let us know to save having to return them each week.)

Our indoor PE days are **Tuesday** and **Friday**. Children should bring all kit in on a Monday and it will be sent home on a Friday. Our school PE kit consists of green t-shirt and green shorts which are available to order from the Logo Express website. <https://www.logoxpres-schoolwear.co.uk/St-Michaels-Primary/>. We also have a 30 minute outdoor P.E session each week. An outdoor kit, including joggers, appropriate shoes and a waterproof jacket is required as the weather begins to change.



****Please ensure all items of clothes and footwear are labelled****

Sumdog



Sumdog is an online resource used to develop mental maths skills and agility. Each child has been given their own username and login which can be found in their homework jotters. These allows them to access the programme and track their progress. It is a fantastic resource as it creates a personal programme for your child based on their confidence in maths. You can access the site at: www.sumdog.com.



Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast club starts at 8.15 am each morning and is free to our Primary 1 children. Please make use of this fantastic service. There is no need to book in advance - just turn up when you want.

Snacks

We have children in the school with nut allergies and we would appreciate your co-operation in choosing a snack for your child that is nut free.



Names and Lost Property

Children are encouraged to keep all belongings safely in their bag however, we would appreciate if you could ensure names are on each item of clothing and any property such as water bottles and packed lunches. We will also post any property found in class without a name on our class team. Thank you.



Finally, please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

We are looking forward to having a wonderful year and thank you in advance for your support!

Mrs Cheape & Mrs Devlin