

Primary 1 Newsletter

Term 1 – September 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians

The children have settled in well to school life and made an excellent start to Primary 1. Children are making new friendships whilst being pleased to see familiar faces from nursery. We are working very hard on our appropriate tasks and will be sharing lots of our learning on our school Twitter (X) page so be sure to follow us @stmichaelspns . We will also be posing regular pictures on the class Teams page.

Homework and Microsoft Teams



Children have been issued with homework jotters. These should be returned on a Thursday once homework has been completed having been issued the previous Friday. Homework tasks are on Teams. Reading books should be in bags **each day** as we need them in class. All children should now also have access to Microsoft Teams using their Glow username and password. I have also popped them on the front of the jotters. Any questions regarding homework can also be answered on our team. Please remember to **@MrsStevenson** and this will alert me to your inquiry, otherwise I get no prompts.

Reading Books



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

Outdoor Learning



We are very lucky in St Michael's to have access to wonderful grounds and school forest. We will be visiting the forest when we can. **Children should bring an outdoor kit with their PE KIT each week. An outdoor kit is joggers, their pe top and a fleece or something similar to keep the children warm when outside.** Could children also please bring a pair of wellies as this is really helpful when getting them all ready. They do really enjoy our time outside. (If you wish your child's boots to remain in school then just let me know to save having to return them each week.)

PE



Our indoor PE days are **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**. Children should wear school uniform on this day and bring their PE kit to change into. Our school PE kit consists of green t-shirt and green shorts which are available to order from the Logo Express website. <https://www.logoexpress-schoolwear.co.uk/St-Michaels-Primary/>.

Sumdog



Sumdog is an online resource which the school are using to continue to develop our mental maths skills and agility. Each child has been given their own username and login which 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.

SUMDOG is tailored to your child's academic abilities so please don't offer too much assistance with the answers or it will set the programme too hard.

Wet Clothes



As the weather changes it may be a good idea to include a change of socks/tights in children's bags. Many children come in from playtimes with wet socks and we always try our best to keep your child comfortable by removing socks and drying them on the radiator. At times, these do not dry on time for the next play so a change of socks would be very helpful. Accidents can also happen in school and so a change of pants and tracksuit bottoms/leggings could also be included in a small pack which can be kept in children's bags.

Names and Lost Property

Children are encouraged to keep all belongings safely in their bag however, I would appreciate if you could ensure names are on each item of clothing and any property such as water bottles and packed lunches. I will also post any property found in class without a name on our class team. We are already missing a blazer which was labelled with the child's name, please check the blazer your child has brought home is their own.

Thank you.

Snacks

Using ipay money can be put on your child's account for buying snacks from the dinner hall. A snack for playtime would be good as children are getting a little hungry by lunch. All snacks provided should be nut free, this includes chocolate spreads on sandwiches at lunchtime.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your support at this time and look forward to working with you all in ensuring your child has a fantastic year in Primary 1.

Parent volunteers are always very much appreciated to help with some play in the classroom. If you are able to support in class at all I would be delighted to welcome you into Primary 1, please just let me know if this is something you may be able to assist with.

Many thanks,

Mrs Stevenson