

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 @mrscheape or @mrsmcdade and this will alert us to your inquiry, otherwise we get no prompts.

Reading Books

Reading books will be start to 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. Books may not come for the first few weeks until the words contained within have been taught.



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 **Thursday**. 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.logoxpres-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 will be 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. Again, this may not start straight away.

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, 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. 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

Please pack a healthy snack for your child to eat at playtime. There is a tuck shop in the dinner hall at break time selling toast, cereal bars and fruit. You should upload money onto your child's ipay account (details of this have been emailed to you) if your child wants to purchase from the tuck shop. Please remember St Michael's is a nut-free zone. All snacks provided should be nut free, this includes chocolate spreads on sandwiches at lunchtime.



Finally, we 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 we would be delighted to welcome you into Primary 1, please just let us know if this is something you may be able to assist with.

Many thanks,

Mrs Cheape & Mrs McDade