



ST. MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2024

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Dear Parent/Carers,

We are all looking forward to the October break, with the school closing on Friday 11th October at 3.00 p.m. and reopening on Monday 21st October. Please note the next In-service day takes place on Monday 18th November when the school will be closed to all pupils.

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Our Christmas Coffee Morning will take place on Friday 29th November 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 Infant Nativity is scheduled for the evening of 11th December and the afternoon of 12th 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 Thursday 31st 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. If you wish to collect someone else's child, this must be arranged and the school office notified by 30th October. 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 DISCO

Our Parent Council will once again be holding Discos for all the children on Wednesday 30th Oct.

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

Primaries 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.

AFTERSCHOOL AND LUNCHTIME CLUBS

We are delighted to be able to give our children the opportunity to take part in many different extra-curricular clubs during lunchtimes and after school. Further details will be sent out separately.

P.7 HIGH SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

The first transition event will take place at St Maurice's High School on Wednesday 9th 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 £1.00 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.

PARENTS NIGHT THURSDAY 10th OCTOBER

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.

There will be new and nearly new uniform available in the hall, please feel free to take any items that you require. 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.

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. There is no need to book a place, just come to the main school door.



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. Should you be experiencing financial barriers to purchasing or struggling to source 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)

Please see useful leaflet attached regarding sourcing uniform. We also have a supply in school free of charge. Please call at the school office if this can help.

PARENT COUNCIL

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

Following the A.G.M. on Monday, I can confirm Lisa Tierney as Chairperson, Suzanne O'Connor as Vice-Chair, Stephanie Burns as Treasurer and Maria Baxter as Secretary. Betty Ferns will continue as our Church Representative. Thank you to all for supporting the Parent Council.

ST. MICHAEL'S FUN DAY

A huge thank you to everyone who took part and donated to our sponsored fun day. The fantastic amount of £3,297 was raised for school funds, thank you to everyone for their generosity. The children had a great day!



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. Please ensure that grandparents and other people who may be collecting your child are aware of these procedures.

PANTOMIME

This year's school Christmas Pantomime has been booked for Thursday 5th December at the Ravenscraig Sports Centre for the 10.00 a.m. production of 'Aladdin'. The cost of £15.00 per child must be paid via iPay, payment is already overdue. If you are aware of a reason why your child will not be attending the panto, please notify nlrandp@northlan.org.uk as soon as possible, to avoid the purchase of unneeded tickets.

STATIONERY SHOP

S.S. X-press will be available to all our children after the October holidays. Every Friday, children can purchase pens, pencils, rulers, sharpeners, etc. at budget prices. Please support this school fundraiser if you can.





BOOK FAIR

All our children have had an opportunity to visit the Book Fair. Parents will also be able to visit during our Parent Appointments. Many thanks to all the parents who helped out over the week.

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

Staff	Class
Mrs. Greechan	nlgreechank@northlan.org.uk
Mrs. Di Mascio for Nursery and P.1-3 enquiries	nlndimascion@northlan.org.uk
Mrs. Belam for P.4-7 enquiries and Support for Learning	nlbelamk@northlan.org.uk
Mrs McNab/Mrs Devlin for I.C.T. and Digital Homework queries	nldevlinn@northlan.org.uk nlmcnabk@northlan.org.uk
Miss. Clinton for general school enquiries	nlclintonh@northlan.org.uk
Mrs. Rand for absences, Illness, iPay and Parents Night	nlrandp@northlan.org.uk
Mrs. McMillan for Nursery and contact details	nlmcmillanr@northlan.org.uk

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



School Uniform Info



Dear Parent/Carer,

At St. Michael's we are extremely proud of our traditional school uniform that is part of the history and uniqueness of our school. Our children always look incredibly smart. Research has shown that a smart and high standard of school uniform goes hand in hand with high standards of attainment and behaviour.

We do acknowledge however, that it can be costly and brown items of uniform can be difficult to purchase. In addressing this I hope that you find the information on this newsletter helpful when thinking about purchasing or obtaining uniform moving forward.

Preloved Uniform Items

We gratefully accept uniform donations throughout the school year. Lots of families have benefitted from this service. Should you have uniform in good condition that you wish to donate please hand this into the school office or give it to Mrs Greechan, Mrs Di Mascio or Mrs Belam at the school gate.

If you would benefit from this service please email myself nlgreechank@northlan.org.uk or Mrs McMillan nlmcmillanr@northlan.org.uk or on 01236794822, with what you need and we will do our best to meet your needs. This service can be used as often as necessary.

Our school uniform

- white shirt (no polo-shirts)
- brown skirt, pinafore, trousers or shorts
- brown cardigan/jumper
- brown school fleece
- green gingham dress with green or brown cardigan
- school tie
- P.E. kit - plain green shorts and t-shirt

Our official school uniform supplier is logoxpres and you can order all items online at

<https://www.logoxpres-schoolwear.co.uk/shop/>

Brown uniform is also available online at:-

MIYO Schoolwear <https://www.miyoschoolwear.com/>

M&S <https://www.marksandspencer.com/c/kids/>

ASDA <https://direct.asda.com/george/school/>

Customique Boutique

<https://www.customique.co.uk/pages/school-uniforms>

BARU

<http://www.kitmykid.co.uk/St-Michaels-Moodiesburn/>

AMAZON

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Boys-School-Uniforms-Brown/>

Be Schoolwear <https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/>

School Uniform 247 <https://www.schooluniform247.co.uk/>

Helpful tips

- ✓ School logo/badge isn't necessary on all items.
- ✓ Look at what the internet has to offer. There are many online shops which sell brown items.
- ✓ Look out for special offers from BeSchoolwear and MIYO
- ✓ Why not 'Go Gingham' in the warmer months? Green gingham dresses are a great cost saving alternative to full uniform.
- ✓ Alter school trousers into shorts for the better weather months.

You are invited to
St. Michael's Parent Council

HALLOWEEN DISCO

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Entry £2 payable at the door

