

# Primary 1B Newsletter

## Term 1

### September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone had a lovely summer. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to St Michael's Primary. I am Ms Grogan and I will be working alongside Mrs Stevenson and we look forward working in partnership with you while your child is in Primary 1. The children are all settling in well and they are keen to work hard and learn lots of new things in Primary 1 through both traditional work and play experiences.

Lots of our work will be shared on the class Teams page and St Michael's school website.

#### Shoes

When coming in from outside, the children are encouraged to change their outdoor shoes to a pair of indoor shoes, preferably black plimsols. The children will keep these shoes in class, and these can also be worn to gym. I will send these shoes home each term for you to check the fit and the condition to make sure they are safe. Children should also be able to independently put their indoor and outdoor shoes on. Laces can become problematic if all children do not have this skill yet.



#### Names and Lost Property

Please could you ensure that all your child's clothing and any other belongings have their names labelled clearly on the tags or inside the item. Gym days or hot days can be tricky when the children take jumpers etc. off and items of clothing are left in the classroom, or out in the yard. We will try our best to label any items that we notice with a name on them, as this makes it easier to return items to the children.

If your child does bring someone else's clothes home, please return them as quickly as you can to school.

#### Homework

Homework is issued on a Friday and should be returned to school on the following Thursday. Homework will be posted on our class team. The username and password for this team has been emailed to you separately. If you have any problems accessing Teams, please let a member of school staff aware and we will help.



Your assistance and encouragement of work covered in class is essential to the success of homework activities. The children will receive a variety of homework activities including Language work to consolidate work in class, oral reading, spelling activities and maths.

**More information on this will be given at our upcoming Parent's information evening on Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. This session will be extremely beneficial in supporting your child.**



#### P.E.

Our gym days are a Tuesday and Friday. We will also have one 30 min slot of P.E. which will take place outdoors on our outdoor learning day. For our time in the hall, a full indoor P.E. kit (shorts and t-shirt) is necessary and an outdoor kit, including joggers, appropriate shoes and a waterproof jacket will be required for outdoor learning. The children also have the opportunity to take part in some outdoor learning in the forest area on a regular basis. The outdoor P.E kit will be appropriate for this, wellies will also be helpful. It is important that the children come appropriately dressed and prepared for the outdoors during these times. After P.E, some children become thirsty and may need an extra drink. If you could ensure that your child brings their water bottle with them on these days, I would be very grateful.

Again, it is important also to mention that it would be a good idea to label all items of clothing to avoid any confusion i.e. shirt, tie, jumper, shoes etc as well as your child's P.E. kit. Please could you also ensure that your child **does not wear jewellery** on this day. If your child has just had their ears pierced and cannot take out their earrings, please provide plasters for them to cover the earrings.

**PE kits should be brought on a Monday and will be returned on a Friday.**

### **Breakfast Club**

Our Breakfast club starts at 8.15 am where the children are offered cereal, toast and fruit, with a drink of milk or water. Booking in advance is not required.



### **Snacks**

Please ensure that your child brings a snack to school which is nut-free. We have children in the school with nut allergies and we would appreciate your co-operation in choosing a snack for your child which is mindful of this.

### **Can you help?**

If you are available to help out in any way, perhaps through topics or just being an extra pair of hands for school trips, walking down to church or helping out in class, could you please let me know? We are also always looking for help with our school grounds.

We really look forward to working with you all and helping to give our lovely Primary 1 children the best start to their time here in St Michael's.

Many thanks

Miss Grogan and Mrs Stevenson

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