

Primary 7/6 Newsletter - Term 1

September 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians

It is great to see the children all back after their holidays, looking smart and ready to work hard and make the best of their final year at St. Michael's.

I am very excited to have this opportunity to teach your child, and I really look forward to giving them my best and creating what I hope will be a happy and successful school year for them.

The following information will give you an idea of the routines of the class, and will help give you an insight into some of what your child will be doing this term: _



Homework

Details of homework will be sent out digitally using the children's Class Glow Team. Each Friday they will be able to find details of their homework in the Shared tab under 'Class Materials'. The homework itself will be focused on Spelling, Reading and Maths (Sumdog). The children have been given a homework jotter which they will carry out their work in and should return this by the end of each week.

Now that they are in the senior stage of school it is incredibly important that the children are encouraged to be both responsible and as independent as possible in completing their homework.



P.E.

Our allocated times for PE are on a Tuesday and Thursday. On P.E. days pupils are required to wear full school uniform (including shirt and tie) and to change into their P.E. kit in school. Where possible the children should wear the green school PE shorts and t-shirts. Occasionally the day may have to change due to other events within the school so it is best if the children bring their kit in on a Monday, leave it in class and take it home on a Friday for laundering. On a Friday when we have an Outdoor Learning slot, they should come to school wearing plain black jogging bottoms, their PE t shirt and brown school fleece. Please make sure they have an appropriate jacket and change of shoes that day also.



Reading

As the children's Reading Books continue to become more advanced, they are being asked to read a lot more independently. After the Reading Modelling Block, the children will receive a novel for homework. It should be read in the best way that suits your child and you, but the children should be reading a part each night. One recommendation is that your child reads independently, then they could read a page out loud, answer questions and talk about the book and its characters with you. This will help your child to get through the book and will also allow you to check for understanding. Another idea which works very well is to share the reading, both taking turns to read a page aloud (which models fluency and expression for the children).

Topic

Our topic for the first term will be based around the question, 'What is it like to live on another continent?' If you have any expertise in this area, we would love to hear from you.

Buddies

Primary 7 are working alongside Primary 1 with the Buddy System. To see all of the children's faces light up when they see each other and to witness the nurturing, friendship, fun and guidance that our senior pupils have with their little people is heartwarming. What excellent role models they are proving themselves to be already!

Finally, if you ever have any worries, concerns or questions about your child and school, please do not hesitate to get in touch. This can be done through a phone call or email to the school.

I look forward to working in partnership with you and your child in helping to create a year in St. Michael's that is both memorable and full of achievements!

Kind regards

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