



## Curriculum Newsletter – Year 1 April 2017 - Summer Term



Dear Parents,

A warm welcome back to the summer term. This is always a lovely term with Sports events, school trips and (hopefully!) warm weather to look forward to. Please keep an eye on the fortnightly newsletter for important dates. It is also a very important term academically, as we see some of the children complete national assessments in Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6. Good luck to those children and thank you all for your ongoing support, Mr Lane.

### **Stay, Play and Share My Learning!**

We would like to invite you all to come and play with the children during lunchtime from **12.45pm on the 28th April**. You will also have a chance to visit your child's classroom that afternoon to share their classwork and discuss their proudest achievements before taking the children home once you have finished.

### **Reports**

You will receive a written report for your child towards the end of the term. Remember that if you want to discuss your child's progress, well-being or behaviour at any point, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

### **Curriculum Map**

Please be reminded that you can find the Curriculum Map for your child's year group on the school website under the Curriculum/School Curriculum page. This document provides you with an overview of the curriculum content that will be taught this year and will help you support your child's learning at home. There are also a wealth of resources and links to help you support your child's learning. The Curriculum Map shows you how we will teach the national curriculum across your child's year group. You will notice that each term, your child will be focusing on a topic. History, Geography, Art and DT may be taught through this topic.

### **Absences**

We cannot emphasise too strongly the importance of regular attendance. If your child is unable to attend school for any reason, please ensure that the school is informed either by email, letter or by phone. We have a central e-mail account for you to use: [absent@st-michaels.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:absent@st-michaels.surrey.sch.uk) Please make sure you give your child's name and class in the 'subject box' and the reason for the absence in the message. This will be passed on to your child's teacher.

Please familiarise yourself with the school's Attendance Policy, available on the school website. It explains that we follow the local authorities' guidance on school attendance and states that parents do not have the right to take their child out of school for a family holiday.

### **Homework**

We value homework as an essential part of every child's education and thank you in advance for supporting your child to complete their homework to the best of their ability and in good time. Children should read with an adult every night and record how many pages they have read in their Reading Record. The adult should then comment and sign.

Further homework will also be set to reinforce learning and help prepare children for upcoming topics. Please refer to the Homework Policy available on the school website or the timetable in the front of your child's Reading Record, which should provide a guide the homework your child should receive and how long they should spend completing it. Presentation of homework should be of the highest standard. The Reading Record must be signed each week and can also be used to communicate any problems or concerns involving your child, and if so, please ensure the child makes the teacher aware of this message.

### **School Uniform**

All children are required to wear the full school uniform including the appropriate footwear. Only the official school bags and school caps should be brought into school. For health and safety reasons, children must have plimsolls to wear around the school building. The school uniform can be purchased from SANCO [www.sanco.co.uk](http://www.sanco.co.uk)

### **Girls' Summer Uniform**

Green and white check dress preferably with a white collar, white socks (not grey or any other colour), sensible black shoes, not open toed, sling backs or boots. All shoes should have low heels for health and safety purposes. When you are buying girls school blouses please ensure that the collars allow for a tie to be neatly tied.

### **Boys' Summer Uniform**

Short sleeved white shirt - no T-shirts, grey trousers - long or short, school tie, grey socks, school jumper with school logo

### **Summer Caps**

The school caps are the only style of caps to be worn during the summer. Please do not buy your children any other type of cap for school.

***Please ensure that every item of clothing brought to school is clearly labelled with your child's name.***

Please note that sports socks (trainer socks), make-up, nail varnish, colourful hair bands, jewellery and **hair product of any kind** are not a valid part of the school uniform. **Boys should not have tram lines shaved into their hair.** Boys are not permitted to wear earrings, girls may do so but they must be **small, plain metal studs.**

All children must have a St Michael's school bag. No other school bags are permitted. Reception and Year 1 should have a school book bag; Year 2, 3 and Year 4 pupils should have the school satchel; Years 5 and 6 pupils should have a school satchel or a school ruck sack.

### **Hot Weather**

Please note that we will not be able to apply sunscreen to the children so it is essential that this is applied before the children attend school and that children wear a school cap to protect them from the sun.

### **P.E. Kit**

The PE kit is the same for boys and girls. It consists of a yellow polo shirt, green shorts and green tracksuit bottoms and a green sweatshirt for cold weather.

**Please ensure that all PE kits, including plimsolls, are clearly labelled with your child's name.** For safety reasons, no jewellery of any sort is allowed during PE lessons. Children will only be excused from a PE lesson if they have a written note from their parents. If you choose to allow your child to have their ears pierced, please organise this during the summer holidays.

### **Equipment**

May we remind you that children are **not allowed to bring in any of their own equipment** including pencil cases, pencils, rubbers etc.

### **Packed Lunches**

We would like your co-operation with helping us to promote a healthy lifestyle within our school by ensuring that your child's packed lunch contains snacks of a nutritious nature and limiting chocolate and crisps to Fridays only. Key Stage 2 children may bring in a piece of fruit to eat at first playtime. Milk and fruit is provided for Reception children and fruit is provided for Key Stage 1 children. **Could we request that you keep the children's packed lunch boxes free from nuts.** No other food or drink is necessary as water is available.

### **Dropping your children to school and collection procedures**

May we remind you that parents of Key Stage 1 and 2 children must not come onto the playground in the morning with their child. From 8.30am, members of staff will monitor the children's safe arrival on the playground. **Please stand well clear of the gate once your child is dropped off so that others can arrive safely.** At home time please position yourself on the playground so that you can be clearly seen by your child and teacher. Could you ensure that children refrain from using their bicycles or scooters on the school playground both before and after school. **Could we also ask that you respect the local parking restrictions when dropping off and picking up your child.**

### **School Trips**

This half term we will be learning about the seaside during Victorian times. We will take our annual trip to West Wittering beach. This day is always a fantastic experience for the children and we are both really looking forward to it!

Once again, if you have any worries or concerns throughout the term, please feel free to come and speak with us at the end of the school day or make an appointment for a mutually suitable time.

Yours sincerely,

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