



Curriculum Newsletter – RECEPTION
September 2017



Dear Parents,

We would like to give you a warm welcome to St. Michaels and to the new school year! We hope you had an enjoyable summer break and are looking forward to the year ahead.

Curriculum Map

Please find the Curriculum Map for your child's year group attached with this letter. 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. You will notice that each term, your child will be focusing on a theme. The seven areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage will be taught through this theme, our first theme being 'Ourselves'. As part of our first topic we would like to request that your child brings into school a few photographs of key family members to compile a family book that will be left in the book corner and put on display! These photographs cannot be returned. If you could send the photographs in for Monday the 25th September we would be grateful!

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 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.

School Uniform

All children are required to wear the full school uniform including the appropriate footwear. Only the official school bags, winter woolly hats and school caps should be brought into school. If you feel your child should wear a coat the School Coat is available for sale at the front desk.

Girls' Winter Uniform Grey skirt, white shirt/blouse with a collar that is suitable for a tie, grey or green wool tights, school tie and jumper with the school logo (not cardigan) and sensible black shoes.

Boys' Winter Uniform School jumper with school logo (not cardigan), white shirt (no t-shirts), grey trousers, school tie, grey socks and sensible black shoes.

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 products are not a valid part of the school uniform. 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.

P.E. Kit

The PE kit is the same for boys and girls and must be purchased from the school. 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. Girls who have their ears pierced must remove their earrings by themselves before PE lessons. If your child cannot remove her earrings, please ensure that she is not wearing them on the day of PE lessons.

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

The car park is for staff only. Please park safely on the roads around the school and do not park in the housing estates, where parking is for residents only. Reception children will be encouraged to be dropped off at the green gates, at the left hand side of the school car park of the school. From 8.45am, members of the Reception team will monitor the children's safe arrival through the green gates with a Reception Class teacher being present in the classroom. At the beginning of Autumn Term you will be able to bring your child into their classroom to settle them between 8:45 and 9:00. At this point we request that you then leave the premises promptly as the gates will be locked at 9:00am. **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 main playground at the front of the school so that you can be clearly seen by your child and teacher. If you need to discuss anything with the class teachers please wait until all of the children have been collected safely or otherwise make an appointment to speak with them via their email address or the front office. If anyone other than yourself will be collecting your child it is extremely important that you inform the school. If you are late collecting your child they will be asked to wait in the medical room located on the main school corridor. Could you ensure that children, or siblings, refrain from using their bicycles or scooters on the school playground both before and after school. All dogs must be on a lead.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

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