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Dear Families,

I can't believe that we have reached the end of Term 1 already! I must firstly thank the staff for a fantastic start to the term. The children have been undertaking some assessments this week and the progress they have made is brilliant. During the INSET day tomorrow the teachers will be looking closely at the outcomes from these assessments, setting targets for each child and putting in place any support or extensions that they may need to help them realise their individual potential.

On a personal note, you will notice my name change across letter heads, Class Dojo and email signatures. Following the separation from my husband in the summer, I will be returning to my maiden name and using Ms. Leyshon. The children can still refer to me as Mrs LB. Thank you for your patience as my children and I navigate this new phase of our life.

Parents Evenings

Parents Evenings will remain online and will be held w/c 13.11.2023. If you have not yet booked an appointment please do so or contact your child's class teacher or the office. We will try to accommodate parents as best we can but we will not be able to offer appointments much beyond the allocated slots given time constraints throughout the rest of the term.

Ahead of the Parent's Evening you will be sent an Interim Report for your child. This will have a similar format to the end of year report and will give you an indication of their attainment in each subject taught so far. This will be their attainment for this point in the year.

School Council

Children in Years 3, 4 and 5 will have the opportunity to apply to be on our school council. They will write a manifesto and children in their class will vote for their class rep. These children will then meet with the Junior Leadership Team, Miss Cooper and Mr Paynter to share ideas on moving the school forward.

Term 2

Term 2 is notoriously busy! It is a very long term – 7 weeks and 3 days – with lots of events coming up. Please find below initial information of these. More detailed plans will be sent out at the end of November.

There are some new events such as Parliament week and some older events that we will be reintroducing such as Hot Chocolate with the Head.

Week Commencing	Event
6.11	Year 5/6 Parliament Week School Council Elections (Y3,4,5)
13.11	Parent's Evenings Hot Chocolate with the Head
20.11	Parent Coffee Morning
27.11	Hot Chocolate the with the Head
4.12	Christmas Fayre Open Classroom
11.12	Key Stage 1 Nativity
18.12	Christmas Jumper Week Christmas lunch Early Years Concert Church Service



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Safeguarding

Safeguarding is never a subject that is easy to tackle. At St Michael's we use an CPOMS to log and track all of our concerns and contact from Children's Social Care. This helps us to build up the bigger picture and to work to ensure that a case of Victoria Climbié or Baby P does not happen here.

Safeguarding is the responsibility of the whole school community.

Types of Neglect

Educational absence of stimulation, poor/no support around school, attendance below 95%, exclusions/expulsions

Emotional lack of responsiveness, affection or interaction

Medical illness / health needs are minimised / denied and there is a failure to seek professional care

Physical homelessness / poor living conditions (unhygienic or unsafe), lack of appropriate clothing or food (sometimes split into two and referred to as 'care' and 'environmental' neglect)

Supervisory failure to protect a child from physical or other harm, absence of rules and boundaries for behaviour, abandonment or sub-contracting of care to inappropriate carers

Within Oxfordshire, neglect is the highest reported reason for children to be on a Child Protection Plan. We must never think it can't happen here.

As we know, Safeguarding does not stop over the holidays or at weekends.

If an immediate response from Children's Social Care is necessary, **call 0345 050 7666**. If you have an urgent concern for a child call 999 or 101

More information can be found here: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/children-education-and-families/keeping-children-and-young-people-safe/report-child-abuse>

If you have any concerns or require any support please do speak to us. We have access to lots of different types of support ranging from the Community Larder and parenting support right through to Social Care.

Have a restful Half Term and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 30th October at 8:45am!

Kind Regards

Hayley Leyshon
Headteacher