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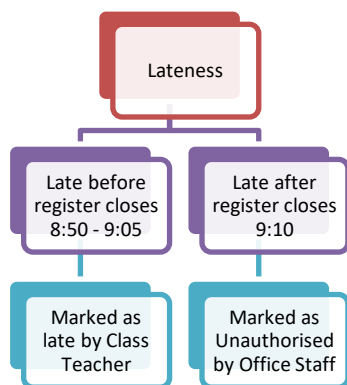
21st October 2022

Dear Families,

As we come to the end of our first term back at school I have been reflecting on all that we have achieved. The children and staff have worked so incredibly hard over the last 7 weeks and I am so proud of all of them. Have a look at Class Dojo for a round up of pictures of the wonderful learning that has been going on.

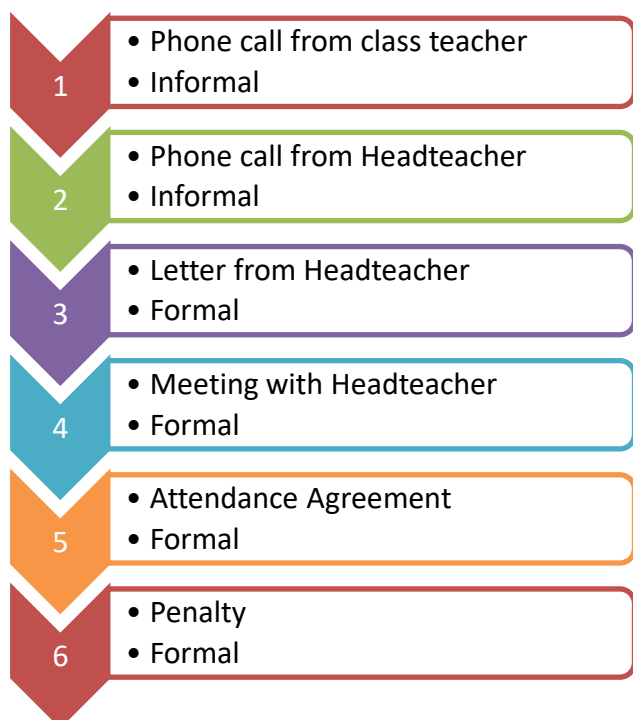
Attendance

This year, we will be having a much closer focus on attendance including lateness. We have set ourselves the ambitious target of 97% attendance for children at St Michael's this year as this is how we can ensure they receive the best possible education during their time with us.



If your child arrives at school after the bell has gone, they must come into school via the front office. Please do not use the side doors or the back doors into classrooms as depending on the time, the register may have been returned to the office and your child may not be marked as present. This is then a safeguarding issue. We do recognise that occasionally arriving late at school cannot be helped but regular lateness can cause children to become anxious and unsettled.

Absence from school can also not be helped when a child is unwell or has a medical appointment. However, term time holidays, special day trips etc will not be authorised. There are extenuating or special circumstances including music exams, family funerals or religious observance where absence can be authorised at the Headteacher's discretion.



We have put in place the following process for managing attendance at St Michael's. We will monitor weekly to identify those children who have attendance which falls below 95% and those who fall below 90%. We will also look for patterns of absence to see if we can identify any underlying causes and offer support with these.

It is really important that parents let the school office know a reason for absence either by phone, voicemail or email. Please do not use Class Dojo or rely on another parent to let school know.



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Current Attendance

Below is the current attendance for each year group. We haven't included the children in EYFS as they are not yet of statutory school age.

Year Group	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	96.2%	97.0%	92.2%	95.1%	95.5%	94.9%

Uniform

Please can you ensure that your child is coming to school with the correct school uniform. We still have several children coming to school in sports leggings and trainers. As it gets colder, you may wish to put a white or navy base layer/long sleeved t-shirt underneath polo shirts but please do not allow your child to wear hoodies etc on top of their school uniform. The uniform and presentation is integral to the high expectations we have of the children.

There is a small selection of second hand uniform available to purchase in the school office.

Class Reading Award

To further promote our reading culture in school, we have been bust counting up the total number of reads in each reading record. This will then be added to a class total and the class with the highest number of average reads will be declared our winners!

The reads can be anything from books from school, books at home, stories shared with children, audiobooks...anything! The reading record can be filled in by adults at home or the children where appropriate.

Well done to Ash Class with a total number of 16reads per child this term!

Dojo Award

We will be totalling up the Class Dojo points each term and the House with the most points will win the House Trophy. The House Captain will tie the appropriate colour ribbons on to it and it will stand in the front entrance for the whole term. The winners of the cup will have a non-uniform day as a reward on Friday 4th November.

Well done to Barn Owl with a combined total of 921 Dojos this term!

Christmas Jumper Exchange

On Friday 18th November we will be holding a Christmas Jumper Exchange. With the cost of living on the increase and as part of our drive to live more sustainably, we will be welcoming any donations of Christmas Jumpers. Please bring them into school no later than Friday 11th November. We will then sort them into ages and put them out in the hall the following week.

Parent Forum

We will be holding our parent forum on Friday 4th November at 9:15am and will focus on where we are now and what is going well, what we can look to improve.



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Diary Dates

Please note not all Christmas dates have been set yet and we will notify you as soon as they have

31st October – INSET day

1st November – Start of Term 2

1st November – Individual School Photos

4th November – Parent Forum

18th November – Christmas Jumper Exchange

8th December – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

14th December – Key Stage 1 Nativity 2pm

15th December – Key Stage 1 Nativity 6pm

20th December – End of Term 1pm

Kind Regards

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Headteacher