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Cultivating Respect, Persevering, and Learning with Courage

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Dear Families,

I can't believe how quickly this term is going! We certainly have managed to pack lots in to the last three weeks!

We had a visit this week from Andy Heyes, part of the School Improvement Team, to share with him the changes we have made to the way teaching and learning is delivered at St Michael's. It was a very positive visit and the improvements we have made were evident. I would like to share some of his feedback with you:

"...there has been an impressive shift in the culture of the school and the climate for learning in classrooms – this provides a good model for how accelerated school improvement can be secured. There have been marked improvements in the quality of education and the impact of these should, in time, become evident in pupil achievement... it was clear during the learning walk that a positive ethos pervades the school, underpinned by good behaviour and improving attitudes to learning on the part of pupils. Learning behaviours are improving all the time and pupils are responding beautifully to the heightened expectations placed on them by adults. Relationships are secure. Teachers and teaching assistants contribute confidently to the improving serial experience of pupils and appear fully committed to the whole-school drive to successfully meet the needs of all pupils."

I am sure you will join me in thanking the teachers and teaching assistants for the incredible hard work they have put into this.

Industrial Action

Thank you for all of the comments of support and messages saying you have contacted your local MP after we shared the statement from our staff. It is always a very difficult decision for staff to make and they had my full support in whatever that was. Whilst the staff may not be taking part in the removal of labour, they are currently discussing other ways they can be visible in their support.

Fundraising Event

As mentioned in an earlier newsletter, we will be joining the Keymer Family in their fundraising mission for the Children's hospital. The family will be taking part in the OX5Run and if you would like to join them then go to www.hospitalcharity.co.uk/OX5RUN and sign up.

Please see the message below about how to join Team Gethin.

It will ask if you want to join a team - find Team Gethin. When you pay the entrance fee they've given us a discount code- TeamKeymer. Then if you would like to do a fundraising page, click where prompted to go to Justgiving, and it should create a page specifically for the run. As long as you mention Gethin in the fundraising page title, the charity people will be able to make sure it goes into his ring fenced pot. We will set up our own page so if you'd rather just have any of your sponsorship to go through that one then that's fine! I'll share the link when we've sorted it. Thank you!

We will also be doing an event in school with the children in the spring so watch this space!

As always, please do contact us if you need anything. We have access to all sorts of support and advice so please do not hesitate to message your child's class teacher on Dojo, email myself or contact the office.

Kind Regards

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