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Dear Families,

As we come to the end of our third week in school, we are all feeling exceptionally proud of the progress the children are making. They have settled incredibly well into their new year groups; the expectations are high, and the work being produced is superb. Well done all!

Forest school is up and running and the children are really enjoying being back up in the copse (as is Ms Jaeger!) If you are able to help with any sessions, please speak to Ms. Jaeger.

Reading Curriculum Evening

We will be holding a Curriculum Evening in school on Tuesday 11th October at 6pm. Mrs. Satchwell will share with you the changes we have made to the way we teach reading, ways you can help at home and how you can support our drive to read for pleasure. The Travelling Book Fair will also be in school during this week, and we are hoping that Mostly Books in Abingdon will join us too. The SSA will also be providing tea and coffee!

Vision and Values Visit

We had a visit from two advisors from ODBE (Oxfordshire Diocesan Board of Education) this week to look at the impact of our vision. The feedback from the visit was positive, saying that they both “felt the school emanated calm and warmth” and that “kindness runs through this school like a stick of rock”. They were very complimentary about the provision for children’s differing needs and that the vision to “do to others what you would have them do to you” is palpable especially in terms of the children’s behaviour.

We have some next steps at a strategic level, but we are incredibly proud that the staff and children know, understand and are invested in both our vision and the values to help us achieve it.

Uniform

We are starting to notice a ‘drift’ in the school uniform – particularly in Key Stage 2. Please can I remind parents that children should wear:

- ☆ Grey, black or navy trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafores (no leggings or jogging bottoms)
- ☆ Navy or gold polo-shirts
- ☆ Navy sweatshirts or cardigans (not hoodies)
- ☆ Blue or yellow checked dresses in the summer
- ☆ Black school shoes (not trainers) or sandals with socks in the summer
- ☆ Plain socks or tights in white, grey, navy or black

There is no requirement for the uniform to have the logo on and second hand uniform is available to purchase from the school office.



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Communication

Thank you to all of you who have signed up for Class Dojo. Most classes are now at 100% but there are still a few who are not. You can access Class Dojo from either the website or on a free app. There is an option to pay but please do not feel you need to do this.



Please follow the link to sign up here:

<https://www.classdojo.com/invite/?s=59b2b05ff14966661e0d4e99>

Aspirations Week

As part of our updated, more ambitious curriculum we are holding as Aspirations Week from 17th – 21st October. Like in science week, we are looking for people to come in and talk to children about their job. This can be any day that week to fit around work schedules etc but we would like a variety of occupations from sporting jobs, arty jobs, techy jobs...you never know what might inspire a child at St Michael's! If you would be willing to come and do a short talk to a group of children, please let the office know or drop me a message on Class Dojo.

Change to lunch menu

On Thursday 6th October there will be a change to the advertised school lunch menu. It will be burgers and veggie burgers instead of chicken curry or vegetable pasta.

Diary Dates

26th September – Visit from Julie Bradbury, Badminton Gold Medalist

4th October – Open Morning for prospective Reception Parents, 10am

w/c 10th October – Travelling Book Fair

11th October – Reading Curriculum Evening, 6pm

13th October – Open Afternoon for prospective Reception Parents, 1:30pm

w/c 17th October – Aspirations Week

21st October – Finish for Half Term 3:15pm

Kind Regards

Hayley Leyshon-Brady
Headteacher