



St Michael's CE Primary School

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Dear Families,

Welcome back! St Michael's has been an incredibly busy place with trips to sporting events, play rehearsals, inflatable planetariums at Abingdon School as well as the day to day learning! As a school we are working

I have had the upmost privilege to attend a launch meeting for a grant that will enable us to implement music therapy in school for small groups of children. This is something that we feel will complement our already extensive support for children at St Michael's. This is a really exciting opportunity and we are hugely grateful to Mr Dzepina for putting a huge amount of work into this.

Attendance and Lateness

Just a reminder that any term time holidays will be unauthorised absence. We appreciate that the cost of trips both within the UK and overseas is astronomically different once you get to school holidays, but we really are unable to authorise this absence from school.

From September, the Government are bringing in much tighter regulations around attendance and once we have clarity around what this will look like we will share them with you.

If you know your child will be late to school for any reason and you would like to order a school lunch, please let the office know by phone or email by 10am. If your child arrives at school beyond 10:30am and has not ordered a lunch in advance then we will only be able to offer a brunch bag. This will help us avoid food waste and to manage the stock.

Parent Survey

Thank you to those of you who have completed the parent survey. The survey will be open until Friday 14th June at 3pm. To get a good statistical picture of the parent view we ideally need around 85-90 responses. We currently have 49 which a brilliant start but we would really value your input.

We are already building a picture of somethings that we could do to improve things at St Michael's so watch this space!

OPAL

As we have already mentioned, OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) is something that will be on our school development plan for 2024/2025. Children spend 20% of every day playing and the OPAL initiative is something that enhances, develops and promotes high quality play that facilitates positive social interactions, negotiations and creativity.

On July 16th we will be having our initial audit of playtimes, our grounds and identifying ways that we can make changes. This will, without doubt, come with a request for materials. If you are, work for or know of a business who may be able to help us out with items such as wooden planks, building welly racks, sheds etc then please let the office know. Once we have a definitive list of things to enhance our provision we will be in touch.

SSA

The SSA – Steventon School Association – are a group of parents who work voluntarily on behalf of the children at St Michael's, doing so around their own jobs, families and lives. The traditional PTA event format has changed over the years as the lives of the community have changed and have also had to do so in response to the financial pressures that face many on a day to day basis. Nevertheless, the SSA work tirelessly in the background to put on great fundraising events such as quiz night, Easter Egg hunt and the Christmas Fayre.

Coming up this term the SSA are busy organising the Great Steventon Bake Off on Monday 22nd July (complete with a special guest judge!) and a Colour Run on Sunday 14th July.

More information on these will follow.

Diary Dates – see attached sheet

Safeguarding

If you are worried about your own child or another child in the community, please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate people:

Immediate danger

If you think a child is in immediate danger, call the police on **999**.



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Immediate concern

If you have a concern about a child, please call MASH on **0345 050 7666**.

If you are a parent or carer

If you feel you are harming your child or are close to doing so please contact us on one of the following numbers:

- Office hours (8.30am – 5pm, Monday to Thursday, 8.30am – 4pm, Friday): Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub: **0345 050 7666**
- Outside office hours: Emergency Duty Team: **0800 833 408**

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.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if we can support with anything.

Kind Regards

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TERM 6 DATES

Date	Event	Time	Year Groups
12 th June	Hill End Residential	All day	Year 5
	Quad Kids	9am	Year 3 and 4
	Quad Kids	9am	Year 6
	Mudeford Trip	All day	Year 2
14 th June	Parent Questionnaire closes	3pm	All year groups
19 th June	Choir at Festival of Voices	2pm	Various KS2
25 th June	Aureus Transition Day	All Day	Year 6
26 th June	John Mason / Fitzharrys Transition Day	All Day	Year 6
3 rd July	Sports Day	TBC	Reception – Year 6
	Vision Screening	9am	Reception
	Stay and Play	3:30pm	New Reception Starters
4 th July	Summer Performance	1:30pm	Year 5/6
	Willow 24/25 Parent Meeting	6:30pm	New Reception Starter Parents
8 th July	Summer Performance	1:30pm	Year 5/6
		6:30pm	
9 th July	DGS/SBS Transition Day	All day	Year 6
	Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park	9am	Reception
	Multi-Sports Event	3:30pm	Year 1 and 2
10 th July	DGS/SBS Transition Day	All day	Year 6
11 th July	King Alfred's Transition Day	All Day	Year 6
	Stay and Play	3:30pm	New Reception Starters
14 th July	SSA Colour Run Event	TBC	All welcome
17 th July	Transition Day in school	-	All Year Groups
	Meet and Greet	3:15pm	All Year Groups
19 th July	Reports home to parents	-	All Year Groups
	Leavers Assembly	9.30am	Year 6
22 nd July	Bake Off	2pm	All welcome
23 rd July	Leavers Service at the Church	9:30am	All families welcome
	End of Term 6	1pm	