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Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 6! It has been wonderful over the last two weeks to see how much the children have grown – physically and academically – in the past year. The level of independence in their learning is really pleasing and their attitudes to learning have really developed too.

This week the Year 1 children have completed their Phonics Screening Check. This is a statutory assessment of the children's ability to decode both real and "alien" words. They have approached this with courage and have been utterly fab. One of them even said it was "fun!"

Year 4 have also completed their Multiplication Times Table Check. There are 25 assorted times table questions covering the 2-12 tables. The tests take less than 5mins so approximately 6 seconds per question! They tackled this with incredible maturity and it was incredible to see every single child taking part so brilliantly.

We have had lots of sporting success this week at QuadKids. All of the children showed courage and determination across all of the events and achieved well. Jessica in Year 4 was awarded first place as the fastest girl across all 10 Abingdon schools in the Year 3/4 event! This is a phenomenal achievement and we are super proud of her.

School Money / MCAS

Since joining the Trust we have moved to a new Information Management System – this system has huge capabilities and as such we are looking to streamline the systems we use. From September we will be moving away from School Money and using a system called MyChildAtSchool (MCAS).



Once we have set this up from a school side, you will receive an email link to create a login. We will let you know via Class Dojo when to expect this.

Price Increases

From September we will need to increase the prices of school dinners and wrap around care. We have tried hard to keep costs down for as long as possible but with the general cost of living increases we are experiencing as a society we have had to make this difficult decision.

- £2.80 – School Dinners
- £1.10 – Breaktime snacks
- £6 – Breakfast club
- £12 – After school Club

Term 6 events

I would say Term 6 is a busy one...but in reality they are all busy! We have lots of different things up coming:

- School Improvement
 - *Vulnerable Learner Strategy Review* – this will take place on Tuesday 17th June and will be carried out by Mrs Wileman and Mrs Tridgell from the Trust. This is a review to look at



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Safeguarding procedures, how we support our vulnerable children and to speak with children and staff.

- School Review – this will take place on Monday 30th June and will be carried out by Rachel Gallieo and external consultant for the Trust and Mr Fawcett, Head of Rush Common School. This is a review to look at the quality of education at St Michael's.
- Governor Day – this will take place on Thursday 10th July. Our Governing body will spend the day in school with children and staff to complete a monitoring review of the year and discuss our strategic priorities for the year ahead.

We will keep you up to date with the outcomes from each of these visits and how they build into our priorities for 2025/2026!

Sports Day

Following on from feedback last year, we are changing the plans for 2025. There was a post on class Dojo yesterday with all of the detailed information which can be found here:

<https://teach.classdojo.com/#/schools/59b2b05ff14966661e0d4e99/story/684ac749491b58a2544b54d5?attribution=unknown&target=story>

Fundraising

Summer Fete is the "signature event" of the year. Please do keep an eye on Class dojo for posters, information and to sign up to help. Events such as these rely heavily of parents volunteering their time. If you are able to give even an hour of your time on the day, please sign up here: <https://volunteersignup.org/PQFFL>



To support the Summer fete, children are invited to come to school in non-uniform on Friday 27th June (no football kits please) in exchange for a Jolly Jar.



The SSA have posted instructions for how to create a Jolly Jar on Class Dojo.

Please bring them into school on Friday 27th June and put them in the front entrance.

Have a lovely weekend,

Hayley Leyshon
Headteacher