



# St Michael's CE Primary School

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Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Families,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely break over the festive period and are relaxed and ready to go. Term 3 is the midpoint of the year – 50% of the way through and heading towards longer, brighter, warmer days.

We had a great INSET day on Monday. We spent time reviewing what we do; tightening up, adapting and refreshing as well as looking at how we can continue to improve.

### Parental Engagement

As a result of this we would like your input on things we can do to involve parents more in events at school. We appreciate that lives are busy and that it is not possible to attend everything but in recent times we have run events where just one parent has turned up!

We try to offer lots of opportunities for parents to come and have reintroduced class assemblies to share learning with you however, turn out at events is very varied and at times there has just been one parent. Curriculum events, coffee mornings, open days etc take a lot of planning and so we would like to make sure these are available to as many parents as possible but also that we are putting on events that you would be interested in attending. I would greatly appreciate your input to ensure we are putting on events at times that are suitable for the majority of people.



The link to the questionnaire is here: <https://forms.office.com/e/jxQ2UCReTb> It will close at 3:15pm on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

### **Reminders**



In the same way we are tightening up the classrooms, we will be “sweating the small stuff” such as uniform, snacks and most significantly punctuality and attendance.

There are an increasing number of children who are persistently coming to school between 8:50 and 9:15. If your child is late into school after registration closes, this is considered an unauthorised absence which then begins to impact on their attendance data. More importantly, coming to school late results in a child often feeling unsettled, anxious and means they have missed the start of their learning.

### Before/after school

No dogs should be brought onto school premises without permission.

Children should also not be unaccompanied on school premises before 8:40am. Any children on the school site prior to this should also be supervised. Please remind all children that they should not be playing on the MUGA or climbing frame, climbing on the wall around the tree or riding bikes or scooters in the playgrounds before or after school.

### Mobile phones

If your child is walking to and from school on their own and they have a mobile phone with them, they will be asked to turn it off and hand it in to the class teacher. It will be returned when they leave school. If you need to contact them during the day, please call the office and we will pass on a message.

Similarly, please ensure that you are not on your mobile phone when collecting your child. Those first moments when you pick up are precious and really help to build connections with your child. We are happy to hang on to them until you are finished.



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## Kit

Our cloakrooms were designed in a time when backpack and coats were much smaller! Therefore space is limited so please can we ask that children bring to school only what they need on a day to day basis.

- Water bottle
- Reading book
- Reading record book
- Change of clothes / waterproofs for playing on the field and Forest School
- Suitable clothing for the weather

## PE Kits.

There are a significant number of children without a PE Kit in school. PE is a lesson that requires specific kit to ensure it is carried out safely and appropriately. Increasingly, children do not have the correct kit in order to fully participate in the lesson.

As a reminder the PE uniform is as follows:

- Yellow T-shirt
- Plain black or navy shorts
- Plain black or navy jogging bottoms
- Plain black or navy hooded top or sweatshirt
- Base layer in the winter
- Trainers
- Shoulder length hair should be tied up
- Earrings should be removed or covered with micropore tape.

PE kit should be left in school and will be sent home at regular intervals for washing. If a child does not have correct PE kit in school they will be given spare kit to wear.

## Uniform

The children have come back to school looking really smart but please can I remind parents that leggings are not part of school uniform. They may be worn underneath a skirt with dark coloured socks (instead of tights).

The uniform policy can be found on the school website:

<https://www.stmichaelssteventon.co.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=33>

## Snacks

Snacks should be healthy. This means fruit, vegetables, crackers, cheese or breadsticks. Snacks should not be crisps, biscuits, pastries or chocolate bars. Processed fruit, for example Winders etc, are also not allowed as they can be very high in sugar. Snack pots can be purchased from the kitchen at breaktime for £1. Please contact the office for further details on how to pay for these.



## **SSA – Quiz & Pizza Night!**

The SSA are welcoming teams of up to 8 people to join them on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 7pm. Entry is £10pp which includes entry to the quiz and a welcome drink.

To complete the booking form, follow the QR code on the poster below or follow this link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeS4M4D1FcvFg1u9eq\\_uGuCMYxoeviWCbr8TZeZQeDY6KIHpw/viewform?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeS4M4D1FcvFg1u9eq_uGuCMYxoeviWCbr8TZeZQeDY6KIHpw/viewform?usp=sharing)

We already have a staff team ready and raring to go!



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## Safeguarding

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

### - School Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) – Hayley Leyshon (HT)

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads – Lina Sheehan (SENCO), Chris Paynter (DHT), Emily Green (EYFS Lead)

### - Immediate danger

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

### - 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**
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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.

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind Regards

Hayley Leyshon  
Headteacher



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Steventon School Association

# QUIZ and pizza NIGHT

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**SATURDAY  
1ST FEBRUARY**

7PM TIL LATE

STEVENTON VILLAGE HALL

£10 per person [includes free drink]

Book using QR or email:  
[ssasteventonevents@gmail.com](mailto:ssasteventonevents@gmail.com)