



St Michael's Primary
School
& Pre-school

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Welcome back to you all. We hope you all had a wonderful Summer and are refreshed and looking forward to the new school year ahead. It has been great to hear about some of the activities the children have done over the Summer. We have had a great couple of weeks back already and the school is buzzing with excitement and plans for the new term ahead. I have enjoyed walking around the school, looking at behaviour and am delighted to say that every child in every class would make you very proud. We would also like to remind you that we have an 'Open Door' policy and you are welcome to come and speak to your child's class teacher, either at morning drop off or afternoon pick up or by appointment via Lizzie or Nicole in the office.

Mr Kiddle

Data Collection and set of new school forms

You should have all received an envelope containing a set of new permission forms including the all important Data Collection forms. Please check that the details we hold on file for you are correct, including the list of contacts for your children. We need all forms to be returned to the school office by 30th September.

Text Communication

We rely heavily on our text facility, to update, remind and inform you about your child on a regular basis. It is vital we have the correct information on our system. Please be sure to let Lizzie/Nicole know if you change your mobile numbers.

PE Kit

All the children looked ready for action at the start of term. Please remind your child to bring their clean and marked PE kit in every Monday morning, in preparation for the week ahead. PE kits will then need to be taken home on Fridays for washing. **If PE kit bags are put in your child's school bags, please remind them to take their PE kit bag out of their school bags and onto their hooks when they arrive for the day, otherwise the PE kits will just come straight home again!**

'Meet the Teacher' evening

Thank you to those of you who came to the 'Meet the Teacher' evening this week. If you could not attend for any reason, and would like to see your child's class teacher, please try and catch them at the end of the school day. Or make an appointment via Lizzie or Nicole in the office.

Pre-school Transition Sessions

Mrs Taylor has been running the transition to Reception Class sessions over the past couple of weeks and we are delighted that the new Reception intake will become full time from Monday 3rd October. If you have any concerns, please speak to Mrs Taylor, Tina or Tanya.

Breakfast Club

A plea from our Breakfast Brunch Team: If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club please can you ensure that they are booked in at least 24 hours in advance, and that the admission form has been completed if it is the first time your child is attending breakfast club. This is to ensure that we have enough staff to comply with the pupil:staff ratio regulations and to make sure we have enough breakfast! Thank you.

After School Clubs

Wednesday: Dodgeball with Go Active - FULL

Thursday: French and Spanish with Madame Sturtridge and Drama for Year 6 only with Sue Wiscombe

Friday: Gardening Club

Swimming Classes

Swimming classes have started for Ammonites class, please remember to bring swimming costumes and towels on the day.

Uniform Webpage

As most of you are aware we are offering a new way to order school uniform via www.mapac.com. Information on accessing this webpage has already been sent home. Top tip: If you would like to avoid the postage fee, it is possible for you to give the school address instead. Please let the office know if you are expecting the uniform to arrive at school, and we will contact you when it arrives.

School Banking

We are aware some parents would prefer to pay for school events using internet banking. This facility is available, but please contact us in advance, in order for us to give you our bank details and unique reference number.

Local Food Links – School Meals

As you are now aware Local Food Links are now only accepting orders on-line. Parents/Carers have responsibility to order their child's preferred meals.

You will need to obtain your child's unique authorisation code from the school office, first, if you have not already done so. Then just log on at www.myschoolmeals.co.uk. **Please note that it takes 7 working days for the order to go through, so your child will need a packed lunch in the meantime or if there is doubt as to whether the order has gone through. If you need any help please ring Foodlinks on Tel: 01308-428912 who will be happy to help you. Please note even if your child is entitled to Free School Meals or Infant Universal Free School Meals, you still need to go on-line and order their meals otherwise your child will not have a meal ordered.**

School Trips/Visits

14th December - Peter Pan Christmas Panto at the Northcott Theatre, Exeter: Letters went out last week. Please complete the consent forms and return to the school office with payment by 30th October.

Please could you ensure that any payments to the school office are delivered in a sealed envelope with your child's name, class and description of payment. Thank you.

Medical Notices

If you have been sent a Medical Risk Assessment Form, please can you complete and return the form to be office by 7th October 2016, many thanks.

Polite Notices

Please note that if your child has been sick or has had diarrhoea (regardless whether it is a bug or not), your child must be kept at home for 48 hours from the last episode. We are heading towards Winter, when bugs can be particularly prevalent, so would appreciate your support with this.

Nut Free Zone: We have children with a severe nut allergy in the school and it is vital that we ensure the school remains a nut free zone. Please make every effort to ensure there are no nuts in your child's lunchboxes/bags.

PFA Notices

As per our recent letter which has just gone out in book bags, the AGM will be meeting on Monday 17th October at 7pm at school. We welcome all nominations for the new Committee. If you are interested please complete and return the nominations to the school office by Monday 17th October.

A letter about the PFA events is attached.

Woodroffe School Open Day

Woodroffe's Open Day will be on Thursday 29th September 2016 from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.. Go and meet the staff and students and have a full tour of the school. Please let the school office know if your child will be attending the Open Day, so we can amend our registers.

Secondary School Admissions closing date is 31st October, apply on-line www.dorset.foryou.com/school-admissions

Consultation on Admission Arrangements

Dorset will be consulting on admission arrangements for 2018/9 and School Transport policies for 2017/8 with effect from **Monday 3rd 2016 to Friday 11th November 2016**. Details of the consultation can be viewed at <https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/school-admissions-policies> from **Monday 3rd October 2016**

Dates for your Diary

Friday 21st October: Staff Training Day. SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 24th-Friday 28th October: Half Term week. SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 31st October: School reopens & Closing date for Secondary School applications

Friday 16th December: Term Ends

NEWSLETTER

We are hoping to switch to an electronic newsletter in the near future, in order to do our bit for the environment and save paper. If you are happy to receive Newsletters/Letters electronically please fill in the form below including an up to date email address. Please also note that a copy of the Newsletter can be viewed on the school website.

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I/We would like to receive Newsletters/Letters via email please

Name of child:.....Class:.....

Name of Parent/Carer:.....

Parent/Carer Signature:.....Date:.....

Updated Email address:.....