



Message from Mrs Tyler

At the end of the first full week of term, I am so pleased to see the children so well settled already into their new classes. Our Year 3 children are behaving as if they have been here for ever, as are our new children who have joined us in different year groups. Having said that, please do remember that if you have any concerns over the transition process for your child, it is important that you raise it with your child's Class Teacher as soon as possible. As this is the first newsletter of the year, I have used this opportunity to outline some of the things which can need clarification at the beginning of the year. Other matters will also be further clarified in the information sessions next week for each year group and we will send the powerpoint presentations to you afterwards so you can refer to anything in more detail. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Our aim is to equip everyone with the same information as early as possible. As always, please do remember that if you have any concerns at all regarding your child, please contact your child's Class Teacher in the first instance please. If you do not catch them at the end of the school day, then please make an appointment via the School office. Thank you, as always, for all of your support. Have a lovely weekend, everyone.

Safeguarding

It was reported this week that a parent had been seen driving with children in their care without seatbelts – if this is the case, then this clearly is totally unacceptable from so many aspects as well as being illegal. In addition, they were seen using a phone whilst driving – again this is unacceptable. Please be aware at all times of the need to safeguard our children – whether your own or those of someone else. This includes driving safely when arriving to collect or drop off at school. Any incident such as this, if witnessed by School staff, will be immediately reported to Children's Services.

Children's toilets

Over the summer, an extensive project to install new toilets for the children on the Ground floor was completed. We are really pleased with the result and know that the children are too!

Quiz night

An ex pupil of the school is hosting a fundraising quiz night on Saturday 21st September 2019 from 7.00pm – 10.30pm at The Aldershot Traction Club. Katie Kerr is hosting the quiz night to raise funds for her trip to Kenya to help Camps International build a school and teach the children English. If you are interested, just turn up on the night and pay on the door. There will also be a raffle with some amazing prizes.

Applying for a Secondary School Place – Year 6

Applications opened on Monday 9th September. You can apply online at www.hants.gov.uk/admissions. The deadline for applications is midnight on Thursday 31st October 2019.

Play Equipment

A reminder that the children are **NOT** allowed on the play equipment unless supervised by a member of staff. Please respect our school rules at **all** times for the safety of the children.

Children's Achievements

If your child takes part in activities outside school which merits a mention in our newsletter, e.g. sporting or musical achievements, please let the School Office know, and we shall ensure it is included in the next newsletter

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Well done to Ollie T in Columbus this week, who has been awarded a Bronze medal for 200m Breaststroke, Silver for 100m Breaststroke and Gold for 100m individual medley, swimming for his club, Rushmoor Royals.



St Michael's CE Junior School

This is also celebrated in Celebration Worship. Outstanding attendance is celebrated by the award of a certificate by the Headteacher at the end of each term and academic year.

Reward Systems Explained

Praising the children's good behaviour, manners and efforts are fundamental to the practice at St Michael's Junior School. In addition, the following rewards are used:

Raffle Ticket Reward Scheme

Any member of staff may award a Raffle ticket to a child who demonstrates the school values, behaves well, is polite and treats others with respect. The raffle tickets are collected by the Class Teacher in a container and a small reward given to the child whose name is picked out of the container on a Friday.

Celebration Certificates

Celebration certificates will be awarded each week in Celebration Worship. Each class teacher will award 3 certificates per week to those 3 children within their class who have made a positive contribution to school life. These will be awarded in Celebration Worship.

Headteacher Award Certificates

Each week one child will receive a Headteacher Award. This will be awarded for a specific reason which will be detailed on the certificate.

Headteacher Award Stickers

Any member of staff may refer a child to the Headteacher in respect of any work or behaviour of a particularly high standard for a Headteacher's Award Sticker.

Class Reward Chart

In each class the children can, as a collective, earn stickers for their class reward chart. Once they have earned 50 stickers and completed the chart, they will be given a class reward that the children will decide upon alongside the class teacher.

Attendance and Punctuality Certificates

Attendance Ted and Punctual Polly are awarded to the class (or classes) each week who have the best attendance and/ or punctuality (two separate awards).

Stickers

Any member of staff may award an additional sticker for good work, trying hard, positive behaviour or attitudes shown in any area. These stickers will be awarded either directly to the child to stick on their uniform and take home, or will be placed on work where appropriate.

House Points

Any member of staff may award a House Point to a child for achievement within their learning. House Points will be collected by the House Captains weekly and celebrated in Collective Worship. At the end of the academic year, the House with the highest number of House Points will be awarded the House Cup.

Snacks

A reminder please that snacks brought into school should be HEALTHY please. This is not in an attempt to be mean, but rather to ensure that we are encouraging the children to form good food habits and thus lead healthy lifestyles.

SCOPAY App – Information for parents

A reminder that SCOPAY now have an app that allows parents, guardians or carers to make payments by credit or debit card for school purchases, including school meals and trips. If you have not yet registered, please let the office know and an access code will be issued to you. Then visit SCOPAY.com or download the SCOPAY app and pay anytime, anywhere!

Twitter

Please follow us on @StMichaelsCEJun



Website

Our new Website is now up and running. Please let us have any comments regarding anything that you would like included -

<https://www.stmichaelscejunior.co.uk>

Year Group Curriculum Overviews

An email was sent out to parents last week which contained the Curriculum Overviews for each year group. They can also be found on the website.

Important Notice

A Data Collection Sheet will be sent home next week to be completed by parents. Even if there are no changes to be made, please complete and return to the School Office.

Email

A reminder that all email correspondence for Class Teachers should go via the School Office please and **NOT** directly to the teacher concerned. If the matter is of a confidential nature, please ask for an appointment. Thank you for your understanding.

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Diary Dates

16 th Sept	Clubs Start
17 th Sept	Individual School Photographs
18 th Sept	Y3 Trip to Butser Farm
19 th Sept	Y4 & Y6 - Meet the Teacher 09.00
19 th Sept	Parent Forum Meeting 15.30
20 th Sept	Y3 & Y5 - Meet the Teacher 09.00
27 th Sept	Y6 - PGL meeting 15.30
29 th Sept	Choir to St Michael's Church Patronal Service