



# St. Michael's Church of England Primary School



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*Our school values: Respect · Kindness · Challenge · Forgiveness · Perseverance*

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Dear Parents

It is so nice to be back to normality after last week's snowy disruption! I am quite sure the children enjoyed their unexpected "snow days", we have certainly heard some fantastic stories in school about what they got up to. We do try and avoid closing school whenever possible. However, in the case of a future school closure parents will be contacted as early as possible via text, we will post information on the school website and contact local radio stations.

## **Home School Agreement**

I am including a copy of our new Home School Agreement with this letter. Please could you take the time to read through this with your child/children and return it to school once signed. It reflects some important changes to our behaviour policy in school (which can be found on our website) and sets out clearly what we can expect from each other. Joint working between home and school really does form the backbone of all we do here at St. Michael's and this agreement formalises that commitment on both sides.

## **Headteacher Recruitment**

The process of recruiting a permanent Headteacher is now well underway. Interviews will take place next week. We will inform you of the outcome as soon as possible.

## **Homework**

The children have made a fantastic start with our new Homework Grids. These are also available on our website and areas to celebrate the learning taking place through these activities are being set up in each class. We will review how these are working later in the term. Any comments from yourselves on how you are finding this style of homework would be most appreciated.

## **Parents Evenings**

These have been arranged for 21 and 22 March. Please complete and return the attached slip to book an appointment. These evenings are vitally important to your child/ren's education and the expectation is that we will speak with every child's parents. If you are unable to make the selected dates please contact your child's teacher and we can arrange a more convenient time.

## **Uniform**

We have noticed that some bad habits in terms of uniform have been creeping in over the past few weeks. We have particularly noticed trainers (rather than shoes), a lack of ties and polo shirts. Uniform may seem like a fairly minor thing, however our uniform is part of our school identity and is a symbol of pride in our school. Wearing correct uniform is way of showing respect for the school rules and that the children are ready to learn and work together with each other. A full list of school uniform and PE kit is available on the school website. Details of Summer uniform are also available, however this should not be worn until after the Easter holiday.

## **Y2 & Y6 SATs Information**

We have arranged a short meeting for each of these classes to pass on information about the SATs process. Y2's meeting will take place on 13 March and the Y6 meeting on 15 March. Both meetings run from 3.45-4.15. Children are welcome to stay in the hall during the meetings.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Paisley  
Acting Headteacher