



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

As we are galloping towards the May half term holiday I wanted to write and update you on some of the events we have planned and also to pass on some important information.

Year 6

During this past week Year 6 have completed their End of Key Stage 2 SATs. We are immensely proud of the way the children have conducted themselves. They have approached the week with such a positive attitude and maturity. Without exception they have put 100% effort in. Well done Year 6!

The sun – at last!

We have had some fabulous weather over the past few days, which the children (and staff) have very much enjoyed. However, in order to ensure the children are enjoying it safely, please could you provide your child with a sun hat and water bottle. If the weather dictates, please also apply sun cream before school. Children may bring sun cream into school but they will need to be able to apply this themselves.

Homework

As I have been walking around the school, I can honestly say how incredibly impressed I am with the quality and variety of homework I have seen on display. The children have put a lot of thought and effort into what they have produced, learnt and experienced. On behalf of all the staff, thank you for your support with this.

Thank you and a reminder

Thank you to all who have encouraged their children to dismount from bikes and scooters before entering the playground. We would appreciate your continued support with this as there are still one or two who forget!

After school activities

We have seen a huge number of children take advantage of the many activities that have been offered this half term. I hope to be able to bring you details of the clubs we will offer after half term in the very near future.

A plea from Reception

If anyone has any Lego boards that they no longer use, Reception could make very good use of them.

Vacancy within school

We are currently looking to employ a cleaner. The post would be for 10 hours per week for 38 weeks of the year. There may also be the possibility of extra hours during school holidays. If anyone is interested please speak to the school office for further details.

Texts

You may have noticed a reduction in the number of texts that have been sent out lately. The texting system is becoming quite expensive to run and so we are limiting the number of messages that we send out and will be relying on parents to check our website regularly and make sure they access newsletters which are emailed out. We will text information about key events but will no longer send reminders. We have also stopped reminding parents to book school meals, or texting when they forget, and so ask that you remember to book meals regularly.

School Money

This service is now up and running and those of you who have made use of it have been very positive about it. Everyone should have received an email with login details. If there are any issues please let us know. There are a number of outstanding payments and so reminders will be sent out shortly.

Air Ambulance Collection

Once again we are collecting unwanted clothing for the Great North Air Ambulance. Both the school and the GNAA benefit and so I would like to ask you to have a summer clearout and send us all your unwanted clothing! Please note that it is only clothes this time – but if you have any unwanted mobile phones or printer cartridges please send these in too, in a separate carrier bag. We will be handing one GNAA bag out per family (via the youngest sibling) but please feel free to come in for more bags if you need them. They will be collected on Wednesday 6 June.

Lost Property

At this time of year we also see a huge increase in lost property, with children shedding jumpers on the field. Please make sure that all clothing is clearly labelled. There are two boxes of lost property in school – please come and check if your child has misplaced anything. We will be donating any uncollected items to the Great North Air Ambulance in June.

Key dates

The dates below are confirmed but in some cases weather dependent!

Friday 18 May	Royal Wedding Tea Party on the field, parents join in from 2.30pm
Tuesday 5 June	Class & Team Photos
Tuesday 19 June	Sports Day , school field
Wednesday 20 June	Y6 Leavers' Service at Cathedral – children only
Mon 2 & Wed 11 July	Move Up Days , children will spend time with their new teachers
Wednesday 4 July	KS2 Summer Performance , school hall 2pm and 6.30pm
Thursday 12 July	Brass Concert , 3pm in the school hall, parents invited
Friday 13 July	Summer Fayre
Tuesday 17 July	Walby Farm Park , whole school visit
Wednesday 18 July	Y6 Leavers' Service , St Michael's Church at 2pm, Yr 6 parents invited

More details will follow nearer the time.

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Paisley
Headteacher