



# St. Michael's Church of England Primary School



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

15 October 2019

Dear Parents

It is hard to believe that the first half term is almost over. It is fair to say that it has been jam-packed! The children have settled in beautifully and I am very proud of their eagerness to learn and achieve their best.

## ***Harvest Festival***

A reminder that our Harvest Festival will be held on Thursday 17 October at 9.30am in St. Michael's Church and will last no more than an hour. We would love to see as many of you there as possible. If anyone would like to donate a Harvest gift (tinned or packaged goods, fruit, veg etc.) these would be very warmly received at the school office on Wednesday or Thursday morning. All donations will be given to the local foodbank.

## ***Parents' Evenings***

We will be holding our Autumn Term Parents' Evenings at the start of November. More information about these will be issued after half term. During the evenings we will be serving tea and coffee in the hall and there will be information available about maths and some ideas for how you can support your children's learning in maths at home.

## ***Sports Events***

We have registered for a large number of sporting events over the next few months. These are a mixture of competitions and sporting festivals. We will try to give as many children as possible the chance to take part in an event if they wish to; however, this can be tricky at times as we can often only enter one team per event. I know this means that at times some children will be disappointed. I really appreciate your understanding and support with this.

## ***Holiday Requests***

If you need to request time away from school for holidays could I ask you to write or email me at

[jpaisley@st-michaels.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:jpaisley@st-michaels.cumbria.sch.uk) with the details and your reasons for requesting a holiday in term time. You do not need to make an appointment to see me. Following advice from the Local Authority I am not able to authorise any holidays, unless in the most exceptional circumstances.

## ***Milk***

If you would like your child to receive milk at school, please register on the Cool Milk website, [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) You can also register by post – please ask for a form at the office. Milk costs around £14 per term.

## ***Rotakids***

Our Rotakids club are organising a non-uniform day on 1 November. We are asking children to try and wear a purple item on this day to show support for the charity "End Polio". However, please do not go out and buy anything purple! Children are being asked to bring £1 donation on the day which will go to the charity and they will also be planting bulbs in the area around our outdoor classroom.

## *Reading books and records*

Although all staff remind children to bring these home on a daily basis, a large number of children are still forgetting to take them. Whilst we will continue to remind children, we are also very keen to encourage them to take responsibility for their own belongings and develop their own organisational skills. In a class of 32 children it would be very time consuming for the teacher to check whether each child has their book and belongings. If your child does come home without a reading book please feel free to choose something from home instead.

## *Website*

I know the website has been a bit out of date this half term, but we always upload the letters and newsletters onto the website on the day they are distributed. If you ever feel you have missed a letter, please go to the 'News and Events' tab and then choose 'Other Letters' from the drop-down list. If you do not have a printer where reply slips are required, you may email the office using [admin@st-michaels.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-michaels.cumbria.sch.uk). The website will be updated ready for the next half term, so please continue to use it. I would also like to remind you to check your child's bag for hard copy letters as these are sometimes overlooked.

Have a very happy and restful half term holiday and I look forward to welcoming you back to school on 28 October.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Paisley', written in a cursive style.

Mrs J Paisley  
Headteacher