



St. Michael's Church of England Primary School



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

Dear Parents

17 January 2020

It has been lovely to catch up with many of you over the past two weeks and also to chat to the children about their exciting Christmas holidays. The children have settled back into school extremely well and have made a great start to this term. Thank You!

Our recent Christmas raffle raised £279. Thank you to all who supported us. We have used the money to introduce a book hamper into each class with a set of Core Texts for the children to share and enjoy; they have caused quite a buzz around school. I am attaching an information leaflet to this newsletter which explains how we use core texts at school and details of how they may be linked with reading at home.

Books for Breakfast

I will be sending a letter out in the next few days about our new reading café 'Books For Breakfast'. We hope to run this event on a monthly basis and would encourage as many of you to come along with your children as possible. More details to follow.

Phonics Session

We are holding a phonics session for parents of Reception and infant children next week. A separate letter has been sent out, however, if you have not received it, please contact the school office for further details.

Water Bottles

Just a reminder that children should only have water in their water bottles. This is part of us encouraging children to make healthy choices and also because if water is accidentally split in the classroom it does far less damage than squash or other drinks!

Jewellery

Children should not wear jewellery for school. A watch and a small pair of stud earrings is acceptable however, children must be able to remove these themselves for PE and take responsibility for storing them safely. Please do not allow your child to wear anything of value to school in case of loss or damage.

Uniform

The children are looking very smart at the start of the term and we are encouraging them to take pride in their uniform. Thank you for your support with this. Footwear is an ongoing bone of contention! Trainers are not part of the school uniform, although I do understand that many school shoes are becoming trainer like in appearance. If children are wearing 'trainer type' school shoes they should be plain black (including soles) without any visible logos.

Our School Vision

You may recall a few months ago I wrote and asked you for your opinions about what St. Michael's means to you and your children and what you valued about our school. I also met with our Governors and staff and gathered their thoughts; a group of them then met to pull everyone's ideas together in order to create a Vision Statement for our school. A Vision Statement is a statement of intent regarding what we value and want for our children and community, and how we will strive to achieve these aims through all that we do in school. We are very proud of the finished product: we feel it encapsulates us as a school, the journey we are on and where we are heading. I enclose a copy of our Vision Statement with this letter and it can also be viewed on our website. As always, if you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Many thanks

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