

# St. Michael's CE Primary School

26<sup>th</sup> June 2022



## Parent Update

Dear Parents,



Year Six are having a fantastic time in Norfolk. They have played golf, aeroball, laser tag and frisbee as well as doing climbing, bush craft, archery, beach combing and a lot more as well. The activity and fresh air is making everyone eat well. What a great way to end their seven years together.

Residential trips give children so much confidence - looking at Year Six having a ball now just shows how far they have come since their first one-night sleepover at school when they were in Year Two! Year Six parents beware! Get your washing machines ready, not only will you be receiving some absolutely exhausted children, but lots of washing too!

### **Year Three: Outdoor Skills Camp**

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week, Year Three will have their Outdoor Skills camp. As well as daytime activities such as fire lighting and management, shelter building and orienteering, each class will be spending one night under canvas. It will be an exciting time for Year Three. Thank you to Mr Floyd for arranging it all for us.

### **Remaining Residentials due this Term**

29.06.2022	Year Two	Sleepover at the school
6-8.06.2022	Year Four	Camping at Gilwell Park

### **Reception Fathers' Day Penalty Shoot Out (2:30pm on the field)**

I hope you dads (and mums) have been practicing your football skills ready for Reception's Fathers' Day Penalty Shoot Out this Friday afternoon.

### **Year Four: National Multiplication Table Tests**

Next week, Year Four will be taking their national multiplication tables tests. This is a new test introduced by the government. It is a test that is taken on the computer and every question has a six second window to answer the question. In order to pass, children need to get every one of 40 questions correct. This should not be too difficult for Year Four children that use TT Rockstars regularly.

### **Year One Visit to Hilly Fields**

On Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> June, Year One will be off to have fun in Hilly Fields. We are so lucky to have such a beautiful area right on our doorstep.

### **Year Five Trip to the Science Museum**

On Wednesday next week, right in between two announced rail strikes, Year Five will be travelling to the Science Museum. This trip has already been cancelled once so Mr Smith and Mrs Goddard are keen to not have to cancel it again. Year Five parents, please watch out for communications about this trip.

### **Year Six: Junior Citizens**

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June, Year Six will take part in the annual Junior Citizens event. This event is put on by a variety of organisation such as London Ambulance Service, Transport for London, Metropolitan Police and London Fire Service. As children are growing up and becoming more independent, it is really important that they learn basic skills such as calling for an ambulance, basic first aid, fire safety in and out of the home etc.

### **Summer Fayre - Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> June 12pm-4pm**

Start digging out all that spare change and £50 notes, practice your hooking of ducks and get ready for inflatable fun! The school Summer Fayre is just around the corner. Please come and support the PTA who do such a great job raising valuable funds for all the children at St. Michael's. Make sure the date goes in your diary.

### **INSET Day**

Speaking of dates for your diary, please remember that Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July is our last INSET Day of the year. The school will be closed to children and the office will be unmanned (or un-womaned).

### **E-Safety**

If you were unable to attend the e-safety meeting last week, ECP have agreed that we can have access to an on-line presentation for one week. I will endeavour to get the access codes out to parents next week.

### **Staff Leaving Us in the Summer**

Sadly, it's that time of year when school staff make decisions about their futures and decide whether to commit for another year or move on. We have a few staff leaving us in the summer.

Mrs Grime	Mrs Grime has been a teaching assistant in Reception since 2018. She is leaving us in order to study and, eventually, start her own business.
Mrs Howard	Mrs Howard has been our music teacher this year and has been very busy juggling school and church commitments. Although she is leaving her regular teaching behind she has said that, if needed, she will come back to help with special events.
Mrs Besemer	Mrs Besemer and her family are relocating to Wiltshire over the summer. Mrs Besemer has been a Teaching Assistant at St. Michael's since 2017.
Mrs Haylett	Mrs Haylett has been working as part of our SEN team for two years. She and her husband are moving to work at a church in South West England.
Mrs Hillier	In the words of another member of staff, Mrs Hillier has been at St. Michael's since dinosaurs walked the earth! For the last few years, she has worked part time teaching French but she has decided that now is the time to retire. Mrs Hillier moved to Suffolk a few months ago.

Mrs Cawley

Mrs Cawley has been one of our admin assistants since 2014. She has been appointed to lead HR in a local secondary school.

Miss Matthews

Miss Matthews has been at St. Michael's since January 1997 (25 years and two terms). Miss Matthews has decided that it is finally time to retire.

### **Scooters and Bikes on the School Premises**

Thank you for keeping children off their bikes and scooters at the beginning and end of the school day. As far as I can see, the situation has improved. If you feel that the problem starts up again, please contact the school office. Remember that, once children are dismissed into the care of their parents, they should stay under the control of their parents at all times.

### **Summer Holidays**

When you are planning your trips during the holidays, please remember that children are due back on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September. Parents sometimes forget just how important the first few days are. This is when friendships are renewed, places in the classroom are chosen, books are given out and classroom routines explained and practiced. Children returning to school a few days late can feel anxious about friendships or routines; often other children set new friendship patterns without the one that isn't there (which is perfectly natural) and everybody gets used to new teacher expectations.

### **Ultrasport Summer Holiday Clubs**

Please see attached the booking form for the Ultrasport Summer Holiday clubs being held here at St Michael's School.

### **WEA - Adult Courses**

WEA - Adult Courses - please see 2 fliers attached for some of the WEA's upcoming courses.