## St Michael and All Angels Catholic Primary <a href="https://www.smaaanews.com">www.smaaanews.com</a> @smaaanews Friday 10th September 2021

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I am pleased to report that our first full week back at school has gone well! It has been lovely to enjoy some beautiful sunshine but unfortunately this hasn't lasted for us to enjoy at the weekend. This week has definitely felt more like school used to with assembly times, afternoon tea and school council being able to resume. You will also notice in the dates below that the photographer will be in school 24th September and I am sure you will be happy to see the return of family photographs this year!



Thank you again for your support with ensuring children are in appropriate PE wear which should be either the school bought PE kit or a plain navy/blue tracksuit or shorts. PE kits can be ordered and purchased through the school office.



Friday 10th September – 7pm – In Church – Fr. Chris' Leaving Mass Friday 24th September – Individual/Family Photographs (am) Week beginning 27th September – Harvest donations for Wirral Foodbank Thursday 14th October – Foundation 2 to Year 6 – Flu Vaccines

We now officially have everyone in school. Our last set of Foundation 2 children started today meaning we now have a full class. Miss Grossie and Mrs Davies are looking forward to working with them all. They can't believe how sensible and confident they all are. Everyone has settled wonderfully well including all our gorgeous two year olds! I have been amazed by how quickly they have adapted to

the setting. I have loved seeing all the exciting things they have got up to this week. Make sure you are aware of the school's Twitter and Facebook pages as the staff regularly post photos of what the children are doing in school.

Please make sure you are signed up to SEESAW and can communicate with your child's class teacher. Please speak to the teacher if are having any trouble doing this.

All children need water bottles especially in the unexpected heat we have had this week! We are a <u>NUT FREE</u> school. We have children in school with severe nut allergies; nut products are not allowed in school.

Year 6 Parents received a letter from me this week reminding you that you need to make sure you have completed the LA Secondary School Preference form for your child. This must be completed by 31st October. If you need any help with this, please speak to school staff.

**ATTENDANCE** – We will be closely monitoring attendance this year. I am sure that we all recognise that over the last 2 years, our children have missed far too much school time which means now more than ever, 'everyday counts'. If children are genuinely ill you must telephone the school office on the morning of absence otherwise your child's absence will be registered as unauthorised.

This year **Mrs Williams** in the school office will oversee attendance and will work closely with **July Kelly** our school's Attendance Officer who works for the Local Authority. We will be holding regular Attendance Panel meetings when a child's attendance falls below 92%. A child is

classed as PERSISTANTLY ABSENT from school if their attendance falls below 90%. If your child needs a medical appointment, we ask that you make this outside of school hours. If it is an emergency and this is not possible, we will now ask to see medical appointment letters/cards of children are collected from school for appointments before the end of the school day.

Be Here!
On Time, All Day, Every Day
ATTENDANCE COUNTS



It has been lovely to see childen happy in their new classes this week and working hard.









**National** 

This week ESAFETY has been taught across the school as all classes look at this at the beginning of units of work. We can never stress enough to children how important it is to stay safe online. We have an ESafety page on our website which Safety offers lots of advice and guidance. The 'National Online Safety' website offers

excellent guides for parents about all sorts of APPS and games. It also informs you of age appropriate games and Apps so you can make sure your child is exposed to appropriate content for their age group.

We start the year and the month of September focusing on the value of Respect'. This value is at the core of



everything we do in school. Thank you to Year 3 who have created our whole school value of the month display. This month in school we will think about how we can show respect for



ourselves, others and our environment. This week in assembly we have been thinking about how we might have lots of things that make us different to others in school and we may not

always agree on everything, but we should always try to show respect

for their thoughts and feelings.

In assemblies this month, we will also think about how Jesus is the perfect example of how to respect everyone. He showed respect to all people, even those no one else liked. Our value of RESPECT links perfectly with our School Moto which is the commandment Jesus gave us, "A new command I give you, love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34-35



Something tells me you'll enjoy your new boss while you're on maternity leave!

Today Mrs Jones leaves us to begin her maternity leave. We will miss her so much but we know that she will be popping in lots to see us and will be keeping in regular touch with myself and the EYFS staff. We hope she gets some kind of a rest before Baby Jones arrives and we can't wait to hear her lovely news (and have lots of new baby cuddles)!

Enjoy the weekend, Mrs Ralph