

We are pleased to report that our first full week in school has gone brilliantly. We are honestly astounded with how settled the children are and how much they want to learn, work and be challenged! Most teething problems have now been ironed out and the children have been exceptional at understanding and appreciating all the new rules. There have been few anxieties and concerns which is so wonderful to see and shows how calmly the teachers are leading the children through this return to school time. If you are worried or have any concerns about your child's mental health, please have a look at the 'Mental Health' page on the school website where you will find lots of help and advice.

A lot of the work in classes this week has focused on assessing children to identify gaps in learning and see where children are at.

This is so important as it helps teachers pitch work correctly and ensure we are meeting all children's needs. Again, we have been so surprised with what many of the children are showing us and this shows what a great job lots of you did with home learning!

Can I also please take the opportunity to again thank the parents who have sent lovely messages this week and spoken to me on the gate. Your positivity and kind words about the 'return to school' has been lovely to hear. It is just so nice to see us all back as a school community but please let's keep it that way and stay safe!

BILL RICHARDSON

*we cannot
accomplish
all that we
need to do
without
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THE HAPPY CANDLE



On Wednesday evening, the Prime Minister led a press conference where he spoke about the rise in infection rates across the country. None of us want to go back to a Lockdown stage again and therefore it is VITAL that we look after each other and follow health and safety guidance. Please remember:

1. Only **one parent** should bring a child onto the school site.
2. Parents need to drop off and pick up children at the **designated times**.
3. Parents should **not congregate** on the playground or in the car park and leave the site immediately.

1. Face coverings are advisable on the school site as you are around people you don't normally meet.
2. Please **socially distance** from other parents, staff and children.

It is only by working together and following these rules that we will limit the spread of the virus.

It is very frustrating for staff in school to see parents not following the rules as we are trying so hard to keep your precious children safe in school. We demonstrate the highest duty of care to your children but we cannot be responsible for parent's behaviours too. Please follow the guidance and work together for the good of everyone.

If you do not already have a 'Parent Mail' account, please contact the school office who will set up one for you. This will allow you to make payments for toast club, after school club, future trips, additional nursery sessions and school meals online.

Reminders..... Some of the 'Healthy Snacks' children are bringing into school are not very healthy,



therefore we are asking that all children bring in ONLY fruit. Nothing else will be allowed from next week. EYFS children will be provided with fruit in class.

Children must come to school in a tracksuit on their PE day. Ideally this will be a blue plain tracksuit. All children also need a water bottle.

Emergency contact details MUST be up to date in the office.

Please keep up to date with all the latest information via the school website.

Our new value for September is

CO-OPERATION

Co-operation at St Michael and All Angels means working together to achieve something. It is working well as part of a team and encouraging and supporting others.

We have thought this week about the consequences of not co-operating with others and the children have shared some excellent examples of ways we co-operate in school and why this is important.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Unfortunately, at this time there are many dates and 'normal' events that we will have to postpone or cancel in order to comply with Health and Safety guidance.

We will be unable to hold any Parent Workshops or Class Assemblies but hope we can resume these in the Spring Term.

It is unlikely at this time that we will be able to go ahead with a Christmas Fayre or many of our usual Christmas Events but we will be able to update you on this after half term.

Our beginning of year Parent Meetings and Parent Evening Appointments will also not take place but I have written separately to explain what we propose to put in place instead.

Please find below a list of dates for the Autumn Term 2020

Tuesday 22nd September – 'International Day of Peace' Year 3 PSHE Workshop Day in school

Week Beginning 28th September – School 'Harvest' Collection – this will be a little different this year and all will be explained in separate letter from Miss Clark!

Tuesday 29th September – St Michael and All Angels Feast Day – we will celebrate in classes in some way

Friday 2nd October – Year 4 and Year 5 – Computing Workshops in school

Monday 5th October – Individual Photographs

Week Beginning 12th and 19th October – Parents Meetings will take place this week

Friday 23rd October – School CLOSES for Half Term

Monday 2nd November – Pupils return to School

Tuesday 10th November – Year 3 and Year 1 Computing Workshops in school

Friday 13th November – Non Uniform Children In Need

Friday 13th November – Flu Immunisations

Tuesday 17th November – Year 4 'Universal Children's Rights Day' PSHE Workshop in school

Friday 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 18th December – Pupils Break Up for Christmas

Monday 4th January 2021 – Staff INSET Day

Tuesday 5th January 2021 – Pupils return to School

Thank you again for your patience and understanding at this time.

The staff are all so appreciative of your support.

Mrs Ralph

