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St Michael and All Angels Primary Wirral CH495LE

A very warm welcome back to the new school year! I have loved seeing all the children in assembly and around school this week and have enjoyed hearing their wonderful summer holiday news. Everyone looks super smart! Unfortunately, I have not made it out on the gate over the last week but this is due to the fact I am still covering the Office in the morning. Thankfully we have secured the appointment of a fantastic new school Business Manager called Mrs Eakins. She has worked in schools for a number of years and is very experienced so I am delighted with her appointment and cannot wait for her to get started! She officially starts 1<sup>st</sup> October so please continue to be patient with us until then. Many of you will have now met Mrs Champney who started work in the office prior to the summer holidays. She is proving to be a huge asset to the school and will be responsible for monitoring attendance.





We are delighted that a number of new children have joined St Michael's in classes across the school. We hope they will be very happy with us and are very welcome to our school family!

We also now have a full Foundation 2 class following our very short staggered entry.

This is also the first year for a while that we have no teachers or TAs to introduce to you as everyone remains the same!

PARENTMAIL will allow parents to pay for school dinners, toast club, after school club, trips and additional F1 and Nursery sessions online. If you are not already using or connected to Parentmail please keep an eye out for an email asking you to connect. Remember to check your are experiencing any issues connecting or have not received an email, please let us know in school.



SPAM too in case it has gone in there. If you

At the end of last week, our Year 6 children voted for our new Head Boy and Head Girl. We are delighted to announce that Scott and Minnie were voted as our new Head Boy and Head Girl. I have no doubt at all they will be wonderful role models to everyone in the school and will take their roles very seriously. Congratulations to you both and well done for your wonderful campaigning speeches which were excellent!

DINNER MENU - Our three week school dinner menu is available via the school website.

Nut Free School – Please remember we have a number of children who have severe nut allergies. Please make sure that if your child brings a snack or a packed lunch to school there are no nuts or products with nut traces. This includes Nutella or similar products. Thank you for your support.



We have reviewed our school Positive Behaviour Policy for this new school year and have discussed this in detail with the children. You can find a copy of the policy on the school website. Across the school we now have three very clear and consistent rules -'Be kind, Be safe & Be a great learner'





**DOGS** should not be brought



ALL CHILDREN need a **WATER Bottle in** school. This will be sent home



In Years 3 to 6, children are allowed to bring

in a piece of fruit (healthy snack) to eat at break time. If you wish your child to have milk in school, please ensure this has been paid for via Cool Milk. School Dinners

onto the school site.

each night to be cleaned.

F2 and KS1 children will be provided with fruit.

cost £2.41 per day and can be paid for online.

All children should be in the correct school uniform. No jewellery (except stud earrings) or make up allowed. All children should wear black shoes.

On PE Days, children can continue to come to school wearing their PE kit. This should be a plain navy tracksuit or the usual PE kit - shorts and tshirt.

**Emergency Contacts - If your** details have changed over the summer, please notify the school office so we can update them on our system.

**Eco-Schools** 



Communication with Parents - SEESAW will continue to be used by teachers to share class news and information. If you have messages to pass on then this is a useful way of contacting your child's class teacher. However please remember to keep messages between 8:30am and 4:30pm as staff are not expected to answer messages outside of these hours. If you need to contact a teacher urgently or your

message is very important then your first point of contact should always be via the school office.



Over the summer. Miss McCallion heard the amazing news that our 'Message in a Bottle' model and display was

the runner up in the National competition. Miss McCallion, Miss Oana and our Eco Warriors worked so hard to create the masterpiece and it is fantastic that their work has been recognised nationally.

Following this incredible news, Miss McCallion then heard that the school has been awarded the 'Eco-School's Green Flag Award'. Miss McCallion and the Eco-Committee have worked very hard on our

**Green Flag Award** application for this award

and their work was commended and recognised. The Eco School's Team who judged our application provided us with some wonderful and very detailed feedback which ended 'Congratulations to everyone for the great work you have managed to do, earning your Green Flag with style. You should all be very proud of your work and the application you have submitted!'



We have also received the fantastic news that we have been designated a 'School of Sanctuary'. This recognises our commitment to making our school a safe and welcoming place.

As a School, St Michael and All Angels Primary and its school community aims to extend a hand of friendship to those who need it; making everyone feel equal and valued as part of our 'school family'.



Over the summer, Mr Henry has worked very hard (as he always does!) and redecorated our Foundation 2 classroom. The room has also been refurbished and looks great. It has been lovely to see the children enjoying working and playing in it this week.

End of Day Arrangements - Please make your child's new class teacher is aware of who can pick your child up at the end of the school day. Only Year 6 children are allowed to walk home on their own if parents have signed a permission slip to allow them to do this.

SCHOOL DATES 2022-23 - Please be aware of our term dates which are available on the school website. We will NOT authorise any holidays during term time and any holidays taken will result in a penalty notice. Next week, I will send out a list of DATES for the DIARY.

## Enjoy the weekend, Mrs Ralph