



ST MICHAEL'S CE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/ Carers

It's been a fantastic start to the year and I'd like to congratulate the year 5's on an excellent first couple of weeks. The vast range of clubs and activities we offer are now up and running and the timetable shared with pupils. We look forward to seeing them participating in huge numbers again this year.

Safety of Pupils

Colehill Lane can be extremely busy during drop off / pick up times. Can we please ask that you work with us to keep children safe by

- Avoiding parking in the areas marked for the buses
- Where necessary, helping your child to cross safely
- Direct your child to enter the school through the nearest gate and avoid crossing the school car park entrance/exit
- Not using the school car park

Thank you.

New caterers

From this term, Caterlink, our new caterers are operating in the school. The food offer has been improved and pupils have reported how much they are enjoying the new choices on offer.

Welcome to new staff

A huge welcome to the new staff working at St. Michael's. Mr Joy (Year 5), Mrs Parker (Textiles) and Mrs Snaith (Science) have joined the teaching team. We also have Mrs Bolton, Miss Lane and Mrs Wrixon joining the TA team.

Mobile Devices

A reminder again that we operate a strict no mobile phone use policy at the school. If required, pupils can hand their mobile device into the office for safekeeping. Any device brought onto the school site is done so at the owner's risk.

We are aware that a number of pupils own smartwatches. Our advice is to not bring these expensive items to school. Any watch with the capability to link to a phone and receive messages etc. we will ask pupils to remove and switch off.

Year 5 Christmas

This year all of Year 5 will be preparing music for the Christmas Carol Service so, please save the date so that your child can attend and take part in the evening service - Monday 2nd December 7pm.

ECO Group

We are collecting the following items if you wish donate please can your child bring them to Mrs Paton in Room 10.

Milk bottle plastic tops only - (Priest House) · Sweet & Savoury biscuit & cake wrappers — not sweet wrappers - (Ideas2Action) · Crisp packets – not other snack packets - flat please - (Ideas2Action) · Pringle tubes – Squashed flat - (Ideas@Action) · Stamps - (Minster Sudan Famine relief) · Cleaning and Beauty products —washing up liquid tops, pumps, sprays, empty disinfectant, wipe & face mask packets, beauty pots and tubes and roll on deodorants – clean & dry please -(Ideas2Action) · Empty/broken pens, felt tips, highlighters, mechanical pencils, empty Tippex bottles - not glue sticks -(Ellie's fund Research into Brain Tumours) · Printer ink cartridges—(only branded not recycled, no toner bottles) (Wimborne Minster) · Aluminium Foil (clean please) & Metal bottle tops (Poole Methodists Redevelopment) · Cosmetics new only please (Dorset Cancer Care) · Bras (Poole Ladybird unit – breast cancer) · Toothbrushes, heads & Toothpaste tubes – clean & dry please -(Ideas2Action) · Also previously collected items accepted – old coins, Ring pulls, Keys/padlocks, Greeting cards, & Corks · Help us to help charities by taking note of the requests in bold italics please.

HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2019/2020

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Half-term Holiday:	Monday 28th – Friday 1st November
Holne Park Meeting	Tuesday 1st October 6pm - 7pm
Prospective Parent's Open evening	Thursday 3rd October 5.30pm - 7.30pm
Year 5 Pastoral Parents Evening	Tuesday 15th October 3.30pm - 6pm
Year 5 Pastoral Parents Evening	Thursday 17th October 3.30pm - 6pm
Staff Training Day:	Monday 4th November
Pupils Return:	Tuesday 5th November
Prospective Parent's Open Morning	Tuesday 5th November 9am - 10am
Year 6 Parents Evening	Thursday 7th November 4pm - 7pm
Prospective Parent's Open Afternoon	Tuesday 19th November 2pm - 3pm
Year 8 Parents Evening	Tuesday 26th November 4pm - 7pm
Christmas Carol Service	Monday 2nd December @ The Minster - 7pm
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 18th December
Last day of Term:	Friday 20th December

SPRING TERM 2020

Staff Training Day:	Monday 6th January
First day of Term:	Tuesday 7th January
Year 7 Parents Evening	Tuesday 14th January 4pm - 7pm
Half-term Holiday:	Monday 17th- Friday 21st February, incl.
Last day of Term:	Friday 3rd April

SUMMER TERM 2020

First day of Term:	Monday 20th April
Bank Holiday:	Friday 8th May
Half-term Holiday:	Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May, incl.
Pupil's Return:	Monday 1st June
Last day of Term:	Friday 17th July