



7 June 2019

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)/Governor(s)

Firstly, I would like to say Eid Mubarak to all those celebrating this week! I hope you had a wonderful day and that it was filled with joy and excitement!

Welcome back to what promises to be a very exciting term at St Michael's and St George! There is going to be lots going on this term so please keep an eye out for messages in the newsletters and texts that you shall receive over the next few days.

Attendance and Punctuality

Even though there is lots of exciting things happening this term, it has been brought to my attention that punctuality is not at its best and this needs to be addressed.

Even if a child is late by 10 minutes every day, that is 50 minutes of learning a week which equates to a whole lesson. Not to mention the embarrassment of walking into a classroom when everyone has already started learning.

Over the next week or two, myself and the senior leadership team will be holding meetings with parents – to work with you and to find solutions to getting children in on time.

Please ensure appointments are attended – it is really important so that we can support you and your family. **Remember the bell for the start of the day is 8:45am sharp.**

Holidays

Please remember that we, as a school, cannot and will not authorise holidays during term time. If you would like to speak to a member of staff about this further please make an appointment in the office.

Remember by going on holiday you run the risk of being fined £60 per parent per child.

Reception Class 2019

This is also the time of the year where we start to welcome our new reception children to start with us in September. Dates will soon be released as to when you can come in and speak to the Reception team and the senior leadership team, along with arrangements for stay and play sessions and home visits.

Car Park

Please be aware that our car park is for the exclusive use of the staff that work at our schools and their visitors. More and more frequently, we are finding members of the public parking in our car parks – this poses a problem as our car parks are quite small and quite often have to double park when there is no space. As a federation we are looking more at ways in which to reduce this and we would very much appreciate it if you were able to find other facilities to use. Many thanks for your cooperation.

I hope to be in class as much as possible this coming term to get to know your children even more. It has been great what I have seen so far and I hope to continue to be blown away by your children's achievements!

Best wishes,
Chris Larke-Phillips
Federation Head teacher for St Michael's and St George

Forest Class (YR & Y1): This week in Forest Class we have started our new topic of 'Rebel Girls and Boys who Dare to be Different'. We are going to learn all about men and women who have done extraordinary things in their lives to help their families and others.

This week we have learnt about Frida Khalo who persevered through many challenges to become a very famous artist. We have started to produce our own self-portraits and are thinking about the things we love to paint around our faces.

In maths, we have been reminding ourselves of addition and subtraction and the strategies and resources we use to help our understanding.

Chestnut Class (Y2): We have had a very busy first week back in Chestnut Class. Carrying on with another little week of Romans learning, we have been doing lots of writing about them: one letter to a Roman child to tell them what Britain (or rather, Britannia) is like now with all the things they brought over; and a character description of a chosen Roman. It has been wonderful to see how their writing stamina has developed over the course of this year and they are so eager to put their learning into action!

In maths, we are getting prepared for Year 3 now and going over areas we have found tricky throughout the year. It is now so evident that the children can make links with previous learning and use it to help them.

In PE, we are doing lots of athletics with Jack on a Wednesday to prepare us for sports day and we have just begun learning tennis with Lauren on a Tuesday. We will be doing a lot of hand-eye coordination work this term!

Maple Class (Y3): Maple Class have jumped straight into learning with a fantastic attitude. We have begun our new Power of Reading text called 'Oliver and the Seawigs'. We have looked at what it takes to be an explorer and the vital equipment you would need to become one. We have also produced some fantastic artwork on 'Deepwater Bay' which features in the story.

In maths, we have now begun our journey on 'time', where we have been using our 5x tables to work out times on a clock as well as using bingo to support our understanding.

The children are happy to show all at home how to play! A great start to term 6, well done Maple Class!

Willow Class (Y4): We had a great time in Roman week just before half term. We learned all about Roman life as well as making pottery and finding out about the Roman invasions of Britain. In maths, we have been looking at bar and line graphs and presenting them correctly and neatly. Our new topic is the 'Ancient Egyptians' so we have been finding out what the class already knows and what they would like to find out. Finally, I was so proud of both those that acted in the Mummer's Play and everyone in the class for a great effort in the May Dance!

We have welcomed to our class, Leonie, a teaching student from Zurich who will spend three weeks with us.

Cedar Class (Y5): An exciting week in Year 5, as we have launched headlong into a new topic: 'Bristol River City'. During this topic, we will be learning about Bristol's humble beginnings on the banks of the Avon in the 11th century, its expansion through trade on the river, the exploration of the Tudors and the transatlantic slave trade. It is a thought-provoking topic which promises to challenge and deepen our understanding of Bristol's place in the world.

We have also welcomed Kate, a second year UWE education student, who will be working alongside us this term, and also Marina, a teaching student from Zurich, on an English language enrichment program.

Birch Class (Y6): Eid Mubarak to all our Y6 children and families celebrating earlier this week, it has been lovely to hear about all the festivities that have taken place.

Back in class, we have started to immerse ourselves in the characters and setting of 'Macbeth', creating tableaus of the opening battle scene and exploring the personalities and depictions of the witches. The children have produced some highly theatrical and atmospheric charcoal images of the witches gathered around their cauldron. They have also researched their own characters and started to produce Tudor style portraits of these. The children are learning their lines with great earnest now – any support you can give them with this at home would be greatly appreciated.

We will continue to have PE on Wednesdays with Jack (Quick Cricket this term) and swimming on Fridays.

Attendance Update

Our whole school attendance goal is **97%**. Please help us reach our goal by ensuring your child is in school regularly and on time.

Data: Tuesday 4 – Friday 7 June 2019

Rocky the Attendance Dog		Punctuality Polar Bear	
Awarded to: NOT AWARDED ☹		Awarded to: NOT AWARDED ☹	
Class	% Attendance	Late marks recorded Before close of register (L)	Late marks recorded After close of register (U)
Forest Oak Learners:	90.91%	1	0
Hazel Learners:	81.75%	0	1
Chestnut	85.71%	2	0
Maple	86.39%	2	0
Willow	82.71%	5	1
Cedar	87.14%	6	0
Birch	78.84%	2	1

277 minutes late have been recorded this week. **That's over 4 and a half hours of missed learning due solely to lateness.**

By being continually late, you run the risk of being issued with a Penalty Notice. Please be on

time. School starts promptly at **08:45am** – no later.

Upcoming Trips

Class	Trip	Date	Consent
Maple (Y3)	Forest School	11.06.16	Yes , please email asap
KS2	Bath University: Sports	12.06.19	Yes , please email asap
KS1	Bath University: Sports	19.06.19	Yes , please email asap
Birch (Y6)	Forest School	19.06.19	Yes , please email asap
Willow (Y4)	Museum	20.06.19	NOT required, as walking
Forest (Y1)	Colston Hall	21.06.19	NOT required: details to follow
Selected	Cricket	26.06.19	Yes , details to follow
Birch (Y6)	Bishop Road (NW24)	27.06.19	Yes , details to follow
Cedar (Y5)	Avon River Cruise	09.07.19	Yes , details to follow
Maple (Y3)	Cheddar	11.07.19	Yes , details to follow

There may be trips added to the list, you will always be given notice of trips.

Please respond to the trip letter via email giving your consent. Unfortunately, due to time constraints and the sheer volume of trips above, consent reminders **will not** be sought. Children without consent when asked for, will be ineligible to attend trips.

If you are unsure as to whether or not you have provided consent, please email (or check your sent box) I would rather have two consents than zero.

Birch Class 'Macbeth Play'

So all diaries can be cleared in preparation, the play will be performed in the Wickham Theatre on both:

Tuesday 9 and Wednesday 10 July 2019.

Details regarding times and tickets will be sent out in due course. This year, as the school is now 'cashless' tickets can only be bought via 'ParentPay'.

Please note: There is strictly no admittance to the theatre without a ticket, so if you are yet to do so, please set up your 'ParentPay' account NOW, so any problems can be ironed out now as we have plenty of time!

Lovely Feedback

Earlier this week, we hosted an 'Artist in Residence – Mark Cripps' who spent time in every class. We have since received this email:

Hi Nicola

Thank you so much for a lovely day in your fantastic school. Your children are amazing - so keen to engage with the workshops and the atmosphere in your school was so nurturing and caring. So thank you for having me.

Mark

Dates for Your Diary

Mon 10 Jun	Sue and the Better Together Footballers: OUT final practice at Longcross
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Tues 11 Jun	KS2: OUT Bath University Consent, FULL PE kit & packed lunch required
Wed 12 Jun	Maple Class (Y3) OUT: Forest School – morning session Consent and FULL PE kit required
Fri 14 Jun	Better Together Footballers: OUT Football Tournament at UWE
Wed 19 Jun	Birch Class: OUT Forest School – morning session only Consent and FULL PE kit required
Wed 19 Jun	KS1: OUT Bath University Consent, FULL PE kit & packed lunch required
Thu 20 Jun	Willow Class (Y4): OUT Bristol Museum – afternoon session only
Fri 21 Jun	Forest Class: Hazel Learners (Y1): OUT Colston Hall Packed lunch required
Tue 25 Jun	Advance notice: selected children in Willow Class (Y4): OUT City Hall Packed lunch required, full details to follow
Wed 26 Jun	Chestnut Class (Y2): OUT Forest School – morning session only Consent and FULL PE kit required
Wed 26 Jun	Advance notice: selected children in Willow Class (Y4): OUT Golden Hill Consent, FULL PE kit & Packed lunch required, full details to follow
Thu 27 Jun	Birch Class (Y6): OUT Bishop Road: full details to follow
Thu 27 Jun	New Intake: September 2019 Parent(s)/Carer(s) meeting at 18:30
Tue 9 Jul	Cedar Class (Y5): OUT Avon River Cruise Trip Full details to follow.
Tue 9 Jul	Last sessions of: Teacher Led ASC Gardening and Cricket
Tue 9 Jul	Birch Class: Performance of 'Macbeth': Wickham Theatre at 7pm Full details to follow
Wed 10 Jul	Birch Class: Performance of 'Macbeth': Wickham Theatre at 7pm Full details to follow
Thu 11 Jul	Maple Class (Y3): OUT Cheddar Trip Full details to follow.
Fri 12 Jul	Last swimming for this academic year
Wed 17 Jul	Sports Day! a.m here at St. Michael's p.m at Brandon Hill with St. George - full details to follow.
Wed 17 Jul	Last session of: Multi Sports, Athletics Focus
Fri 19 Jul	Federation Picnic Full details to follow

Tue 23 Jul	End of Academic Year 2018/2019 at 3:15pm
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There will be dates added to this list as and when there is confirmation. As you will notice, the run up to the end of the academic year is, as always very busy. Please check the dates and reply in a timely fashion. Thank you.

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Does a child or young person in Bristol need support or safeguarding?

FIRST RESPONSE

0117 903 6444

The right help, in the right place, at the right time

When you call we will ask you some questions to work out the best route for helping the child, young person and/or family.

If it is not a child protection issue, you will need to have spoken to the parent/carer or young person to get their consent before calling.

We'll also ask you if the parent/carer has agreed to us safely sharing information between children's services and other agencies.

Please have as much information as possible when you ring.

Your phone call may result in:

- Information, advice and guidance being given about services to help families.
- A referral to the Early Help team who can provide support to children, young people and families.
- A safeguarding referral to a social work team.



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