# St. Michael's CE (VA) Junior School Newsletter

Friday, 6th September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

**A message from Mrs Prigg**

What a fantastic few days we have had! A big thank you to all the staff and families who have been so kind and supportive this week. Please visit the website, where I have introduced myself and my love for salt and vinegar crisps and dalmatians! If you are new to the school, then you will find staff introductions from all of the teaching staff too!

It was so good to welcome the children back to school on Thursday after their summer break. They all looked so smart in their uniforms and nearly all of them were smiling! The children have settled well into the routine of the new school year and it has been a pleasure to welcome our new children mainly in Year 3, but also across the rest of the school. We hope our new children enjoy their time at St. Michael's.

I have thoroughly enjoyed this week, eating with the children at lunchtime, joining them in the playground and popping into classes. They have been a delight!

**Mobile Phones**

Children are not allowed to have mobile phones in school. Children in years 5 and 6 are allowed to bring their phones into school provided they are handed in to Mrs. Prigg's office. They can be collected from her office at the end of the school day. This rule only applies to older children who are beginning to walk home alone and we do understand that parents may want to know that they have arrived home safely. If a phone is found, it will be taken to Mrs. Prigg's office and the parents will be called to pick it up.

**Seeing Teachers**

If you have a problem or concern, your first port of call should be your child's class teacher. Class teachers cannot see parents before school due to preparation of their classrooms.

**Entry into School**

Parents can only enter the school through the main entrance. Parents are not allowed into school through the front playground entrance. Thank you for your understanding in this safeguarding matter.

**Amazon Wish List**

You can use the following link in your browser to access our wish list and then log in http://amzn.eu/ilEmThI . Every gift is important to us no matter how large or small.

**PE Kit**

Children must have a full PE kit for both indoor and outdoor PE. This is a white T- shirt and black shorts. Children must wear trainers or black plimsolls and not their school shoes. After half-term, the children can wear a track suit to protect them against the cold weather; the track suit should be in either blue, grey or black. No pink sparkles please!

**School Uniform**
Children must wear their uniform at all times. Children must not wear trainers except for PE, and must have proper black school shoes. Our uniform is on the school website as a point of reference. Can we ask please that all of the uniform is clearly labelled. Thank you.

**Earrings**
The only earrings allowed to be worn for school are very small studs. These should be the gold studs and not novelty earrings. Please note that earrings have to be removed for PE. If your child has recently had their ears pierced, they will have to miss PE for the first 6 weeks; ears are no longer allowed to be taped. Thank you to those parents who have already written stating that their child has had their ears pierced.

**Pencil Cases**
Please note that children are allowed one very small pencil case in school with pen, pencil, ruler, rubber and some coloured pencils if they choose. The school does, however, provide all of this equipment. We ask that pencil cases do need to fit in the children's trays in the classroom. Please ask your child's class teacher if you are unsure.

**Jacket Potatoes**
If your child orders a jacket potato for lunch, they cannot change their mind at the servery.

**ParentPay**
If you are a Year 3 parent (or new to our School this year) and have not already registered on ParentPay, you should have received your log on details via your child today. Please can you ensure that you register on ParentPay as we use this for communication, as well as for dinner and trip monies.

If you are a parent already registered on ParentPay, please can you ensure that you have your mobile number, as well as your email on the system so that we can contact you for cancelled clubs or in an emergency. Thank you.

**Dinner Menu**
Next week's menu is 2.

**And finally….**

**Dates for your Diary**

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| 18th September | Y6 Parents' meeting – Aylmerton (2pm & 6pm) |
| 27th September | Macmillan cake sale |
| 30th September | Year 6 Aylmerton residential trip (until 4th October) |
| 10th October | Harvest service @ St Michael's Church – 10am |
| 7th October | Reading workshops for parents (2pm & 6pm) – KO to lead |
| 9th October | Maths workshops for parents (2pm & 6pm) – TB to lead |
| 16th October | Parents consultation evening (3:40pm – 7:00pm) |
| 17th October | Parents consultation evening (3:40pm – 6:00pm) |
| 22nd October | Individual child photos |
| 25th October | INSET day |
| 28th October | Half-term |
| 4th November | Aylmerton residential trip meeting for Year 5 parents – 2pm & 6pm |
| 11th December | Year 4 production 1:30 pm |
| 12th December | Year 4 production 7:00pm |
| 19th December | Christmas carol service @ St Michael's Church – 10am |
| 19th December | Last day of autumn term |

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Prigg

Headteacher