



St. Michael's CE (VA) Junior School



Friday 18th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

A message from Mrs Prigg

We have had a really lovely week, enjoying the sunshine while it lasts! The children have enjoyed running (or walking) the Golden Mile and we are already well on our way in clocking up the miles!! I have enjoyed seeing a year group use sign language to say the first four lines of the Lord's Prayer! awarded so many stickers for excellent work, watched the children enjoy the virtual Achievers' assembly over the last two Fridays, heard lots of laughter around the school, watched an 'Around the World' maths game, heard the children share their ideas about their class book and had numerous pictures drawn and coloured in for a wall display. We have also started re-looking at our values and this week we started with COURAGE. As I did last Friday, information in red text boxes is information you must know, the amber is what I think you should know and the green sections share information that I think is nice for you to know. With such busy lives, I would like our communication to be as clear as possible, whilst also keeping you well informed. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Important dates for your diary Autumn Term:

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| 29th September | Individual School Photos (no siblings) |
| 5th October | Harvest Festival <i>provisional date</i> |
| 7th and 8th October | Parents' evening (details to follow) |
| 14th and 15th October | Parents' evening (details to follow) |
| 23rd October | Inset day |
| 26th – 30th October | Half term |
| 11 th November | Remembrance service <i>provisional date</i> |
| 16 th December | Christmas Dinner (details to follow) |
| 17th December | Christmas Carol service <i>provisional date</i> |
| 18th December | Last day of Autumn term |

Our local secondary schools have released information on their Open days and evenings for our year 6 children. Please visit their websites for details about how they are organising these visits, but here are the dates. There is also a section on our school website under Information: High Schools with links to virtual tours.

- Great Baddow High School – visits started on 10.9.20**
- Moulsham High School – visits start on the 23.9.20**
- Sandon School – mid September**

Collection from school by other adults:

We understand that your child may be collected from school by adults other than their parents. In order to safeguard your child, it is imperative that we have your permission **in writing** that you consent to this. We are currently putting together a form that can be completed annually and held on our records so that teachers are aware of who your children may be collected by – please look out for this letter in your emails.

P.E. Kits:

Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit on the following days:

Year 3: Wednesday

Year 4: Thursday

Year 5: Friday

Year 6: Monday

We ask that pupils are provided with black/navy shorts (not cycling shorts) and a plain white PE top.

Bug Hotel

Back at the end of the summer term, we were delighted to receive a wonderful gift of a bug hotel for our school field from some of our Year 6 leavers. Many thanks to Jonathan, Matthew, Hannah and Samuel who displayed wonderful craftsmanship in the building of the hotel – such generosity is greatly appreciated and it will certainly be well looked after by us all at St Michael's.

Making ourselves at home...

In school, all classes have been busy beautifying our classrooms and personalising the learning environments. These photos show a snippet of this:



Yours sincerely

Mrs Prigg

