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Activation of ParentPay Accounts



There still remains **13** ParentPay accounts not activated to date. Further reminders will be sent out next week, if you receive a reminder please take the time to activate your accounts as soon as possible. It is **extremely important** that you are able to access information and make payments sent through this platform.

Please remember that if you already have an activate ParentPay account for any siblings you should use the 'add a child' facility on their account to register your young child. If you have any difficulties with this request, please contact the office.

ParentPay

We continue to ask that you confirm that your child will be having a school meal via your ParentPay account and clicking on '**book a meal**' – do not forget to scroll to the bottom of the page to '**confirm bookings**'. Please remember that no payment is required for meals at this time.

If you receive a note from the office stating that meals are not being booked, please do not ignore this. If you are having difficulties please visit us to enable us to try and resolve your issues!

After School Clubs

Our autumn term after school clubs listing have been emailed out this week. They will commence on **Monday 16th September** through until **Thursday 19th December 2024**.

[Autumn Term After School Clubs 2024](#)

Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any parent have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform the school's Designated Safeguarding officer: Mrs Duggan. In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a statutory duty to discuss the issue with one of the Designated Safeguarding Officers to seek further advice. I am very aware that during the past six months the personal circumstances of many families may have changed. If you feel that there is something that your child's teacher or I should know, please do make contact and let us know. Parents will often share a concern with me and end by saying, "I'm sorry for wasting your time with this." This is not the case. If there is anything, we want to know as we are here to help.

Diary Dates

- 14/10 – 1G Boston Manor Park Trip
- 15/10 – 1C Boston Manor Park Trip
- 16/10 - Feast Day of St Gerard (Yr6)
- 18/10 - 5G Swimming
- 18/10 - 6S Assembly 9.30am
- 21/10 - Individual and Sibling Pictures
- 23/10 – Yrs2 – 6 Watch the Disney Film 'Soul'
- 24/10 - 5G Assembly 9.30am
- 24/10 - Mufti Day - School Finishes @ 3.30pm
- 25/10 – INSET Day
- 28/10 - 01/11 - Half Term Holidays
- 04/11 - Autumn Term 2 Commences
- 08/11 - 5O Assembly 9.30am
- 08/11 - 5O Swimming
- 11/11 – Remembrance Day
- 11/11 - Maths Week England
- 11/11 - Parents Evening (In School) 5pm - 7.30pm
- 12/11 – Whole School Odd Sock Day - **£1.00 Donation required**
- 12/11 - Parents Evening (School Cloud) 4pm - 6.30pm
- 15/11 - TTRS Day (Times Table Rock Stars) Mufti Day
- 15/11 - 4F Assembly 9.30am - Anti Bullying
- 15/11 - 5G Swimming
- 19/11 – Dentist
- 22/11 - 4M Assembly 9.30am - Advent
- 22/11 - 5O Swimming



Polite Reminder

You are kindly asked to remind your child(ren) that they **must not** share or accept a snack from another pupil at any time at school.

Whilst children may feel that they are being caring they are not necessarily aware of food allergies of others. Any snacks seen to be being shared will be confiscated.

Pupil Premium / Free School Meals

If your family financial circumstance have changed in the last year and you feel that you may now be entitled to receive the Pupil Premium Grant please use the link below to make your application to the London Borough of Hounslow.

[Pupil Premium Grant Link](#)

Parent / Carer Trip Volunteer Google Form

Further to our recent email, staff are busy planning exciting learning opportunities for our children throughout this academic year.

One learning avenue that we will continue to offer will be in the form of off-site trips to support year group learning in specific subjects. You can appreciate that a lot of time and effort goes into planning such trips and one key area of support needed is to have enough adult supervision to facilitate such trips.

We are aiming to build a bank of parents / carers who would be available to support the staff and children on such trips. If you feel that this is something you would like to be involved with please complete and return the short Google Form:

[School Trip Parent / Carer Volunteer Google Form 2024 - 2025](#)

All responses should be returned - **before Friday 18th October 2024**. Should your help be required for any trip then the year group trip organiser will contact you directly. Your continued support is always much appreciated.

Yr 6 Secondary School Visits

If you intend to take your child to visit any of the open mornings at the secondary schools. Please ensure that you inform us **before** the event. This not only affects your child's attendance but is also a safeguarding matter. Children should return to school as soon as possible after their visits.

The London Borough of Hounslow's on line closing date for Secondary School transfers is the 31st October 2024. Please remember that catholic secondary schools paperwork may need to be returned before this date – submission dates can be found either on the relevant schools paperwork, website or by contacting the schools directly.

School Photographer

The school photographer will be with us on **Monday 21st October 2024** to take this years individual and sibling photographs.

All children should wear full school uniform - Year 6 have been asked to bring in trainers for their afternoon PE sessions.

You will be supplied with a photo 'proof card' when these are available to enable you to purchase your pictures from Kittle. All orders must be made online, any orders sent into school will be returned and as always you are under no obligation to purchase these.

Please do not send any order into school, these will be returned to you.

Daily Attendance

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness or appointments, please ensure that you report their absence each day **before 9.15am**.

You can leave a message on our 24 hour absent line on **020 8572 9658** or alternatively you can send us an e-mail on: absence@stmichaelrc.hounslow.sch.uk.

If you are using the absence line, please ensure that you speak **clearly leaving your name, your child's name, their class and a brief description of why they are absent**. Simply advising us that your child is 'unwell' is not acceptable. Messages are very hard to decipher and on occasions are impossible to understand when there is lots of background noise. Please bear this in mind.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

11+ Exams

If your child is participating in these exams, please also remember that we must be advised of their absences again **in advance**. Only exam days will be authorised. Days off for 'rest' days and other such absences will **not** be authorised.

Whilst we appreciate that these exams are important to you as a family attendance at here at school is also just as important.

Annual Permission & Contacts & Permission to use Images Google Forms 2024

Two Google Forms have been sent out in relation to the above topics. Thank you to those families who have already completed and submitted their responses. Your prompt reply is much appreciated.

Please find noted below links to all year group forms sent:

[Yr1 Emergency Contacts & Pick Up Google Form 2024 - 2025](#)

[Yr1 Permissions Google Form 2024 - 2025](#)

[Yr2 Emergency Contacts & Pick Up Google Form 2024 - 2025](#)

[Yr2 Permissions Google Form 2024 - 2025](#)

[Yr3 Emergency Contact & Pick Up Google Form 2024 - 2025](#)

[Yr3 Permissions Google Form 2024 - 2025](#)

[Yr4 Emergency Contact & Pick Up Google Form 2024 - 2025](#)

[Yr4 Permissions Google Form 2024 - 2025](#)

[Yr5 Emergency Contact & Pick Up Google Form 2024 - 2025](#)

[Yr5 Permissions Google Form 2024 - 2025](#)

[Yr6 Emergency Contact Google Form 2024 - 2025](#)

[Yr6 Permissions Google Form 2024 - 2025](#)

Welcome to our School Family

Our Nursery classes have now completed their phased entry into school. We welcome all children, parents and carers into our school family and look forward to watching you grow and enjoy many wonderful learning experiences over the coming months and years.

Yr6 Kingswood Residential Trip – June 2025

Numbers have now been confirmed for this trip and a payment request has been released for the balance of this trip. All monies for this trip must be received by the **28th March 2025**. If you have any financial concerns relating to this please speak to the office.

Please refer to our recent letter for full details:

[Yr6 Kingswood Residential Trip June 2025](#)

End of Term Nursery to Yr 6

Please remember that we finish for the half term holidays on **Thursday 24th October 2024 at 3.30pm**. This will be our usual end of term mufti day please ensure that children are dressed appropriately for the time of year – *no jewellery or heels please!*

After school clubs will run as usual on this day.

We look forward to welcoming you back in to school for the second half of the autumn term on **Monday 4th November 2024**.

Annuals Charge Payment Requests 2024 / 2025

A letter outlining how all details relating to these payment requests has been sent out to all families. These letters explain the breakdown of how these monies are used and how monies can be paid over the academic year. Please find below links to view each of these letters:

[Nursery Annual Knowledge & Understanding and Mufti Day Request 2024 - 2025](#)

[Reception Annual Knowledge & Understanding, Themed Weeks & Mufti Days 2024/25](#)

[KS1 & 2 Annual Themed Weeks & Mufti Days Request 2024 - 2025](#)

These monies help us to support your child's learning and enable us to offer focused learning weeks with the opportunity to take part in many different activities such as theatre group visits, workshops, cooking and many other activities, **all of which cost money**. Sadly, with continued education budget cuts, as a school cannot afford to absorb the costs of these visits without your support.

All children participate in planned activities and therefore we do ask **all** families to make their contributions in a timely manner. Thank you to those families who have already made their full or part payment for the relevant request. Your speedy, on-going support is much appreciated.

Please do not get this request confused with our annual governors payment request which will follow shortly.

Class Attendance of the Week: 27/09 – 11/10/2024

	Class	Attendance Percentage
	5O – St Louise	98.97%
	4F – St Paul	98.68%
	6L – St Faustina	98.28%
	3E – St Ann	97.21%
	1C – St Gabriel	96.64%
	1G – St Nicholas	96.52%
	2M – St Beatrice	96.19%
	3M – St John	96%
Below school attendance threshold	5G – St Jude	95.75%
	6S – St Gerard	95.61%
	2P – St Abigail	94.85%
	RB – St David	93.24%
	4M – St Patrick	92.96%
	PM Nursery	92.57%
	RM – St Teresa	91.06%
	AM Nursery	88.11%

Please remember that the threshold for our school attendance is **96%** and it is important that we all work together to reach and even surpass this percentage.

Annual Poppy Appeal

We will be selling Remembrance Day Poppies in school from **Monday 4th November 2024**. Should you wish to donate to this worthy cause please send this in with your child. Mrs Heaney will visit classes on a regular basis to distribute poppies to those children with donations.

Flu Vaccination Reminder

The NHS Nurses will be in school on the 18th of October to administer the Flu nasal spray to children in Reception to Year 6. Parental responses will close at 4pm on the 17th October. If you do not wish, your child to have the Flu Immunisation say **NO** on the form.

Reflection – Prayer of Pope St. John XXIII

O Jesus,

send laborers into your fields,
which are awaiting holy apostles,
saintly priests, heroic missionaries
and dedicated sisters and brothers.

Enkindle in the hearts of men and women
the spark of a vocation.

Grant that Christian families
may desire to give to your Church helpers
in the work of tomorrow.

Amen



National Poetry Day 2024

On Thursday 3rd October, we celebrated National Poetry Day by participating in the largest poetry lesson. We joined thousands of other schools to break the world record for the largest poetry lesson. We will hopefully find out soon if the world record was broken.



Mark 10 Mission

On Monday, we were visited by Gregg Finn, who is the leader of Mark 10 mission. He carried out Collective Acts of Worship with the children and spread his passion for Jesus with the children.



African Dance Workshop

On Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th October, the children participated in their annual African dance workshops.

