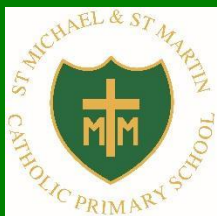


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Activation of ParentPay Accounts



Activation codes will be issued to all new Reception children today, Friday 13th September 2024. Activation codes for Nursery will be issued next week.

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.

It is **extremely important** that you are able to access information and make payments sent through this platform. If you have any difficulties with this request, please contact the office.

Welcome to our School Family

Our Reception classes have now completed their phased entry into school. Nursery complete their phased start next week.

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.

Annual Languages Week 2024

This is our first themed learning week of the year. This will take place between **Monday 21st and Friday 27th September 2024**. Further details will be sent out shortly.

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

18/09 - Year 4 Curriculum Talk 9am

19/09 - Year 5 Curriculum Talk 9am

20/09 - Year 6 Curriculum Talk 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Secondary Transfer and PGL

20/09 - 5G Swimming

23/09 - Whole school languages week

23/09 - Year 3 Curriculum Talk 9am

24/09 - Year 2 Curriculum Talk 9am

25/09 - Year 1 Curriculum Talk 9am

27/09 - Languages Assembly (Traditional Dress up Day)

27/09 - 5O Swimming

29/09 - Feast Day of St Gabriel (Yr1)

01/10 - The Month of the Rosary Begins

01/10 - Black History Month Begins

03/10 - National Poetry Day

04/10 - 5G Swimming

05/10 - Feast Day of St Faustina (Yr6)

11/10 - 5O Swimming

11/10 - 6L Assembly 9.30am

16/10 - Feast Day of St Gerard (Yr6)

18/10 - 5G Swimming

18/10 - 6S Assembly 9.30am

Highlighted for parents to attend



Annual Year Group Curriculum Talks

These talks will take place over the next two weeks, letters have already been emailed out. Please use the links below to remind you of times and dates:

[Yr1 Curriculum & Internet Safety Talk 2024](#)

[Yr 2 Curriculum & Internet Safety Talk 2024](#)

[Yr 3 Curriculum & Internet Safety Talk 2024](#)

[Yr4 Curriculum & Internet Safety Talk 2024](#)

[Yr5 Curriculum & Internet Talk 2024](#)

[Yr6 Curriculum, KS2 SATs, Secondary School Transfers, Internet Safety & School Journey Talk 2024](#)

(extended meeting due to the amount of information to be shared for Yr6)

It is strongly advised that you attend the relevant meeting for your child(ren). We look forward to welcoming you into school for your relevant meeting.

School Uniform

A polite reminder that *all* uniform should be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Please also note the following uniform requirements:

- Boys should wear **grey** socks only.
- Girls may wear either long white socks or white ankle socks with the summer dress however ankle socks are not permitted with the winter uniform.
- Girls should wear long white socks or green/white tights with the winter uniform. Tights should not be worn with summer dresses.

Trainer socks school not be worn by either girls or boys at **any time**. 'School shoes' should be shoes that can take polish, trainers are not allowed. All school shoes should be black.

Fashion hair-cuts and jewellery (including earrings) are not permitted. Please use this link to review our current school uniform policy if you are unsure of any of our school requirements: [Uniform Policy](#). Summer uniform may be worn up until the October half term, **Thursday 23rd October 2024**.

We cannot be held responsible for lost uniform especially when it is not labelled.

Autumn Term PE Days

Children to wear their PE kit into school on the respective day each week. There are times that due to diary requirements days may be swapped. If this is the case your Class Teachers will advise you of this:

- Mondays – Year 6
- Tuesdays – Year 2 and Year 3
- Wednesdays – Year 4 and Year 5
- Thursdays – Year 1
- Fridays - Reception

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

Please look out for these forms which will be emailed out to you next week. Our earliest responses will be much appreciated.

Rosary and Lunchtime Gardening Club

Mr Marston will continue to run our lunchtime gardening club each Thursday. This club is offered to all children in years 4 - 6 (with Year 3 joining after Christmas if they wish). This club is offered **free** of charge with tools and gloves provided. Children may bring in old trainers to change into if they wish.

Mr Marston will also be leading the Rosary in our Prayer Garden every Monday and Friday for children in Yr 3 to 6 during morning break at 10.30am. All children in these year groups are welcome and may bring in their rosary beads if they so wish, although this isn't a requirement of attendance.

This is a wonderful opportunity for children to take some time out of their busy day to reflect in a peaceful, calm area whilst building their confidence in saying the rosary.

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.

Year 5 – Swimming Lesson

Yr5 have now commenced their block of swimming lessons. This information has been emailed to you and your child was also given a hard copy of this. Please use the link below to remind yourselves of the relevant dates for your child:

[UPDATED Yr5 Swimming Letter - Autumn Term 2024](#)

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](#)

Safer School Roads and Respectful Parking

Just a reminder that the school road continues to have restricted entry times will continue to be **8.15 – 9.15am and 2.45 – 3.45pm**. This is in line with the London Borough of Hounslow's Safer Streets Scheme. The second restrictions of 'residential parking' then comes into effect from 9.30am. Please be mindful of these as you will be issued with a fixed penalty fine when cameras are in operation.

If you drive up and park in Belgrave Road you will be issued a PCN – the school is not responsible for these.

As we begin our new academic year, we have once again sadly received complaints from local residents with regards to vehicles parking over drives at the beginning and end of the school day. It has been reported to us that there have been verbal and physical altercations in Martindale which is totally unacceptable and causes a huge amount of ill feeling from the local community and is detrimental to our school name. We continue to ask that you are *respectful and courteous* to those around you, especially to our neighbours. ***Please do not block any drive ways***. This is an issue that is completely out of our hands, so much school time is taken up placating neighbours through your poor actions and you are respectfully asked to help improve the situation.

We are now advising residents to take their complaints to the Police as we cannot be held responsible for your actions outside of the school premises.

Annuals Charge Payment Requests 2024 / 2025

These requests will be released to your ParentPay accounts next week. A letter outlining how all details relating to this payment request will be sent explaining the breakdown of how these monies are used. As usual you will have a number of options of how these monies are paid over the year.

These monies help us to support your child's learning further by planning focused learning weeks in many different including theatre group visits, workshops, cooking activities etc, all of which cost money.

All children participate in planned activities and therefore we do ask all families to make their contributions in a timely manner.

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

Water Bottles

Please **do not** send hot water into school in your child's water bottle especially if they are using the metal chilli type bottles. Water can remain hot in these bottles for a considerable length of time and could cause harm to your child.

Welcome to the World!

As you will be aware, Mrs Obrzrut commenced her maternity leave towards the end of the summer term. We are delighted to confirm that baby Alex arrived safely at the end of July. We with the family much happiness and look forward to meeting baby Alex soon!

Easyfundraising

Every time you shop online via easyfundraising at one of the 3,300 retailers including Amazon, John Lewis, Sainsbury's and Booking.com, a donation will be made to the school and it won't cost you an extra penny.

It's really simple to get started:

Go to

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmichaelstmartinschool/> or find easyfundraising on the App Store and download the app then search for (the cause) St Michael & St Martin school.

Sign up for free and get shopping – your donations will be collected by easyfundraising and automatically donated to the school.

There are no catches or hidden charges and we can look forward to using the funds raised for much needed equipment. Several other schools I know have successfully registered as a cause and have raised £1000's. It couldn't be easier!

Please sign up today as we need all the help we can get!!

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Class Attendance of the Week: 04/09 – 12/09/2024

	Class	Attendance Percentage
	RB – St David	100%
	6L – St Faustina	99.54%
	2M – St Beatrice	99.35%
	2P – St Abigail	98.92%
	RM – St Teresa	98.85%
	5O – St Louise	98.01%
	5G – St Jude	97%
	6S – St Gerard	97.35%
	PM Nursery	96.23%
	3E – St Ann	96.14%
Below school attendance threshold	4F – St Paul	95.21%
	4M – St Patrick	94.84%
	AM Nursery	94.34%
	1C – St Gabriel	94.31%
	1G – St Nicholas	92.02%
	3M – St John	84.62%

Congratulations RB for 100% attendance!



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.

Reflection – Back to School Reflection

Dear Lord,

As our students begin a new school year,
I pray that you will keep them in your care.

Send your Spirit to open their minds
to all that is true and beautiful and good
Help them to see the gifts and talents
you have given them and to use them well.
Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom.

Help them to be kind to others
and lead others to be kind to them.

Give their teachers patience and understanding
and help them teach what is just and true.

Send your angels to guide and guard our
children and to keep them from all harm.

Open their young hearts to your presence
and enfold them in your peace and protection.

Hold them in the palm of your hand
and bring them home safely at day's end.

Amen.



Olive Dining

This term we welcomed our new catering company Olive Dining whom we are very much looking forward to working with. Over the summer our kitchen and halls were given the Olive Dining vision ... much to the children's delight on their first day back!

Children are now growing in confidence in ordering their own meals, we simply ask that you continue to confirm that your child will be having a school meal via your ParentPay account and clicking on 'book a meal' – don't forget to scroll to the bottom of the page to 'confirm bookings'.

Some of the comments the children have made:

Cody Yr1 : *'I like that we get to choose our lunch'*

Emily Yr 1 : *'I like the plants on the tables'*

Mervan Yr 1 : *'I like the tissues on the tables'*

Scarlet Yr1 : *'I like the knives and fork pots'*

Delroy Yr1 : *'I like the picnic coloured tables'*

Oliver Yr 2 : *'I like the chicken and the puddings'*

Whitney Yr2 : *'I like the choice and that we get to choose'*

Magdelana Yr2 : *'food is good'*

Olivia Yr2 : *'We get to choose our food and it looks pretty'*

Kaya Yr3 : *'food is amazing it looks so fancy'*

Jake Yr3 : *'it's good all the changes are better'*

Nashville Yr4 : *'It's like a real restaurant with napkins'*

Zara Yr4 : *'I like that it looks like a restaurant'*

Ross Yr4 : *'VIP dining'*

Amelia Yr 4 : *'I love the new wall art'*

Daniel Yr4 : *'More Chiefs to make the food delicious ... bigger size meals and glad there's no more bands!'*

Elena Yr5 : *'I like the new look and decorations'*

Liam Yr5 : *'Love the new menu and we can choose ourselves'*

Alex Yr5 : *'Improvement in the cooking, food choices and portion sizes'*

Liliana Yr5 : *'I love the trays and plates, the table setting and that we get to choose what we want'*

Travis Yr6 (**Lunch Hall Prefect**) : *'design is better, better choices and children are slightly better behaved'*

Grayson Yr6 : *'better portions and better choice!'*

Kyran Yr 6 : *'much improved, better organised and makes you feel like an adult!'*

Jayden Yr6 : *'makes you feel that you are going to a restaurant ... very posh'*



You will be aware all primary age school children are now entitled to receive 'Universal Free School Meals' for this academic year. As a school we continue to require all children in EYFS and KS1 (Reception, Years 1 & 2) to participate in this scheme however, children in KS2 (Yrs3 - 6) now also have the opportunity to participate in this initiative. This means that no payment is required from you for meals taken here at school.

Please find attached Olive Dining's Autumn Term Newsletter.

We thank Olive Dining for working with us to make the transition so smooth!