

# ST. MICHAEL AND ST MARTIN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## ParentPay – Dinner Money

You will be aware all primary age schoolchildren 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 here at school. You are however required to book your meal choices via your ParentPay accounts. If you do not book your child's meal then they will automatically be booked the vegetarian option from the menu.

Please note that our new Autumn 2 Menu is available on ParentPay for you to make your bookings. 

## Individual & Sibling Photographs

Just a reminder that orders should be made by **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023** to qualify for free school delivery.

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.**

If you have misplaced your proof card please contact the office. As always you are under no obligation to purchase these.



## 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

07/11 5G Orleans Gallery Trip

08/11 Year 1 Victorian Day

10/11 5G Assembly

13/11 NSPCC Odd Sock Day

13/11 Maths Week England and Anti Bullying Week

13/11 NSPCC Odd Sock Day - £1.00 Donation required

14/11 9.00am Parents Internet Safety and Maths Workshops (Rec, Years 1-2 )

2.15pm Parents Internet & Maths Workshop (Years 3-6)

15/11 5A Orleans Gallery Trip

17/11 Times Tables Rockstar Day

17/11 4M Assembly

12/12 Year 2 Nativity @ 9.30am

13/12 Year 1 Nativity @ 9.30am

14/12 Reception Nativity @ 9.30am

15/12 Nursery AM Nativity @ 9.30am

15/12 Nursery PM Nativity @ 1.15pm

20/12 Nursery closes for Christmas (mufti day)

21/12 School closes 1.30pm for Christmas (mufti day)



Highlighted for parents to attend

## Odd Sock Day 2023

We are delighted to once again be supporting this wonderful event. Please use the link below to view full details.

[Odd Sock Day 2023](#)

For your information this is a **uniformed school day**, children are simply asked to wear odd socks. Donations should be given directly to class teachers.

## MATHS WEEK 2023

**Reception – Yr6 Parent Internet Safety and Maths Workshop**

Please refer to our recently emailed letter for full details. These workshops will take place on :

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 9am - Reception, Years 1 & 2

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 2.15pm – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

We look forward to welcoming parents into school for these workshops.

To mark the end of this focused learning week we will be holding a free TTRS (Times Table Rock Stars) mufti day where children are encouraged to come dressed as a rock star! This year's theme is 'Three is the magic number'.

### 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 online closing date for Secondary School transfers is the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023. 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.

### 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.

### Yr6 PGL Residential Trip – June 2024

Just a reminder that the deposit payment request is now available on your ParentPay account. All deposits must be received by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

Please refer to our recent letter for full details : Yr 6 PGL Trip - June 2024

### Breakfast Club

This continues to run from 8- 8.45am, Monday to Friday, term time only. If you would like to register for this club, please visit our website to download the required paperwork.



### 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.

### Annual Poppy Appeal

Remembrance Poppies are now available for purchase here at school.

Should you wish to make a donation 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.

### 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](mailto: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.

### Activation of ParentPay Accounts

We still have a number of **Nursery** accounts not activated and would be grateful if you would give this your attention this weekend. 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. Thank you to all families who have activated their ParentPay accounts. 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

### Governors Fund Request 2023 – 2024

This request will be available on your ParentPay account next week.

Your prompt payment is greatly appreciated and helps us to look at further plans to make improvements to our school. This payment request can be found on your ParentPay account.

### Annuals Charge Payment Requests 2023 / 2024

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 out shortly. 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 ways 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.**

### After School Clubs

Autumn term after school clubs started on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September. They will finish on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023**.  
[Autumn After School Club List - Autumn Term 2023](#)

These can be booked as usual via ParentPay account. Please note that if you cannot see the club this means that it has reached its maximum number.

### Flu Vaccination

Please ensure you complete and return the form regarding the flu vaccination. It is compulsory to complete the form even if you wish for your child not receive the vaccination at school. Please be advised that if your child has an allergy or severe asthma, the nurses will not administer the immunisation.

### Annual Permission & Contacts & Permission to use Images Google Forms 2023

These were sent out to you via email on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Thank you to those families who have already provided the requested information. If you haven't done so as of yet, we would ask that you submit your information as soon as possible. It is very important that we are aware of contact and pick up details in the event of an emergency.

### 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!!



### Class Attendance of the Week: 13/10 – 02/11/2023

	Class	Attendance Percentage
	3E – St Ann	99.44%
	5A – St Jude	99.26%
	6L – St Faustina	99.23%
	6C – St Gerard	98.28%
	2M – St Beatrice	98.03%
	2C – St Abigail	97.78%
	10 – St Gabriel	97.59%
	3M – St John	
	5G – St Louise	96.24%
Below school attendance threshold	4M – St Patrick	95.93%
	RM – St Teresa	95.52%
	RB – St David	95.19%
	4S – St Paul	93.33%
	PM Nursery	91.88%
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	1G – St Nicholas	90.37%

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- Prayer to St Martin de Porres

Most humble St. Martin,

whose burning charity embraces all,

but especially those who are sick, afflicted, or in need,

we turn to thee for help in our present difficulties

and we implore thee to obtain for us from God

health of soul and body.

May we, by imitating thy charity and humility,

find quiet and contentment all our days,

and cheerful submission to God's holy will

in all the trials and difficulties of life.

Amen.

