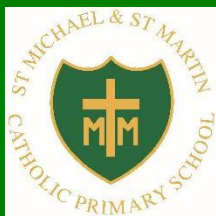


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ParentPay – Dinner Money


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.  ParentPay

School Photographer

The school photographer will be with us on Monday 16th October 2023 to take this year's individual and sibling photographs. *All children should wear full school uniform - Year 6 and Yr 4M 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, as always you are under no obligation to purchase these. Please do not send any orders into school, these will be returned to you. 

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

16/10 Individual/Sibling photographs

18/10 Reception Curriculum Talk and Phonics workshop 9am

19/10 - Year 1 and 2 Phonics Workshop 9am

19/10 Reading Volunteer Meeting @ 9am

20/10 5A Assembly @ 9.30am

20/10 School closes for halfterm (Mufti-Day)

30/10 Staff INSET Day

31/10 Return to School

01/11 In school parents evening

02/11 School Cloud parents evening (online)

10/11 5G Assembly

13/11 Maths Week England and Anti Bullying Week

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

14/11 Internet Safety and Maths Parent Workshops Rec, 1 and 2 (9am), 3-6 (2.15pm)

17/11 Times Tables Rockstar Day

Highlighted for parents to attend



End of Term Nursery to Yr 6

Please remember that we finish for the half term holidays on Friday 20th October 2023 at 3.15 / 3.30pm (dependent on year group). 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 Tuesday 31st October 2023.

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 office.

Parent Governor

I wrote to you recently asking for nomination from parents to join the Governing Body of our school. As we have received more nominations than there are vacancies so an election is being held. Please read the election Statements on the Google Form link noted below from each of the candidates, together with an opportunity to cast your family vote. Whoever is elected could represent parents for up to four (4) years so please use your chance to vote.

Parent Governor Election Ballot - October 2023

This is a secret ballot; however the school must be able to check that each parent only votes **once**. Therefore you are asked to indicate your child(ren's) name on this Google Form. This information **will not** be shared with candidates at the time of the vote count and will only be seen by Mrs Childs who is overseeing the voting process.

There is currently one (1) Parent Governor Vacancy so you may vote for only **one** (1) parent. The on-line voting process will be accessible between **12 (noon) on Friday 13th October until 12 (noon) on Thursday 19th October 2023**. After this time no further votes will be included in the count.

Paper votes can be requested and should be returned to Mrs. Childs at the school office who is acting on behalf of Mrs Duggan and the Governing Body. **No paper votes should be given to your class teachers or left in your child's book bag**. Should you lose or spoil your ballot paper please also visit the school office where a further copy of the ballot sheet can be obtained.

The vote count will be conducted on **Friday 20th October 2023 at 10am**. Candidates will be offered the opportunity to be present for this. Parents will be advised of the outcome of the ballot by the end of the day to confirm who has been elected to the Governing Body.

NB : As stated above paper copies of all election addresses and the ballot form can be obtained from Mrs Childs in the school office. Any paper votes cast will be kept in a sealed box until the time of the ballot count. These votes will be kept securely each night in a locked cupboard overnight.

Paper Votes

Please note that should you place a mark against more than one name your voting slip it will be deemed as 'spoilt' and will not be included in the vote count. Should you lose or spoil your ballot paper please also visit the school office where a further copy of the ballot sheet can be obtained.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs N Duggan
Head Teacher

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.

Reading Volunteers 2023

In our continued efforts to help support our children to enjoy and enhance their reading skills, we are once again asking if there are any parents who would be willing and able to help us by volunteering to listen to children read during the school day. Reading is a life skill and one that we are passionate in encouraging throughout all of our year groups.

If you feel that you could help us in this area, please complete the short Google Form to register your interest.

Parent Reading Volunteer Google Request 2023 - 2024

There are no specific requirements for this role, just an interest in helping us to help all of our children. Ideally we do prefer it if you could attend school during the afternoon sessions but please don't let this deter you if you are only available in the mornings.

Miss. Montenero, who is our English Lead, will be holding a meeting for all those interested in becoming a volunteer on **Thursday 19th October at 9am**.

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.

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 31st 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 31st 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.



Annual Poppy Appeal

We will be selling Remembrance Day Poppies in school from, **Wednesday 1st November 2023.**

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.

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.

PARKING COMPLAINT

We have once again received more complaints from a local resident with regards to vehicles parking over drives and drop curbs on Cambridge Road.

We cannot reiterate enough that we ask that you are courteous to those around you and **especially** to our neighbours. Please **do not** block any cars in or park over anyone's drives.

This is an issue that is completely out of our hands. So much school time is taken up with such complaints and we would ask you to be mindful of your surroundings and of other's needs.

Please note that we have once again advised local residents to take their complaints to the Police as we cannot be held responsible for your actions outside of the school premises. We have also spoken to the London Borough of Hounslow with regards to these ongoing

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/stmichaelstmartin-school/> 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!!

Join Shop Raise

Collect FREE funds for us any time you shop with

easyfundraising feel good shopping

Sign up now

After School Clubs

Autumn term after school clubs started on Monday 18th September. They will finish on Friday 15th 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.

Black History Month Dance Workshops

This week, we enjoyed African dance workshops to celebrate Black History Month.



Class Attendance of the Week: 29/09 – 12/10/2023

	Class	Attendance Percentage
	St Ann - 3E	100%
	St Gerard - 6C	99.31%
	St Abigail - 2C	99.17%
	St Beatrice - 2M	99.03%
	St Jude - 5A	99.17%
	St John - 3M	98%
	St Gabriel - 10	97.49%
	AM Nursery	97.31%
	St Faustina - 6L	97.07%
	St Paul - 4S	96.33%
Below school attendance threshold	PM Nursery	95.77%
	St Nicholas - 1G	95.33%
	St Teresa - RM	95%
	St Patrick - 4M	94.67%
	St Louise - 5G	94%
	St David - RB	93.33%

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 Permission & Contacts & Permission to use Images Google Forms 2023

These were sent out to you via email on 5th 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.

Reflection- Hail Mary

Hail Mary,
Full of Grace,
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for us sinners
now, and at the hour of our death.

Amen.

