

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.

Safer School Roads

Please remember 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. Please do be mindful of the restriction as you will be issued with a fixed penalty fine when cameras are in operation.

Curriculum Meetings

Thank you to all parents / carers who attended these meetings. We hope that you found them informative. If you were unable to attend, the slides will be made available on your child's Google Classroom.



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

02/10 Black History Month begins

05/10 National Poetry Day

06/10 Year 6L Assembly

11/10 EYFS, Year 1 and 2 Retake Phonics Workshop @ 9:00am and 2:30pm

13/10 Year 6C assembly

16/10 Individual/Sibling photographs

19/10 Reading Volunteer Meeting @ 9am

20/10 School closes for halfterm

30/10 Staff INSET Day

31/10 Return to School

01/11 In school parents evening

02/11 School Cloud parents evening

Highlighted for parents to attend



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

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.

School Uniform

Please make sure all children have the correct school uniform and that it is **fully labelled**. We cannot be held responsible for lost uniform especially when it is not labelled.

Children must have the top button of their shirt done up at all times. If this cannot easily be done then they need a bigger shirt. Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2, should only wear elasticated ties.

The hope is that by the summer term children in Year 2 are able to independently tie a normal necktie in preparation to moving up to Key Stage 2.

School socks do appear to be a large issue at present. Please note below clear guidance for these:

-Boys should wear grey socks only.

-Girls may wear either long or ankle white 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.

Please note that neither girls nor boys should wear trainer socks at any time.

'School shoes' should be shoes that can take polish, trainers are not allowed. All school shoes should be black.

Fashion haircuts and jewellery (including earrings) are not permitted.

Summer uniform may be worn up until the October half term, Friday 20th October 2023.

Please use this link to review our current school uniform policy if you are unsure of any of our school requirements: <https://www.stmichaelandstmartin.co.uk/school-uniform-1/>

Dogs on the Premises

May we respectfully remind you that **no** dogs are permitted on the premises with the exception of "guide dogs" and should **not be** left unattended anywhere on long the perimeter of the school.

Please be mindful that animals can become distressed and this can cause them to behave in an uncharacterised manner especially if the area around them becomes busy with unfamiliar people. Some children and adults also have a fear of dogs which can also cause them some distress.

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

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 2.30pm**.

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

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.

Parent Governor

As previously mentioned in our last Newsletter we currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor here at St Michael and St Martin Catholic Primary School. An email was sent out yesterday confirming that the application process is now open. If this is a role that you would be interested in please use the linked documents below to register your interest :

[Parent Governor Registration of Interest](#)
[Parent Governor Letter & Appendix 2 - September 2023](#)
[Disqualification from Membership of a Governing Body](#)

Hard copies of the Parent Governor Letter & Appendix 2 and the Disqualification of Membership of a Governing Body are available from the school office by contacting Mrs Childs.

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.

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.

RE Newsletter – Autumn 1 – Beginning with the Church

This was sent out via e-mail earlier this week. Please take the time to read this.

If you have not received the Newsletter is also available to view on our website – Menu – Catholic Life – RE Newsletters – Autumn 1 – Beginning with the Church.

Class Attendance of the Week: 15/09 – 28/09/2023

	Class	Attendance Percentage
	St Ann – 3E	98.83%
	St Paul – 4S	98.33%
	St Jude – 5A	98.17%
	PM Nursery	97.74%
	St John – 3M	97.67%
	St Beatrice – 2M	97.33%
	St Gerard – 6C	97.24%
	St Gabriel – 1O	97.07%
	St Faustina – 6L	96.90%
Below school attendance threshold	St Louise – 5G	95%
	St Patrick – 4M	
	St Abigail – 2C	94.83%
	AM Nursery	94.09%
	St Nicholas – 1G	93%
	St David - RB	92.33%
	St Teresa - RM	92.26%

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 – A prayer to the Archangels

Heavenly King,

You have given us archangels to assist us during our pilgrimage on earth.

Saint Michael is our protector;
I ask him to come to my aid,
fight for all my loved ones,
and protect us from danger.

Saint Gabriel is a messenger of the Good News;
I ask him to help me clearly hear Your voice
and to teach me the truth.

Saint Raphael is the healing angel;
I ask him to take my need for healing and that of everyone I know,

lift it up to Your throne of grace and
deliver us back to the gift of recovery.

Help us, O Lord, to realize more fully the reality of archangels and their desire to serve us. Holy angels, pray for us.

Amen.



European Languages Week

