

# 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.

## **Mrs Duggan's Whole School Welcome Letter – September 2023**

This was emailed out earlier this week. Please find below the link for this if you have not received your email:

[Whole School Welcome Letter - September 2023](#)

## **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 the 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

## **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 1 Curriculum Talk at 9am

18/09 School Election Week

19/09 Year 2 Curriculum Talk at 9am

20/09 Year 3 Curriculum Talk at 9am

25/09 Year 4 Curriculum Talk at 9am

25/09 European Languages Week

26/09 Year 5 Curriculum Talk at 9am

26/09 Year 6 Curriculum Talk, Secondary Transfer and PGL at 4:30pm

02/10 Black History Month begins

04/10 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

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



## **Curriculum Meetings**

Curriculum Talks with your child's class teacher will take place on the following dates:

18/9 Year 1 Curriculum Talk at 9:00am

19/9 Year 2 Curriculum Talk at 9:00am

20/9 Year 3 Curriculum Talk at 9:00am

25/9 Year 4 Curriculum Talk at 9:00am

26/9 Year 5 Curriculum Talk at 9:00am

26/9 Year 6 Curriculum Talk, Secondary Transfer and PGL at 4:30pm

Curriculum Talks will be held at school. Slides will be uploaded if you are unable to attend, however, it is more beneficial to attend so that you can ask questions.

### **School Uniform**

Please make sure all children have the correct school uniform and that it is **fully labelled**. Children should be made aware of where the label is positioned.

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/>

### **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.

### **Rosary and Lunchtime Gardening Club**

Mr Marston will continue to run our lunchtime gardening club every 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](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.

### **Annual Languages Week 2023**

Please click on the link to read our recent emailed letter relating to this themed learning week: [Whole School Languages Week 2023](#)

We will be holding a free languages week mufti day on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023**. Children are encouraged to wear the traditional national / regional or folk costumes such as saris, mundus, shalwar kameez, kilts, Irish country dancing outfits, barong tagalog, mestiza, kimono and so on will be acceptable.

If this is not possible, your child may wear something in the 'colours' of their country. Please note: no football kits or joke hats / similar please.

### **Activation of ParentPay Accounts**

Thank you to all of our Reception parents who have activated their ParentPay accounts. We still have a few 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.

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

### **Year 6 – Swimming Lesson**

Yr6 will be attending their block of swimming lessons between 8<sup>th</sup> September and 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

Full details have been sent out by email : [Yr6 Swimming Dates 2023](#)

### **Year 6 – Gunnersbury School for Boys Open Days / Evening Dates**

Please use the following link to view open days / evenings for Gunnersbury School for Boys:

[Gunnersbury School for Boys 2023](#)

### After School Clubs

Autumn term after school clubs start 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.

### Parent Governor

Do you have some time to support us? Are you passionate about our school, staff, pupils and values? Can you help us to continue with our ongoing efforts to improve our premises? If the answer is 'yes', have you ever considered joining our governing body? We currently have vacancies for a Parent Governor.

No experience is necessary, training will be provided for the successful candidates. Further information will be sent next week.

### 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 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.

### School Safer Streets and Respectful Parking

Please remember that vehicle access is restricted on Belgrave road during school drop off and pick up times in line with the London Borough of Hounslow Safer School Streets Scheme.

**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 sadly we have once again received a complaint from a local resident with regards to vehicle parking over drives at the beginning and end of the school day. 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.**

### Class Attendance of the Week: 05/09 – 14/09/2023

	Class	Attendance Percentage
	4M – St Patrick	98.20%
	10 – St Gabriel	97.44%
	5A – St Jude	97.34%
	1G – St Nicholas	
	6L – St Faustina	96.55%
	4S – St Paul	96.17%
	3E – St Ann	96%
	2C – St Abigail	93.33%
Below school attendance threshold	6C – St Gerard	95.91%
	3M – St John	93.78%
	RB – St David	90.51%
	5G – St Louise	90.27%
	RM – St Teresa	89.47%
	2M – St Beatrice	80.79%

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.

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### Reflection – Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows

Most Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary,

I thank you for the unending depth of compassion you had for those who sinned against your Son and for loving me with that same love.

As you grieve with a holy sorrow over my own sins, please pray for me, that I will more fully understand your compassion.

As I do, I pray that I will be able to more fully imitate and participate in that love, flowing from your pure and perfect Sorrowful Heart.

Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for me.

Amen

