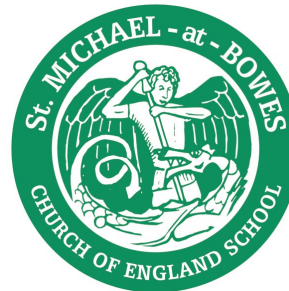




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WELCOME

Welcome back since the lockdown in March. The majority of the pupils have returned and settled into their new classes. A humongous thank you to all the parents/carers for their support in ensuring the return to school went smoothly during this difficult time. Overall drop offs and pick ups went smoothly. Please bear with us, we will not get everything right but with your support I am sure things will continue to improve. It's new for all of us. *"You can please some of the people all of the time, you can please all of the people some of the time, but you can't please all of the people all of the time". — John Lydgate*

I would like to welcome our new members of staff: Mr Cooke one of our AHTs, Miss Pascarella: Year 3 class teacher, Mrs McDonald-Boyle; Year 5 class teacher and Miss Karakas, Ms Seel and Ms Bindon teaching assistants. Mrs Quinlan has started her maternity leave this week and is likely to be off for most of this academic year.

Sadly, we are not in a position to be able to welcome parents into the building. We have put safety precautions in place in our main reception for any parents needing to come in to speak to the office staff. However, we ask that parents/carers remain respectful of social distancing and only come in to the reception area if absolutely necessary. The school office telephone number is 020 8888 6100.

Unfortunately, there are many events that will not be able to take place this autumn term such as a annual Family Supper, Millfield Theatre panto, FOSTA Christmas fair. Some events will take place but slightly different e.g. Parent consultation evening (more information will follow).

A newsletter is available on the school website and through Class Dojo every Friday.

Newsletter Date:
Friday 11th
September 2020

Autumn Term
Issue 1

Dates for your diary:

- **Virtual Year 6 secondary transfer meeting** — Week beginning 14th September information will be sent through Class Dojo/website
- **Year 5 swimming**— This will not take place until at least January 2021
- **Virtual Consultation evening**—Week beginning 21st September
- **Half term**—Monday 26th —Friday 30th October
- **End of term**—Friday 18th December 1.00 p.m.

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OUR SCHOOL VALUES

This half term's value is **MISS RESPECT**. We have linked the **Beatitudes** to each value. This half term's is: "Blessed are the humble, for they shall inherit the earth" The Rights Respecting **Articles** are: **Article 7:** You have the right to a name and a nationality. **Article 16:** you have the right to privacy. **Article 30:** You have the right to practice your own culture language and religion Please try to reinforce the values, Beatitudes and articles when talking to your child.

School values	Attitude to learning
Respect – worth 2 points	Behaviour for learning – worth 1 point
Resilience – worth 2	Contributing – worth 1
Caring – worth 2 points	Critical thinking – worth 1 point
Cooperation – worth 2	Excellent effort – worth 1
Honesty – worth 2	Fully focused – worth 1
Fairness – worth 2 points	Healthy lifestyle choice – worth 1 point
	Making links – worth 1 point
	Moving up an AR level – worth 1 point
	Participation at lunchtime – worth 1 point
	Welcoming challenge – worth 1 point

CLASS DOJO



As part of positive recognition of appropriate behaviour, all classes use Class Dojo to reward children. Letters, newsletter and school information is also sent via the app. The table explains how the school values and attitudes to learning are rewarded.

If you have not yet signed up, download the app by going to the following link: www.classdojo.com

If you are unsure please ask your class teacher. More information will be sent out shortly.

HEALTHY SCHOOL

Children are not to have crisps, chocolates or fizzy drinks in their lunch boxes. On Fridays only they are allowed to bring in a cake or treat (no nuts).

We have many children who have severe **NUT allergies**. Please ensure that your child does **not** bring anything containing nuts.

Unfortunately we are unable to allow sweets/cakes to be given out for children's birthdays. Instead you may like to donate a book for the class library.

Thank you for your co-operation.



VERY IMPORTANT PERSON (VIP)

At home you know that your child is a Very Important Person (VIP). At school we also want to celebrate how special each child is and give them the opportunity to share part of their uniqueness with us.

Each week a different child in every class will be chosen to be the VIP. The child will be given special responsibilities, and sit in the VIP chair that week.

When it is your child's VIP week they will also be given a sheet of paper/card to decorate with special things all about them. This may include: photographs of growing up and special people, special drawings or stories, awards they have collected- anything that shows how important and unique they are. We would like you to encourage and support your child to decorate their poster with felt tip pens or paints, glitter or stickers..... anything they like. The poster should be brought into school on Monday morning to be shared with the class and displayed just outside the classroom door.

This all contributes towards enhancing your child's self esteem and confidence and valuing each child's special qualities.

We look forward to seeing your child's poster. Remember you are all unique; you are **Imago Dei** – made in the image of God – and are loved unconditionally by God.

OUR NEIGHBOURS

Please respect our neighbours whilst waiting to drop off or pick up your child. Do not sit on their walls or allow your child to sit on the walls.
DO NOT SIT ON THEIR WALLS.

Once you have collected your child please leave **IMMEDIATELY!**

Parents/carers also need to be aware of social distancing. An Enfield School has already had a case whereby 6 members of staff and some pupils are self-isolating.

PLEASE DO NOT PUT SMAB COMMUNITY AT RISK!

PUNCTUALITY AND ATTENDANCE TABLE

We will be monitoring punctuality and attendance each week. It is important that all pupils come to school everyday and on time. If you are absent due to illness, self-isolating, medical appointments please inform the school office.

FOOTWEAR



Please make sure your child is wearing appropriate footwear. All shoes should be completely black with no visible logos. Please **DO**

NOT buy boots of any description or trainers. During the cold and wet weather children may wear boots/wellies to school but will need to change once they are in the building. Thank you.

CLASS PE DAYS

On these days pupils are to come to school wearing their correct PE kits.

Year 3—Tuesdays

Year 4—Wednesdays

Year 5—Thursdays

Year 6—Mondays



MOBILE PHONES

Children are not allowed to bring mobile phones on the school premise. Under exceptional circumstances permission maybe given. A parent/carer will need to put in writing reasons why their child would need to bring a phone to school; this does not mean that permission will be granted. A phone without agreed permission from the school will be confiscated and an adult will need to collect it.

MAINTENANCE FUND

Thank you to parents/carers who have already paid the maintenance fund. If you have not yet paid your £39.00, as well as any outstanding amount, please could you do so before the end of next week (Friday 18th September).

If you are having any difficulties the school will be able to support you with our weekly payment card scheme. Please ask at the office for more information or you may want to discuss the matter with one of the Governors on the Maintenance committee.

It is important that all parents/carers commit to and support the school.

All money collected goes towards the schools maintenance fund for the building.

PARENT PAY

Please remember to top up your dinner money account and keep it in **CREDIT**.

Year 3 will need to start paying for dinners unless on Free School Meals. If you are unsure if you are eligible for FSM please speak to the school office who could help.

DINNER MONEY

Remember to top up your child's dinner money. Dinner money is £2.40 per day (£12.00 per week).

This needs to be paid every week. If you need any further advice or clarification, please phone the office on 0208 888 6100.

CLUBS

At present there are no after school clubs running at the school. Super Stars Sports after school club runs at Tottenham Infant School 3.30 p.m.—5.45 p.m. Booking will need to be done through them— <http://www.superstarsportbookings.co.uk/>