



ST MICHAEL'S PRE-SCHOOL
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7th November 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Updates

We hope that you and your family are keeping well and safe at this time.

We are very conscious that we are not able to have discussions with you at on arrival and collection at present and that we may have to consider suspending meetings with you in view of the increase of infections during the current COVID-19 situation. We will be sending your child's learning journal home for you to look at during the next two weeks. We have completed a summative for each child in line with the new revised Early Years Development Matters. The summative will give you an overview of how your child's development during the first half term.

School transitions – Looking ahead we would like to support your child with becoming independent with shoes and clothing. This is due to Primary school staff not being able to have as much contact with children as we do. With this in mind we would appreciate it if your child could attend wearing Velcro shoes/plimsolls please, so that we can support children becoming independent with their shoes. In addition we are supporting children with learning how to put on their coats on independently and we would value your support with this at home.

COVID-19 - As you are aware the cases are currently rising. We will monitor the Government guidelines and follow any recommendations made.

The current advice is that children should not attend preschool if they are unwell with heavy coughs and colds. If your child has had a temperature, they will need to remain at home for an additional 24hours after the temperature is reading 'normal'. We have also been advised that if a child is sick for any reason, the child must remain at home for 48 hours after the last episode. We have a cleaning procedure in place to ensure that not only the area, the surrounding surfaces are cleaned as the particles travel.

REMINDER -Please note that if your child is at all unwell do not bring your child to preschool. Calpol must not be administered unnecessarily. If your child discloses that medication has been administered prior to arrival we will contact you and we will reserve the right to send your child home.

Safeguarding and the wellbeing of your child is paramount.

Bags - Please could you not bring rucksacks/bags with your child to preschool, only lunch boxes/lunchbags. The children all have a bag for their clothing on their pegs.

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Layering - As we are now approaching the colder weather, please could your child 'layer up' with clothing. We will have to ensure good ventilation throughout the coming months as this is key to minimising the risk of transmission of Covid-19. We will be accessing the outdoor area whenever possible, so please ensure that your child brings a warm coat. Please provide mittens rather than gloves.

Books – please continue to share and read stories with your child/ren as books are a wonderful resource to develop language skills.

Phonics/letter sounds – we will be introducing children to phonics this term, encouraging children to hear initial sounds and learning songs to support this.

Please let us know if there are any updates to contact information, contact numbers and medication.

Out of hours contact for emergencies and COVID-19 related:

If you need to contact us out of working hours and at the weekend during COVID-19, the contact number is
07496892540.

We have installed paper towel dispensers to assist the children with hand drying. We are not using our hand dryers in order to minimise the risk of transferring droplets.

Nativity 2021 - We are planning to continue with our Nativity with the restrictions in place. Our intention is to have this recorded, with a DVD that can be purchased. We are hoping that parents will be able to be present however we will be limiting seats to two per child, however this will be subject to change with Government guidance.

In the event of staff shortage our plan will be to continue with the 3/4yr session and close the 2yr sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

We thank you and appreciate your continued support and please let us know if you have any queries or concerns.

Kind regards

Sonja, Heather, Lindsay, Stella, Heidi, Lisa

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Dates for your diary:

Thursday 2nd December 2021 – Mikey Bear story evening 5pm

We are hoping to be able to host an evening with our resident bear, Mikey. We would like the children to attend in their pyjamas and we will read stories before bedtime and hot chocolate (or alternative) to follow. More details will be sent out nearer the time.

Friday 10th December 2021 –Nativity

All children should arrive at 9am straight to the village hall as the performance will be on the stage. We aim to start the performance at 10am. We are hoping to hold a few fundraising stalls on the day too. We are hoping that you will be able to stay and chat with your child's key worker/staff after the Nativity.

Please note that after the nativity there will not be preschool sessions and your child will need to be collected after the performance.

Monday 13th December 2021 – Carol singing

We are hoping to organise carol singing outside at a local Nursing Home (more details to follow)

Tuesday 14th December 2021 - Last day of term

We return on Monday 10th January 2022

Saturday 4th June 2022- Fete The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

We will be joining in with the fete holding stalls to fundraise for our preschool. We will be asking for parents/guardians to assist with stalls on the day!
More information to follow

Friday 1st July 2022 – Sports day (more information to follow)

Friday 22nd July 2022 – Leavers' service (more information to follow)

We are hoping to be able to organize a trip for those moving to Reception during July to the Holburne Museum and more information will follow.

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Themes to extend children's learning and knowledge:

W/C	Theme	Letter sound
08.11.21	Remembrance	a
15.11.21	Post Office	b
22.11.21	Post Office/ Letters to Santa	c
29.11.21	Christmas	d
06.11.21	Christmas	e

Term ends Tuesday 13th December 2021, returning Monday 10th January 2022

10.01.22	Winter	
17.01.22	Winter	f
24.01.22	Emergency services	g
31.01.22	Emergency services	h
07.02.22	Emotions – The colour monster	i
14.02.22	Emotions	j

Half term week Monday 21st February 2022 – Friday 25th February 2022

28.02.22	World Book	k
07.03.22	World Book	l
14.03.22	Spring/growing	m
21.03.22	Spring/growing	n
28.03.22	Easter	o
04.04.22	Easter	p

Term ends Friday 8th April 2022, returning on Monday 25th April 2022

24.04.22	Minibeasts	q
03.05.22	Minibeasts	r
09.05.22	Art	s
16.05.22	Art	t
23.05.22	Pirates	u

Half term week Monday 30th May 2022 – Friday 3rd June 2022

06.06.22	Pirates	v
13.06.22	Jungle	w
20.06.22	Jungle	x
27.06.22	Under the sea	y
04.07.22	Under the sea	z
11.07.22	Going to school	
18.07.22	Going to school	

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