

St. Michael's C of E Infant School Newsletter

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St. MICHAEL'S
CE (CONTROLLED) INFANT SCHOOL

Our 5 Steps

Thank you to the parents who attended our 'Curious not Furious' workshop last Wednesday. The parents who attended were very positive about the workshop and there will be another workshop this Wednesday at 9am.

As a school we have recently updated our behaviour policy. We have a 5 step approach to supporting children with their behaviour:

1. Step 1- this is the positive reinforcement that we give to all children when they are making the right choices.
2. Step 2- is when we might notice the child just needs to be reminded of one of the 3 school rules. We will ask the child to 'check and correct' their behaviour if this is the case, reminding them of the rule they need to follow.
3. Step 3- if the child is still not following the rule, they may need a warning that they will have 5 minutes 'time in'. This is 5 minutes to be calm and to reflect on their behaviour.
4. Step 4- Is 'time in' the child has some quiet reflection time- this may be in the classroom, a calm zone or another part of the school.
5. Step 5- is a restorative conversation- we talk to the child about what just happened, what the impact of this has been and what they could do next time.

Dot Patton

Year 2 Florence Nightingale Workshop

Our Y2 children had a fantastic Drama workshop last week all about Florence Nightingale and the changes that she put in place. I know that the children loved being part of the workshop and their History knowledge was deepened as a result.



Reporting your child absent

Thank you to all our parents who report their child's illnesses with the school office. As you know we have had cases of scarlet fever in school and if we were to have two confirmed 'linked' cases, so two children in the same class, within 10 days of one another we would have to report it. Please let us know your child's symptoms rather than just stating that they are "unwell" or "feeling poorly". Thank you so much for your help with this.

Parking around the school

We would once again like to remind parents and carers to be considerate of the local residents when dropping off and picking up. Please take care not to park on the cross hatching at either end of the alley way and please do not block or park in front of people's driveways. You will be reported and you could be fined.

Children Arriving Late in the Morning

Please remember that the classroom doors are closed at 8:45am and that all children should be in school by this time. Children who are later than this time miss out on essential learning (for example phonics) and this can mean that they struggle to catch up with their peers. Children can also feel embarrassed entering the classroom when all the other children are settled and learning.

Updated Privacy Notice

Our privacy notice was updated back in October and can be found on our school website under Information for Parents – Policies. A paper copy can be requested through the school office.

Safeguarding

I would like to thank everyone who helps to safeguard our children, this includes many of our parents/carers who alert the school to any safeguarding concerns that they might notice. At school we have a safeguarding team and we meet once a week to go through any safeguarding incidents that we have been alerted to and check that we have done everything that we can to safeguard the children. Our team are: Mrs Patton (DSL), Mrs Thorley (Deputy DSL), Mrs Carey (Deputy DSL) and Mrs Harber (Deputy DSL).

Collective Worship

Last week in Collective Worship the children learned about being part of a team and how important it is. The Worship team told one of Aesop's Fables demonstrating how ants survive due to their team work.

Using school play equipment outside of the school day

Please could we remind parents/carers to not let their children use the equipment on the playgrounds either at the beginning or the end of the school day. We will remind the children about this in school. Children should not be left on the top playground unsupervised at any time.

Diary Dates Spring Term 2024

Wednesday 24th - 9:00am Curious Not Furious, parent workshop

Monday 5th February - Parents' Evenings 3:30 – 6:30 (not Foxes)

Tuesday 6th – Foxes Parents' Evening
Thursday 8th – Whole school Parents' Evening

Friday 1st March – FOSM Quiz night

Tuesday 12th March - Maths presentation for all parents

Wednesday 13th - Year R visit from Millers' Ark

Friday 15th - Comic Relief

Thursday 26th – FOSM Easter Raffle

Thursday 28th – FOSM Easter Bake Off

- 2:00 Easter church service

- 3:15– Last day of the Spring term