



Thursday 14th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to St Michael's, we hope you have had a wonderful summer. The children have had a fabulous week settling into Reception, and we are delighted to have them join us in our school. We are very proud of how they have adapted to the new routines so far.

What to bring to school:

- Water bottle
- Hat (if the weather is hot)
- Coat/jacket
- School jumper/cardigan (please ensure these are labelled with your child's forename and surname)

No toys or jewellery should be brought to school. We will let you know if this changes.

Book bags – We encourage book bags to be brought to school once the children are settled. Once children bring their books bags in, they are welcome to choose storybooks from our classroom book corners and share these with their families at home.

Dietary Requirements – If your child has any dietary requirements e.g. no milk or allergies etc, it is essential that you inform the school via email and also your child's class teacher. You will be asked to complete a health care to detail your child's dietary needs.

Please also note that we are a **nut-free school**, therefore any snacks given to your children for after school clubs must be **nut-free**.

Communication – We love to chat to you about your children and to let you know how they're getting on; however, at the end of the school day staff must prioritise safely dismissing children to their parents and carers first. Communication should be sent via email to the school office. Any messages will be passed onto the teacher and if necessary and they will contact you to discuss.

PE – Formal P.E will begin later in the first term, and a letter will be sent out to communicate the starting date. Please rest assured that in the meantime children have plenty of opportunities throughout the school day to be active!

Tapestry – Over the coming weeks you will receive an email requiring you to sign up for Tapestry. This is a secure database where we record all of the fantastic things your children get up to at school. More information on this will be sent out soon in a separate letter.

Best wishes,

Miss Vass and Mrs Kelly-Jay