



## **Year 4 Welcome Letter 2023-24**

Thursday 14th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer break, and are looking forward to the new academic year in Year 4.

### **Parent Information Meeting**

We would like to invite you to a Year 4 Parent Information Evening on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 from 5.00 – 5:30 p.m.** in Fuji Class. You can access this by walking around the exterior of the KS2 building and coming in through the double doors opposite the field. Signs will be in place to show the way. Here we will detail many of the expectations and events for the year ahead.

### **Uniform**

The school is keen to ensure that all pupils develop good habits regarding school uniform. Please make sure your child attends school wearing the correct uniform as per our policy. This should be:

- Navy blue skirts, pinafore dresses, shorts or trousers
- In summer, blue and white checked gingham dresses
- Navy blue knitwear or cardigans (with the school logo)
- White polo shirts (with the school logo)
- Navy blue or white socks or tights
- Navy blue or black well fitting, supportive shoes (no boots or trainers)

### **Homework**

Homework will be assigned on Google Classroom every Friday starting on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September. This will include approximately 20-25 minutes of maths and 20-25 minutes of English which should be completed/uploaded by the morning of the following Wednesday. They will also be given a list of spellings that need to be learnt by the following Thursday. These are best practiced little and often, perhaps 5 minutes each day.

If your child is finding the homework that week hard, and it's taken them over the amount of time stated above, then please let us know. We can go through it with them in school and don't want it to make them feel stressed at the weekend. Equally, if for any reason your child isn't able to complete homework that week just let us know.



## Reading

Please encourage your child to read for at least 20 minutes each night. If possible, take time to read alongside them and discuss the texts – they are never too young.

On completion of a book, every child should complete an Accelerated Reader quiz so that we can monitor their progression. These will be made available on Google Classroom in the coming weeks. Your child will also be given a ZPD range. This supports them to choose books which are not too easy and not too hard. AR login information and ZPDs will be posted onto Google Classrooms in the coming weeks.

## PE and Sport

The children will have two PE lessons a week - Monday and Wednesday. Children should come to school wearing school uniform and will have time in school to change into PE kits. Trainers should only be worn into school in the morning if there are special circumstances. There are occasions, such as weeks at the end of term when afternoon lessons aren't taking place, that the PE days can change. It's easiest for children to bring in kits on a Monday to be taken home on a Friday.

## Snacks

Students are allowed to bring a *healthy* snack in to eat at break time and these are not to be shared. Healthy snacks include fruit, granola bars, rice cakes, cheese and plain popcorn. Please note that your child is not allowed to bring crisps, sweets, chocolate bars or biscuits as their morning snack. I also want to take this opportunity to remind you that St Michael's is a **nut-free school**. This includes Nutella spread and items with *hidden* nuts such as marzipan and pesto.

We look forward to meeting you all in person, and hope to make this school year a happy one for all your children.

In the meantime, please contact either of us via the school admin team and we will do our best to answer any queries of concerns.

Kind regards,

Miss Orson and Mr Marton-Bell