



St. Michael's C.E. Primary School  
*learning together through love, friendship, forgiveness and faith*

# NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent, Carer,

I hope you enjoyed a restful Easter break. The weather has continued to be glorious for our first week back and it is wonderful to hear the children at play, as we make the most of the sunshine.

## Drop Off and Collection

Parents have expressed various concerns about the arrangements following the return to school on Tuesday. I have listened; from Friday April 23<sup>rd</sup>, an adult with children in years 1 and 2, will be able to enter the playground to drop off and collect their children, at the beginning and end of each day. Please see the '19 Covid' tab on the website for further information about how the revised plan may apply to you.

## Request for Early Drop

As you will appreciate, teachers need the time before school starts, to prepare their classrooms and resources for learning during the busy day ahead. The previous arrangement, for dropping off siblings at 8.30am, while supporting the government's strict first lockdown guidelines, placed additional pressure on class teachers. The government's pathway out of lockdown, stopping of shielding, return of school clubs and a

general greater awareness of Covid 19 protocols, has allowed us to work towards a return to the normal school day timings.

I am aware that the 8.30am drop off for siblings, allowed many parents to start their working day earlier. For this reason, should there be sufficient interest, then we could offer a 'Wake Up Shake Up Club' at 8.15am for the rest of this term. The cost per child would be £5, payable in advance via Scopay. Breakfast is not supplied, but children can bring a healthy snack. Please contact the office if this arrangement is of interest to you. Any monies made will be reinvested into enrichment opportunities for all of the children.

## Social Distancing and Face Coverings

Parents have voiced grave concerns to the office about the lack of safe distancing and reluctance, by some parents/carers to wear a face covering while dropping off and collecting their children from school.

Please follow government guidelines and help us to ensure the whole school continues to remain open. This is our priority.

The majority of our families adhere to the school's and government's expectations for staying safe.

## Parking

I have received numerous complaints from parents and local residents about the failure of some of our families to park safely and respectfully when dropping off and collecting children each day.

The school is unable to police parking outside school and we can only appeal to our parent's sense of responsibility, and consideration for the safety of our children.

When parking on School Rd, please be mindful that you may be obstructing the vision of families and children trying to safely cross the road.

**If there are road markings, such as single or double yellow lines, both parking and waiting to pick up school children are restricted.**

**Responsibility for enforcing these restrictions lies with the Civil Enforcement Officer, employed by RBWM.**

**School 'keep clear' markings should always be kept clear of all traffic. Please let your Police Community Support Officer or Civil Enforcement Officer know if you see a vehicle regularly parking on them.**

## Class Photo

Blue sky and sunshine provided the perfect backdrop for today's class photos. The children all looked so smart in their class groups. A very proud moment and a significant sign that school life as we knew it is returning. The photo packs for your consideration will be sent home shortly.

Enjoy the weekend.

Warmest wishes

L.Anderton

Headteacher



## Important Dates

### MAY

Monday 3rd May	Bank Holiday
Friday 28th May	Term ends

***MAY HOLIDAY— Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June***

### JUNE

Monday 7th June	Children return to school
Thursday 24th June	KS1 & KS2 Sports Day 9am-11.45am School Field
Monday 28th June	KS1 & KS2 Sports Day <i>(back up day in case of rain)</i>
Tuesday 29th June	Reception Sports Day—Astroturf
Wednesday 30th June	Reception Sports Day <i>(back up day in case of rain)</i>

### JULY

Thursday 22nd July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.30am, St Michael's Church
Friday 23rd July	Term Ends



Added as new or revised