



Friday 17th September 2021

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For term time absence
text us on:
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St Michael's Matters

A note from Mr Hirani

We have had a most sunny week in school with children settled into their routines. Most year groups have now had their wow days and are enjoying their new topics, the outlines of which will be posted on the website together with a knowledge organiser for their topics. Please take time to go through these with your children as they indicate key learning for the term.

Reception Class

We are looking forward to welcoming our Reception children for their first full week. They had previously visited for half days. I am sure that they have enjoyed themselves in their new setting and getting used to their new school.

School Uniform

It has been great to see such smart children with their school uniform. Thank you all for the effort that you have made in ensuring that the school year has started with a sense of normality in this respect. If you are having difficulties with 'kitting out' your children please do get in touch to see if we can help. Please ensure that your child's uniform is clearly labelled as we already have lots of unclaimed school jumpers and cardigans. A name on a label will help to ensure that the items get back to their owner should they be misplaced.

Cross Country

We have had a brilliant start to the cross country event earlier on this week at Porthleven School. Well done to all the children who took part. The next event will be held on Tuesday 10th October at Helston Community College, for KS1 and KS2 children.



Applying for Free School Meals

All Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) pupils are entitled to receive a free school meal. This is part of the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) initiative and regardless of what benefits are being claimed. However, some children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 may also have an entitlement to benefits-related Free School Meals. This also applies to children in Year 3 and above. Children in this group are also eligible for **Pupil Premium – additional funding paid to the school to support your child in their learning**. It is important to apply for benefits-related Free School Meals if you think your child may be eligible. This is so that your child's school can receive this funding. Your child will be eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals if you meet the eligibility criteria - please see page 2. Please click on the link to apply: [Application Form - Free School Meals and Pupil Premium](#)

Attendance

Attendance has been good so far this term. Thank you for your help in making sure that your children attend school and arrive on time. As we no longer have a staggered start to the day, punctuality is vitally important. All school gates will close at 08:55 Children arriving after that time will need to enter via the office and will be signed in as late.

It is important that you inform us if your child is unable to attend school and let us know why, before 9am on the day of their absence or leave a message on the absence line, giving your child's name, class and a brief reason for absence. If we are not informed of a reason for an absence, it will be recorded as unauthorised.

Should you require leave for your child, please complete a request form, available on the website or from the office. Authorised leave will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

<https://stmichaelscofeprimaryschoolcornwall.secure-primariesite.net/parent-forms/>

Attendance

Below is a class by class breakdown of attendance from:
Monday 13th September - Friday 17th September

RR - 97.5%	RD - 94.4%
1C - 97.32%	1S - 97.47%
2M - 98.41%	2S - 93.65%
3HN - 96.3%	3HY - 91.3%
4DC - 94.64%	4J - 93.87%
5G - 96.67%	5P - 98.57%
6T - 94.44%	6M - 99.22%

Overall school attendance average is 95.72%

CALENDAR DATES

What's on this term?

Go to www.st-michaels-helston.org and click on CALENDAR DATES

Tues 12th October	Cross Country - 4pm Helston College KS1 and KS2
Weds 20th October	School Photos with Academy Portraits
Mon 8th Nov	Year 1 Hearing Screening

Star of the Week W/C September 13th

These children have received the **Star of the Week** award:

- 1C - Connor P for working hard to complete the challenges in busy time
- 1S - Amelia D for working hard and being helpful
- 2M - Millie C for her excellent attitude to learning
- 2S - Esme T for trying really hard in maths

The theme for the Junior assembly was 'Honesty'

These children have all demonstrated Honesty this week in KS2:

- 3HY - Chloe B & Rudi W
- 3HN - AJ P & Alfi K
- 4DC - Eddie A & Annabelle P
- 4J - Lex T & Ella M
- 5G - Aidan R & Lucy A
- 5P - Bradley W & Harry B
- 6T - Tommy M & Freya G
- 6M - Jude H & Jessie P

Free school meals eligibility criteria if you receive benefits

A child is eligible for free school meals if their parent/carers (or the child themselves) receives any of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support (IS)
- Job Seekers' Allowance (Income-Based) and equal based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA-IR) and equal based Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (CTC) with an annual income of less than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Guarantee Element of Pension Credit (GPC)
- Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (IAA) Supports

If you are claiming the benefits listed below you are **not** eligible for free school meals. This is regardless of what other benefits/credits are being claimed.

- Working Tax Credit
- Contribution-Based Job Seeker's Allowance and/or Contribution-Based Employment and Support Allowance

Cross Country League 2021-22

School Games qualifier races
Endurance medal for completing 5 races
Top 3 runners per age group Boy and Girl medals
2 School Trophies, 1 for total points and 1 for percentage points of KS2 on roll.
Special award for anyone scoring over 500 points
Fun run relay and medals
<i>Distances: years 3 - 4 run 1000m, years 5-6 run 1400m</i>
<i>Race order: First race girls years 3-4 then boys, Second race girls years 5-6 then boys.</i>



Tue 14th September	Cross country Race 1	KS2	Porthleven - 4pm
Tues 12th October	Cross Country Race 2	KS1 and KS2	HCC - 4pm
Tues 9th November	Cross Country Race 3	KS2	Porthleven - 4pm
Tues 7th December	Cross Country Race 4	KS2	Mullion 4pm
Tues 15th February	Cross Country - Race 5	KS2	Mullion 4pm
Tues 1st March	Cross Country - Race 6	KS1 and KS2	HCC 4pm
Tues 14th June	Cross Country Fun Run	KS2	Mullion 4pm

Year 1

This week Year 1 have had a great start to their new topic 'Marvellous Me'. We have had visits from dinosaurs, who helped us get to know the school and aliens then arrived to learn more about us and where we live. Yesterday, we went on a senses walk, to find out what we could hear, see and feel in our outside learning environment.



Year 5

To launch their space topic, Year 5 investigated the qualities needed to become an astronaut. They participated in: physical training, dexterity training, confinement training and memory training. In addition, we made and consumed our own space food (just how astronauts would). Finally, we studied aerodynamics, built our own rockets, and launched them.

