



# Year 1 Parent Information Miss Deane & Miss Doherty





# Summary of School Day



- Pupils may come to class between **8.30 and 8:45am**
- Enter through the **CANTEEN DOOR.**
- If your child arrives to school after 8.45 am, please use the front office doors and the secretary will bring your child to their classroom.
- Official teaching/class time is **8:45am to 2:00pm.**
- Dismissal is from top door of the **FOUDATION STAGE CORRIDOR.**



# Home Communication

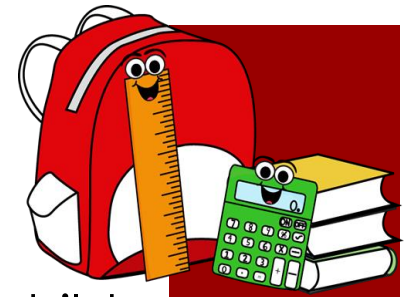


School contact will be delivered via the **school app** and **website**

- Information specific to Year 1 will be uploaded to **Seesaw**
- Please do **NOT** use Seesaw as a means of sending messages. Please **email the school office** if you need to inform the class teachers of an absence and / or appointments
- Your email will be forwarded to the teacher who will respond at the first opportunity. This may be the following day.
- Please note that teachers are not permitted to give out invitations, cake or sweets for pupil **birthdays.**



# WHAT TO BRING



- 1/2 **healthy** items for **snack**.
- Labelled **lunch bag** (if lunches) – make sure the child knows if they are lunches / dinners .
- Labelled **water bottle** with a sports top.
- Labelled **waterproof coat** for unpredictable weather and outdoor learning.
- Labelled **wellies** for outdoor play & a **spare set of clothes/pants/socks** to be left in school.
- Labelled **Homework Book bag** which can be purchased on the school money app. Please send this this in with your child as soon as possible.

**LABEL EVERY ITEM THAT BELONGS TO YOUR CHILD**

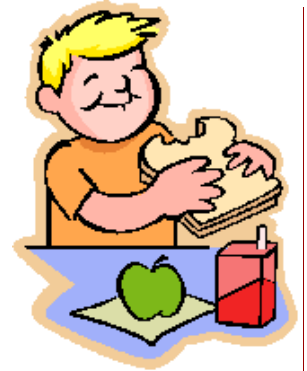
# Healthy Eating



- We follow a **Healthy Eating Policy** In St. Michael's.
- Please read through this on our school website.
- <https://www.stmichaelsps.com/policies/>
- We ask that at snack, **fruit and vegetables** are provided and that yogurts and cereal bars are kept for lunch.
- Please cut apples, grapes and cherry tomatoes.
- **Allergies** present within Year 1 (dairy - severe, egg, nuts). We are a 'Nut Free' school-NO NUTS, peanut butter etc.
- Please ensure your child can **manage** their snack box and lunch box **independently**.
- Please explain to your child that they are **not to share food** in school.



# Break & Lunch Times



## **BREAK:**

Eat snack: **10:00– 10.15**

Milk given( If purchased on the School app)

Outside Exercise:**10.15-10.30**

## **LUNCH:**

Lunch in class and dinners in the Canteen **12:00  
– 12:40**

Please inform your child whether they are lunches or dinners

Please pay for dinners before Monday morning



# Pastoral Care



## At St Michaels we do a lot to maintain a high standard of Pastoral Care

- Certificates of Achievement relating to our school motto - Courage, Courtesy, Concern- (Monthly Assembly)
- Dojo points
- Class charters (Rules) – devised by pupils
- Pupil of the week – compliments on Seesaw
- Keep us informed of anything that may affect your child's happiness and wellbeing in school.
- Take time to talk about your child's day at school



# Year 1 PE Days

**BOTH CLASSES**

**Tuesday & Friday**

On PE days (**ONLY**), the children should come to school wearing their PE uniforms.

**JOGGING BOTTOMS, WHITE PE T-SHIRT and SCHOOL HOODIE / JUMPER.**

On days that your child has a **club**, they should wear their full school uniform and change later in the day for the club if necessary.





# Curricular Themes



Key Literacy, Numeracy and Thinking skills will be taught through a range of topics as listed below.

TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All about Me!</li><li>• People Who Help Us.</li></ul>	Cold Lands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Farm</li><li>• The Seaside</li></ul>



Throughout the year special events related to curricular areas will take place in school:

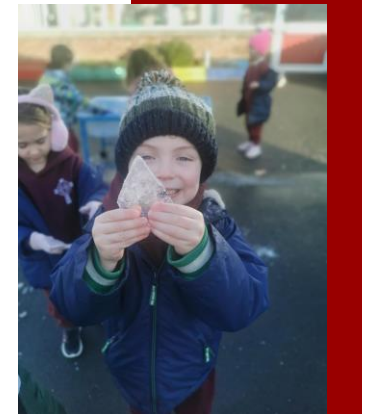
- Literacy Week
- Numeracy Week
- Science Week
- Catholic Schools' Week
- Wellbeing Week
- Anti-bullying Week

Assessment will take place using

- Teacher observations
- Marking of children's work
- Internal tracking of children's Literacy and Numeracy skills
- Guided Reading

Your child's progress will be shared with you though

- Books sent home and returned termly
- Parent-Teacher meeting in November
- End of Year report



# Literacy -Phonics



- We will commence The Linguistic Phonics programme after the Halloween Break.
- We are currently working on our Pre-Phonic skills through Attention and Listening activities and tasks- created to ensure our pupils are ready to listen to letter sounds.
- We will introduce sounds in blocks of 6 - Our first 6 sounds are S,A,T,P,I,N.
- Every day for 10 minutes pupils will build words using these 6 sounds.
- Sounds are 'blended' together and 'segmented' apart.
- We will keep you informed of the new sounds as we introduce them
- Homework will also have activities based on initial sounds and building CVC words.

# Literacy-Guided Reading

- Reading will commence **after the Halloween break**.
- A reading book is read in class the week before with the class teacher during our Literacy task-board.
- Your child will simply start off their reading journey reading picture books, discussing characters, practicing book-handling skills and eventually reading from memory.
- Our main focus in the early months of **reading is 1:1 correspondence**.
- We will also be sending home **2 High frequency words** each week.
- As your child builds up their knowledge of phonics and High frequency words, they will become more independent readers.
- High Frequency words are the words that children see over and over again in their Reading books, often which cannot be segmented-E.g 'was', 'are'
- Pupils will often have a Homework task on making their High Frequency words. This practical approach helps pupils to learn these words in a fun, engaging way.

# Numeracy: Play based

- **Number:** Sorting, Understanding Number, Relationships & Operations, Counting & Recognition
- **Measures**
- **Shape & Space**

## Mathematical language-

More than/Less than

1 more/1 less

Before/after/in-between

All together/in total

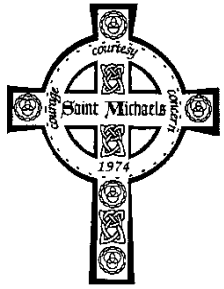
Big(gest)/small(est)/shorter/

longer/taller

Under/above

**Context:** In play,  
in routines & at  
home





# Doodle Maths



- Doodle maths is an app based on interactive activities designed to build numerical reasoning and problem-solving skills.
- Children's login details for Doodle Maths will be in the inside cover of their homework books.
- Children will complete their 'daily' questions on Doodle Maths every night as part of their Homework.
- They are encouraged to work to stay in the 'Green Zone'.
- It is a 'smart' program so crucial that the activities are completed **independently!**





# Homework



- Homework will commence on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October**.
- A homework book will go home every Monday and should be brought back to school on Friday.
- We will use See-saw for further explanation where necessary.
- **READING** books will be distributed on a **MONDAY**. These are to be kept at home, read every night and returned to school on **FRIDAY**.
- If for any reason homework cannot be completed, please put a note in your child's book.
- **Reading** will commence after Halloween Break. **High Frequency words** will be sent home each week in a folder to learn.
- We will also begin **phonics** at this time and will keep you informed of the sounds that we are exploring.

# Play Fund



In P1 & 2 we have a voluntary 'Play Fund'. With this money, teachers can provide additional materials for Play Based and Outdoor Learning.

This will be much appreciated by staff and allow them to offer a wider range of interesting activities for the children. This can be paid termly or Yearly to the office using 'School Money'. The request for payment will be sent out next week.



Payment method	Amount
Yearly	£30
Term 1	£10.00
Term 2	£10.00
Term 3	£10.00

**THANK YOU!**

*Miss Deane and Miss Doherty*

