



7th July 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we come closer to the end of the academic year, it's hard to believe that we have completed another school year! The children continue to amaze me with their resilience, hard work and enthusiasm for learning. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents and carers for all of their support on school visits, assemblies, sports day, etc. We hope that you have a summer full of good weather and memories.

For those of you who will be returning to St Michael's in September we look forward to continuing our partnership together. For those who are moving on to other schools, we pray that you and your child will be happy in their new schools.

Matthew 11:25-30

The Father Revealed in the Son

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶ Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

²⁷ "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Jesus' invitation is to follow Him but in a way that is freeing and that brings much joy, even when life brings its own burdens. What burdens are we carrying at the moment? Can we hand them over to Jesus in this time of prayer.

Destinations/International Celebrations

Thank you to all the parents who attend the Destinations celebrations on Thursday, 6th July. Your continued support at these events is much appreciated. As usual, the children have demonstrated how amazingly talented they are! Thank you for your generous donations, we raised £430.

Class swap

The children will be having their class swaps on the morning of Wednesday, 12th July where they will meet their new class teachers. I will write to you on that day to inform you of the staffing arrangements for the next academic year.

Staffing 2023-24

As we come to the end of the academic year, we are sad to see some members of staff move on, but wish them the best of luck in their new ventures. At the end of this academic year we will be saying good bye to Mrs Donald, Ms Bohane who will be moving to a school closer to home, Ms

Hatziefstratiou who will be moving to a new school as a full time music teacher (if you know Ms H you will know that music is her passion) and Ms Kalyabe who will be moving away from London. We pray that they will be happy in their new ventures and thank them for their unconditional commitment to the school.

We are excited to welcome some new staff in September who will have lots of excellent experience and ideas about how to continue to make St Michael's the best school possible for all its pupils.

End of Term

The academic year will end on **Tuesday, 18th July 2023 at 2:00 pm.**

Start of Term

The new academic year starts for Years 1-6 on Tuesday, 5th September. The arrangements for the start for Nursery and Reception will be shared separately with those parents.

End of Term Mass

The school will be giving thanks for this school year and praying for a safe and happy summer in our final Mass on **Tuesday, 18th July 2023 at 10:30 am in St Michael's Church.**

School Uniform Donations

At this time of the year parents often begin to organize school uniforms for the next academic year. If you have any nearly new uniform that your child has outgrown, we would ask you to donate it to the school so another child is able to make use of it. Please bring any nearly new uniform donations to the school office.

School Uniform

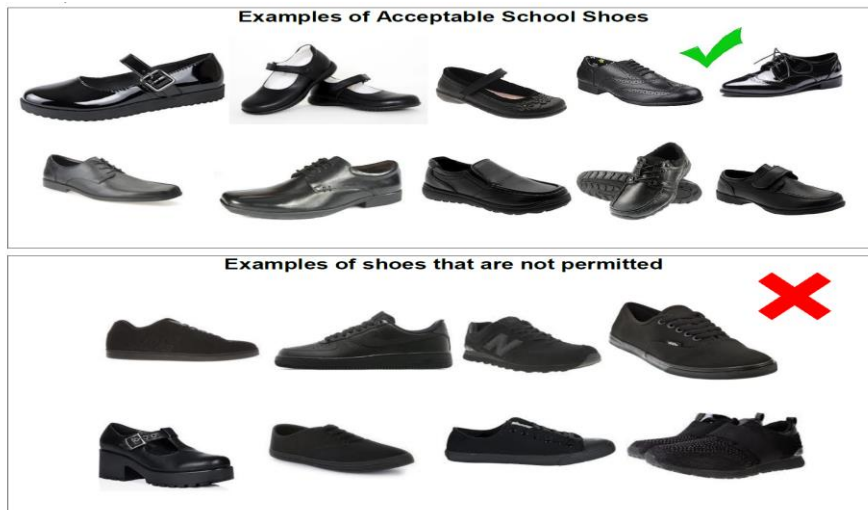
As we draw closer to the end of the academic year, just a reminder about the uniform policy when you are purchasing uniforms for September.

In light of the cost of living crisis, the governing body have made some changes to the school uniform and reduced to number of items that parents must purchase that have the school's logo on them. Please look carefully at the update school uniform information on the website.

The uniform policy is available on the website for further reference

<https://st-michaels.newham.sch.uk/parents-and-carers/school-uniform/>

As you replenish your child's school uniform for September please be aware of acceptable school shoe. Please be aware that boots are not acceptable school shoes. We allowed boots during the period of snow and ice, however children need to return to wearing their school shoes.



Parent Advice and Support

We are in difficult times and need to try to support each other as best as we can. The school website has an advice and support section with links to organizations that can provide legal advice, debt management advice and food banks.

<https://st-michaels.newham.sch.uk/parents-and-carers/advice-and-support/>

If you need further advice or support please go to the school office and request an appointment with a member of the senior leadership team.

Newham Libraries

There are ten libraries across Newham, each offering a range of services and community activities. As well as a fantastic selection of books and other reading material of course. **The libraries also provide free computer and internet access.**

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/libraries-arts-culture/newham-library-services>

God Bless,

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