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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to have all children back in school now! It has been a really joyful week seeing full classrooms and playgrounds again! There have been lots of very happy, smiley faces around school and it has been great to resume something like normality again!

Collecting children at the end of the day

Please take extra care at this busy time. There are a lot of children and parents around and we are seeing some congestion and congregation. Help us to keep safe by leaving school promptly and supervising children around the cars and school premises.

Parents must wear face coverings on school premises.



After school clubs and Angels' Breakfast and After School Club

We are intending to offer after school clubs again after Easter. Booking will be in the usual way on ParentPay.

The Angels' Out of School Clubs (breakfast and after school until 5.30pm) will start up again for St Michael's children after Easter. If we are able to we will include Clover Hill children but this does depend on government guidance. We will update parents as soon as we know.

Staffing changes

Covid regulations mean that pregnant staff over 28 weeks must not be in school. This is obviously a challenge for schools to manage and will require our two schools to make a few staffing changes over the rest of the academic year. I will update parents regularly but the first changes are as follows:

- **Mrs Brabbin** (St Michael's Senco and year 6 teacher) will be working remotely and her teaching commitment covered by **Mrs Waters**.
- **Miss Gooch** (Clover Hill deputy head and Senco) will be working remotely. Her deputy head responsibilities will be taken over by **Mr Bennison**.
- **Mrs Chaplin** (Clover Hill KS1 Leader and year 1 teacher) will be working remotely. Her class responsibility will be covered by **Miss Banham**.
- **Mr Bennison's** (St Michael's Assistant Head) year 4 class teaching days will be covered by **Miss Simmonds** as he takes on the deputy head role at Clover Hill.

Mrs Wiseman Retires!

Many of you will have fond memories of Mrs Wiseman, especially if she taught you when you attended St Michael's as a child yourself! She worked at St Michael's for around 30 years, which is incredible. Sadly, when she retired we were not able to celebrate this fantastic commitment to the school as we would have liked but when we can, we will invite Mrs Wiseman into school for a proper farewell.



Red Nose Day Friday 19th March non uniform

This years Red Noses are made of 'bagasse' which comes from sugar cane and are **plastic free** so we have gone with an environmentally friendly theme and ask the children to...

1. Wear green
2. Wear clothes that have been upcycled or handed down from a sibling or friend
3. Wear an outfit/accessory made from recycled material.

This year it has never felt more important that we have FUN.

Order lateral flow tests for home using this link: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Staying Safe Online

Many thanks to all parents and carers who supervised the Zooms and the work on Class Dojo and Tapestry, helping the children to remain safe online. We look forward to continuing to use these platforms. We have top tips on how to keep your child safe on our website <http://www.stmichaelsjuniorschool.co.uk/parents-carers/keeping-your-child-safe/> .

Now the children are confident at using the internet, please make sure that you are aware of who your children are talking to and what they are accessing is suitable for their age. There are lots of internet filters that are free, which can help keep your children safe. We continue to educate the children on keeping safe online and value your continued support.

Remember that we are still in lockdown despite the children returning to school, so keep safe and follow all restrictions!

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs McCarney
Headteacher

