



Through God, We  
Love, Laugh and  
Learn.

# ST. MICHAEL'S CE (VC) FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

## Welcome to Early Years

A warm welcome from our Early years team to you! Your teachers this year are **Mrs Farrell (EYF)** and **Mrs James (EYJ)** Mrs K Phillips, Mrs D Fritz and Ms G Gaskin. The children have settled in very well, making some wonderful friendships and are already showing great curiosity in their learning.

### Learning in the EYFS:

Our curriculum is taught with a hands on approach through exploration and discussion. We explore both the indoors and outdoors to widen our experiences and follow the children's interests to deepen their engagement which then leads to great learning.

### Your child will need:

- Water bottle – named and filled with water **only**, daily.
- Wellington boots (labelled) – to keep in school all year for rainy days and forest school.
- PE kit – indoor PE is on a Monday and outdoor PE is on a Friday. Long hair needs to be tied back please (every day) and earrings removed, as staff cannot remove them for health and safety reasons. Please send a bag containing the PE kit into school and we will keep them on their pegs.
- School bag – your child will have a blue school bag which fits their reading book in and any letters we send home. Please do not send a rucksack into school as well as this bag as we are tight for space on pegs to put them. Their school bag fits in their tray with only their coat needed on their peg.

### Helping at home:

Starting soon, your child will bring home two books a week. Sometimes these are picture books which are discussion based and creating stories and others will have writing in to practice hunting for alphabet letters. If you wish to comment on your child's reading please do this in their reading diaries. You child will get a new book on a Monday and a Friday.

### Dates:

- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September Phonics Little Wandle parent workshop 6.30pm (further details to follow)
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September Family Café (time tbc)

Thank you for your continued support.

EYFS Staff



## Our topic this half term is 'Marvellous me and my Family Tree'

### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development & Communication and Language**

Here we will discuss feelings, behaviours, making new friends and becoming confident in our own abilities. Your child will practice listening to others, understanding questions about themselves and others as well as speaking to others confidently.

### **Physical Development**

Children will practice their fine motor skills through using tweezers, scissors, pencils and pens correctly. Your child will also practice putting on their own coats and zipping them up as well as writing their name. Please encourage fine/gross motor skills at home too such as getting dressed in a morning and cutting up their dinner.

### **Literacy**

Little Wandle Phonics will focus on phase 2 which is primarily the single sounds of the alphabet. Your child will learn to hear sounds in words, recognise them, apply this in their reading and writing as well as learn how to segment and blend words. We will also be exploring stories we are familiar with to build expression and excitement for reading.

### **Maths**

We will begin by playing number games, touch counting 1:1, practicing number writing and recognition.

### **Understanding the World & Expressive Arts and Design**

Here we will explore celebrations such as birthdays and parties children have attended, discuss who is in their family, their favourite holidays or trips and begin to capture this in our painting, drawings, and story-telling.