

"Do unto others
as you would
have them do to
you." Luke (6:31)

Bees Autumn Term Newsletter

Class Teacher: Mrs Groves
Teaching Assistants: Mrs Hobbs, Mrs Firby, Mrs Coop
Busy Bees - working well together!



Welcome back!

Bees Class have had an exciting and busy start to the new academic year, and I have been delighted by their good manners and behaviour. The children have settled well and have enjoyed exploring their new classroom and routines.

As you will have seen, the builders have made great progress over the summer and we are all thrilled to be part of the St Michael's School community at such an exciting time! The children have dealt with the minimal changes to routine at Lower School with their usual sensible and positive attitudes, and I am very proud of them all.

We have a busy year ahead, with Year 1 phonics screening and Year 2 end of year assessments. I will endeavour to keep you informed of dates, information and activities that you can do to support your child at home.

As a parent myself, I realise that from time to time you may have worries about your child's progress or wellbeing. I firmly believe that children only learn well when they feel loved, valued and cared for. Please feel free to catch me before or after school to arrange a mutual time to discuss any concerns.

Amanda Groves

Routines

School Day Please bring your child to Top School for registration on Wednesday and Friday. On Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays we will register at Lower School. Children are to be collected each day from Lower School

Water bottles Please can these be clearly named and in school each day

Snacks Fruit is available at snack time

PE is on a Monday and Wednesday. Kits will be stored at Top school and brought home at half term. Details of our PE kit are available on the school website

Uniform Please label all items of uniform and school bags clearly. We encourage the children to be responsible for their jumpers, coats etc and it is much easier for us to help them find lost items if they are labelled

Home Reading

Reading/spelling bags We provide each child with a reading and spelling bag. This must be brought into school every day and placed in the box in Bees Classroom. Please ensure that nothing else goes into this bag.

Your child is given an opportunity to change their own reading books every day. A member of staff is available every afternoon to help your child with their selection if required. We encourage children to choose one book at an appropriate reading level and also a free choice book. You can support your child by helping them to read and enjoy the books, asking questions that help them to understand the text and celebrating their success!

Please ensure that your child brings in their reading book and record **every day**. Please sign the book and feel free to add any comments. This will help me to ensure that your child's home reading books are at a personalised level.

Home Learning

Spellings These are given weekly for your child to share with you at home. Please see inside the Spelling Book front cover for ways that you can support your child's learning at home

Maths A selection of Times Table and Number Bond activities are given each term. Please see your child's Home Learning book for more details

RE, Science and Topic related Home Learning tasks are given termly. Full details will be provided with each task