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Little Leaders, Big Difference!

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

I can hardly believe that we have already been back at school for two weeks! The time has flown by, and our school is once again buzzing with energy, excitement and enthusiasm for learning. It has been wonderful to see the children settle so quickly into their new classes and embrace all the opportunities that come with a new school year.

At St Michael & All Angels, we are passionate about developing curious minds, resilient learners and a compassionate community. We believe that every child has the potential to be a leader and that leadership can be demonstrated in many different ways, from showing kindness and responsibility to supporting others and being a positive role model.

Throughout the school year, our children are given many opportunities to take on important roles and responsibilities that help our school community flourish. Whether they are leading worship, representing their classmates, supporting younger children or encouraging their house teams, these experiences help them develop confidence, resilience and a sense of service to others.

In this week's newsletter, we would like to share some of the ways we nurture and celebrate pupil leadership across our school. You'll also find a few important reminders for the weeks ahead.

As ever, thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, concerns or simply wish to share something with us, our doors are always open.

Mrs Berry



Talking Around the Table

"What does being a good leader look like, and how can you show leadership through kindness and service to others?"

You might like to share this over dinner, on the journey to school, or before bedtime. It is a simple question to spark reflection and connection together.



Reading Buddies

This week, our Year 1 children were delighted to meet their **Year 5 Reading Buddies** for the very first time. Throughout the year, the children will enjoy regular reading sessions together, sharing stories and developing their reading skills in a supportive and encouraging environment.

The programme not only helps younger children build confidence and fluency but also allows our older pupils to develop leadership skills, patience and responsibility. It was wonderful to see friendships already beginning to blossom as children sat together enjoying books and celebrating a love of reading.

In addition to supporting reading, many of our Year 5 pupils have volunteered to be buddies for children in **Reception and Year 1**. They help younger pupils select their lunches, support them during worship and provide a friendly face at lunchtimes. We are extremely proud of the maturity, kindness and compassion they show each day.

School Councillors

Last week, each class took part in a democratic vote to elect their **School Councillors** for the year ahead. We are delighted to announce this year's representatives:

- **Year 1:** Bobbie and Ava
- **Year 2:** Ella and Reggie
- **Year 3:** Oden and Yssy
- **Year 4:** Lilah and Oakley
- **Year 5:** Cainan and Willow
- **Year 6:** Connie and Oliver

Our School Councillors act as the voice of their classmates, bringing forward ideas, suggestions and concerns to help improve school life. They will work together on projects, support charitable causes and help make decisions that benefit the whole school community. We look forward to seeing them grow into their new roles and make a positive impact throughout the year.



Worship Leaders

Our **Worship Leaders** play a very important role in the daily life of our school. They help ensure that Collective Worship runs smoothly and respectfully, supporting staff and pupils during these special times when we gather together as a school family.

From helping with resources and presentations to leading prayers and reflections, our Worship Leaders demonstrate responsibility, confidence and commitment. Their work helps create a calm and meaningful atmosphere where everyone can reflect on our Christian vision and values.

We would like to thank them for the dedication they show in fulfilling this important role.



House Captains

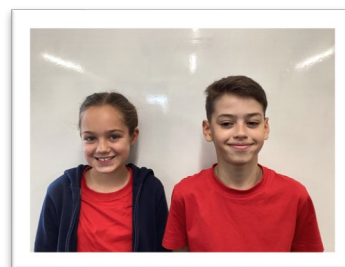
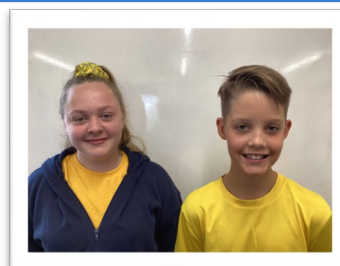
Congratulations to our newly appointed **House Captains!**

Before being elected, each candidate delivered a speech to the whole school explaining why they would be a strong leader and worthy representative of their house team. The children then voted for the candidates they believed would inspire, encourage and lead their teams throughout the year.

Being a House Captain is a significant responsibility. They will motivate their teams during house events and competitions, encourage participation and help to build team spirit across the school.

We are incredibly proud of every child who demonstrated the courage to stand up and speak in front of the whole school, and we congratulate those who were successfully elected by their peers.

★ Through these important leadership roles, our pupils are learning that leadership is not about being in charge; it is about serving others, showing kindness, acting responsibly and making a positive difference in our school community. We are immensely proud of them all.





Reminders & Support



We would like to take this opportunity to share a few important reminders and highlight the support available to all our lovely families.

 We are fortunate to have a wide range of **pre-loved school uniform**, all in **excellent condition**, available in school. This is a great way to support families and reduce waste. Please visit the **school website** for full details on how you can access this.

Attendance Reminders

Attendance remains a **high priority** at our school, as we know how important regular attendance is for children's learning, wellbeing and sense of belonging.

We kindly remind parents and carers that:

- Any child absence must be reported **before the start of the school day**
- This must be done **by telephone**
- Parents and carers must **speak directly to a member of staff**
- Absences **cannot be reported by email**

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain clear and consistent attendance procedures.

Safeguarding and Family Support

The safety and wellbeing of all our children is always at the heart of what we do. You can talk to **any** member of staff in school if you are worried about a child. All members of staff, governors and volunteers have had safeguarding training.

Our school does have special members of staff trained to deal with concerns and worries. They are called Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) and our main one is Mrs Berry. All members of our Pastoral Team, Mrs Westby and Miss Lawless, are also Designated Safeguarding Leads.

Further information about family support, safeguarding and who to contact can also be found on the **school website**.

We are always here to listen and to work in partnership with families to ensure every child feels safe, supported and able to thrive.