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Responsibility Starts Here!

Responsibility

As we settle into the new term, it's been wonderful to see our school community filled with energy, enthusiasm, and a real sense of purpose. At St. Michael's, our core values guide everything we do, and this week we're shining a spotlight on one that's especially important: Responsibility.



Walking through the classrooms and corridors, I've been so proud to see how our children are embracing responsibility in so many ways. From showing independence in their learning, to helping a friend, tidying up after an activity, or simply making thoughtful choices—these everyday actions reflect the heart of our school values.

It has also been a busy and exciting few weeks as we've welcomed our new buddies, house captains, and school councillors into their roles. These pupils have already begun to show fantastic leadership, care, and commitment, and I'm confident they'll continue to grow and support their peers throughout the year.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to sharing more stories of responsibility, growth, and achievement in the weeks ahead.

Mrs Berry

Year 5 Buddies - Leading With Responsibility

We're thrilled to introduce our new Year 5 lunchtime buddies—a fantastic group of pupils who are already showing what it means to be responsible role models in our school community.

Each day, these buddies will spend time with our Reception children during lunchtime, helping them settle into school life. From modelling good table manners in the dinner hall to supporting games and activities in the playground, our buddies are there to offer a friendly face, a helping hand, and lots of encouragement.

This role is a brilliant opportunity for our Year 5 pupils to demonstrate responsibility, kindness, and leadership. They've shown great enthusiasm and maturity already, and we're confident they'll make a real difference to our youngest learners.

Well done to all our new buddies—we're so proud of you!



Celebrating Responsibility: Meet Our House Captains!

As our Year 6 pupils begin their final year at St. Michael's, they are given the exciting opportunity to take on a special leadership role as House Captains. This is a chance for them to show responsibility, teamwork, and pride in their school.

St. Michael's is made up of four houses:

- Chad (Green)
- Columba (Red)
- Bede (Yellow)
- Aidan (Blue)

Each house is led by two Year 6 pupils who have been chosen by their peers for showing all of our school values—especially responsibility. Our House Captains are role models who help guide their house, support younger pupils, and lead by example every day.

Throughout the week, pupils earn house points for a variety of achievements, from excellent learning to acts of kindness. These points are celebrated during Friday worship, and at the end of each half term, the house with the most points enjoys a special reward—chosen by their House Captains!

We're thrilled to announce this year's House Captains:

- Bede: Timothy and Maxi
- Chad: Elsa and Emilia
- Columba: Nyrie and Ruby- Rae
- Aidan: Esmae and Jacob

We know they'll do a fantastic job and can't wait to see how they help their houses shine this year!



Demonstrating Responsibility In Our Learning

At the start of a new academic year, it is always good to refresh all of our core values with the children. This week, we have looked at how being a responsible learner at St. Michael's, looks like.

Rec/KS1 – Taking Responsibility for Behaviour and Belongings

In Reception & Key Stage 1, we've been talking about how being responsible starts with the little things—like taking care of our own behaviour and looking after our belongings. Pupils are learning how their actions affect others and how making good choices helps everyone learn and feel safe. We've linked this to our Learning Behaviours Checklist, which reminds us to:

- ✓ Be ready to learn
- ✓ Show respect to others
- ✓ Take care of our things so they don't get lost or broken
- ✓ Try our best, even when things feel tricky

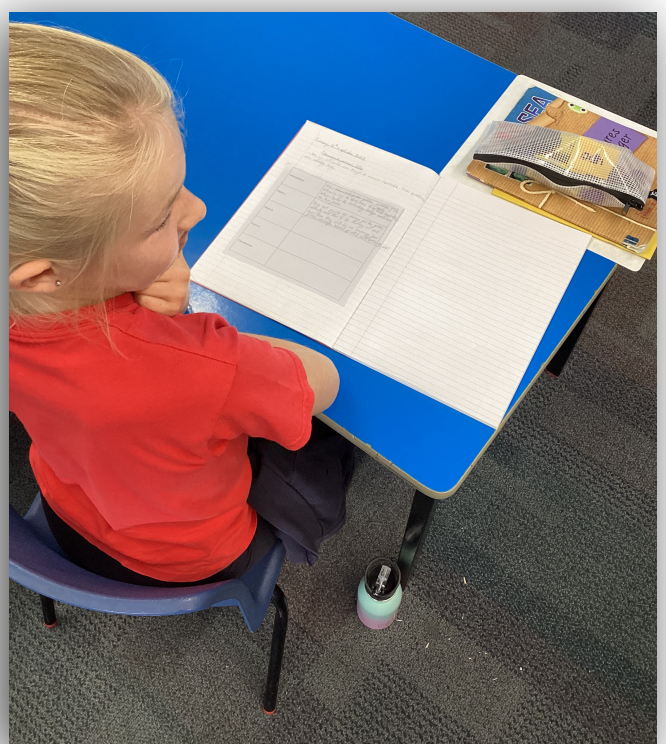
It's been lovely to see our younger children proudly taking ownership of their learning spaces and showing kindness and care in their actions.

KS2 – Responsibility in Words, Actions and Leadership

In Key Stage 2, we've taken the idea of responsibility even further. Pupils are learning that being responsible means 'owning their words and actions', 'taking care of their belongings', and being someone others can 'trust'. Whether it's helping a friend, leading a group task, or managing their own time and equipment, our older pupils are showing that they're ready to be 'leaders of their own learning'.

As children move through each year group, they're given more opportunities to be independent and take on greater responsibility, as we have showcased in this week's newsletter. While staff are always here to support and guide, we encourage pupils to put their full effort into everything they do—aiming high and producing their very best work.

We're incredibly proud of how our pupils are growing into thoughtful, responsible learners. Keep up the great work, everyone!



Introducing Our New Responsible School Councillors!

We are delighted to announce our newly elected School Council representatives for the academic year.

These pupils have been chosen by their classmates to be the voice of their year group and help shape the future of our school and community.

Meet your School Councillors:

Year 1 – Arthur and Ivy

Year 2 – Martha and Lyda

Year 3 – Brody and Levi

Year 4 – Nelly and Aadam

Year 5 – Edward and Isabelle

Year 6 – Mason and Nyrie

Being a school councillor is a role of great responsibility. These pupils will listen to ideas from their classmates, share suggestions with staff, and help lead exciting projects that make our school an even better place to learn and grow.

Let's give them our full support as they begin their journey of leadership and positive change.



Things To Remember....



Important Reminders:

We've got lots of exciting things happening in school, so here are a few reminders.....



Book Fair - Starting Thursday:

Our much-loved Book Fair will be arriving soon! It's a great opportunity for children to explore new stories and build a love of reading. The fair will be open from Thursday, so don't forget to pop in and have a browse!



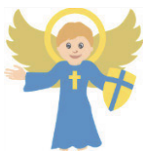
School Dinner Menu:

We're delighted to share our lovely new school dinner menu, packed with delicious and nutritious options for our pupils. You can view the full menu on the school website as well as see what week we are on. Next week, it is 'Week 1'



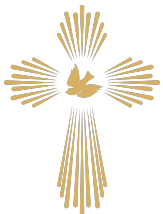
Curriculum Evening Resources:

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent Curriculum Evenings. However, do not worry if you could not attend. All the information shared during these sessions is now available on the school website, under the relevant 'class pages' so if you missed anything or want to revisit the details, you'll find everything you need online.



School Uniform Shop – Pre-Loved Items Available:

Our School Uniform Shop is a great way to pick up high-quality pre-loved uniform items at affordable prices; details were shared on last week's newsletter and can also be found on the website. It's a sustainable and budget-friendly option for families.



Celebration Worship:

Remember, all parents/carers are welcome to join us for Celebration Worship which is held every Friday at 09:00am. Please come along as it is always lovely to see you.



Our Door Is Always Open!

At St. Michael's, we believe in strong partnerships with our families. If you ever have a question, concern, or just want to chat, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Our door is always open, and we're here to help.