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St. Michael's C of E Primary School

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Dinner Menu
We will be serving week 2 of the dinner menu.

ParentPay
All parents should have now signed up to use this service, if you have any issues please contact the school office. All monies should now be paid via the ParentPay website and Breakfast/Afterschool clubs must also be booked and paid for (in advance) using this site. All clubs will commence Tuesday 2nd May 2017 and end week ending 30th June 2017.
If anyone needs any assistance in working Parentpay please call the office to arrange a time for a member of staff to support you.

Monthly Message from School Nurse
Please find new monthly newsletter from the School Nurse at the end of the school newsletter.

School News

Scooters and Bikes
Please remember that there is a complete ban on scooters and bikes being brought onto school grounds in their entirety. This includes pre-school children. No bikes or scooters are allowed for the foreseeable future past the gates. Can I also ask that children are closely supervised and are not allowed to go in and out of parked cars.

School Uniform
Could we just remind everyone of the School Uniform Policy. Children are asked to wear **grey** trousers / skirts / dresses. Please remember that children are asked not to wear sandals in the summer months, the policy is black shoes or trainers NOT brightly coloured trainers.

PE Kit
Please could you ensure your child/ren have their P.E. kit in school at all times. If children need to use spare kit we will inform you by text. Children should wear royal blue shorts and a plain white t-shirt – school kit order forms are available from the school office and payment should be made (in advance) via ParentPay.

Year 4 Water Safety Awareness
All Year 4 children have taken part in Water Safety Awareness. Some of the children have obtained the certificate. Those who have not will be given the opportunity next year to attend again. In the meantime it could be beneficial for those who have not quite met the requirement to attend swimming sessions to build up their stamina.

Year 5 and 6 Swimming
After the half term break, Year 5 and 6 will be going swimming and undertaking Water Safety Awareness sessions. This will take place every Wednesday morning. Boys are required to wear 'trunks' rather than 'shorts'. Girls are required to wear full swimming costumes not 'tankinis' or 'bikinis'. ALL children are required to wear swimming hats – these can be purchased really cheaply from Mrs Warwick (swimming teacher) at the swimming pool (c. 50p) if your child does not already have one. Children are allowed swimming goggles.

Year 6 Cricket Festival Tuesday 6th June
We will be taking two teams from Year 6 to compete in a cricket festival at Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club. The coach will leave at 9.00am and return in time for end of school. Pupils who take a school lunch will be provided with a packed lunch.

Share Aware

The NSPCC have launched a campaign to help parents learn how to keep their children safe when using devices. This is particularly relevant as there has been a rise in the number of issues reported by primary schools linked to children on Social Media. The NSPCC Advice is:-

- Watch and share our new campaign ad 'Safety advice from a 10 year old.'
- Visit our new Share Aware campaign web page (www.nspcc.org.uk)

Year 5 and 6 Durham Cathedral Leavers Service Wednesday 7th June

The children will celebrate their transition to secondary school with lots of other Year 6 children from around the North East in a special service in Durham Cathedral. The service starts at 10.30am and parents/carers are welcome to attend and will be directed where to sit by stewards. Please note that parents will not be sitting with the children. Pupils will return in time for lunch.

HALF TERM

School will close on Friday 26th May and reopen on Monday 5th June for the final half term of the academic year.

Happy Birthday to....

Lee, Ruby, Darcey,Evie,Phoebe A, Lizzie, Blake

Attendance 22nd May – 26th May

R	86%
Y1	91%
Y2	88%
Y3	91%
Y4	89%
Y5	98%
Y6	86%

Stars of the Week

Class 1 (Reception)
Noah, Ashton, Layla, Reuben

Class 2 (Year 1 and Year 2)
Cara, Paige, McKenzie, Harley, Aiden

Class 3 (Year 3 and Year 4)
Ruby, Summer, Harry P, Beatrice, Charlotte H

Class 4 (Year 5 and Year 6)
Mason, Sophie, Emily A, Charlotte R, Sam

Hello and Welcome to your School Nursing Team's monthly Health update. Each month we will be contributing to your schools newsletter to keep you up to date with current and relevant child health issues and topics. This month we will be looking at the issue of **Head Lice and Nits.**

DID YOU KNOW HEAD LICE:

- Feed by sucking blood on the scalp
- Live in any hair length, **clean or dirty**
- Cannot fly or jump, they spread by close head to head contact
- Are most common in primary aged children although they can be caught in secondary school
- Nits are what we call the eggs laid by head lice

The most effective way to detect if your child has head lice is to wet the child's hair and carry out wet detection combing.

- Wash the hair using ordinary shampoo and then use a wide toothed comb to straighten and untangle the hair. Apply any conditioner and once the comb moves freely through the hair, switch to a fine tooth comb (head lice comb).
- Place the comb teeth against the scalp as close as possible and pull through the hair several times.
- If a louse is found wipe comb with paper towel or an old towel.
- Bug busting treatment can be continued throughout the hair by dividing the hair in sections and repeating this process.
- Ensure a few lice are saved on cellotape and then these can be shown to the pharmacy to get free lotion for treatment.
- Rinse out all the conditioner and use the comb through the hair one more time.

THE SAVED HEAD LICE CAN BE TAKEN TO THE CHEMIST AND THE CORRECT HEAD LICE TREATMENT PRESCRIBED. CONTINUE THIS TREATMENT AS PRESCRIBED ENSURING THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY WITH HEAD LICE ARE TREATED.

The wet combing method should be carried out twice weekly if possible in between treatment as this should be used again due to any eggs that may have hatched (as the life cycle of a head louse is 7-10 days).

Any further enquires you can contact your local school nurse on 03000 263568.

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