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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now into the last half term in this school year and have some great activities planned. We will continue to follow our risk assessment, in line with government guidance, and communicate any updates as we receive them.

Recently I have shared school news with you via video. I will continue to update you on any key dates or school information, both in video and written form, so please continue to regularly check your Seesaw parent account and our school Facebook and website page.

Transition Arrangements

Year 6 to Year 7

Unfortunately, the Local Authority and Public Health have advised that High School transition days do not go ahead as planned, due to the risk of an increase in the spread of coronavirus. Our Year 6 teacher is working closely with your child's new teacher to provide any relevant and up to date information to make their move from St Michael's as smooth as possible. We will ensure that all children are as prepared as they can be for the next stage of their education.

New Nursery starters

A meeting for parents of children starting in Nursery in September will take place on 7th July at 9.30am in the school hall. We ask that only one parent attends the meeting as this will enable us to maintain social distancing measures. Parents will be receiving their welcome pack this week.

New Reception starters

There will be two socially distanced meeting for the parents of children starting Reception at St Michael's in September. These will take place on 8th July at 9.30am and 10.30am in the school hall. We ask that only one parent attends and parents will be allocated their meeting time, which will be highlighted in the welcome pack that parents will receive this week.

SIMS Pay System

St Michael's is now using SIMS Pay which is a system that allows parents to pay for school meals and after school clubs online. This new system is expected to make payments easier for parents and will reduce administration time in school, as well as limit the amount of money held by our admin team, which is important in the current climate of coronavirus. From September, we will not be



accepting cash so if you have any questions or would like support in setting up your SIMS Pay account, please contact the school office.

First Holy Communion- Year 5

On Sunday 13th June, Alan, Bilieve, Israel, Nathan and Stephen from Year 5 received their First Holy Communion at St Michael's Church. It was a wonderful celebration of the commitment to their faith. In the coming weeks, Lexi, Rocco, Stephanie, Taylor, Scarlet, Fenay, Igor and Adrian will also receive Holy Communion for the very first time. Please continue to keep these children in your thoughts and prayers at this special time in their lives.

Clean Air Day

On Thursday 17th June, St Michael's will be celebrating Clean Air Day. Clean Air Day is the UK's largest air pollution campaign and this year's theme is 'protect our children's health from air pollution'. The aim of the day is for our children to learn more about air pollution and crucially to do something that will help improve the air we breathe. Each class will be discussing ways to help improve the quality of air, as we all have a part to play. Our Year 6 Green Ambassadors will be leading this initiative and sharing their vision in assembly on Friday.

If you would like to learn more about how air pollution could be affecting you and your family's health, visit cleanairday.org.uk or search #CleanAirDay.



Bike and Scooter Storage

It is brilliant to see so many of our children using their bikes and scooters to come to school. If your child enters through Gate 1 and wants to bring their bike and scooter, they should enter via Gate 2 and walk through school to their classroom. On an evening, children should leave from their designated gate and collect their bike from Gate 2 with their parents. Please also remember that helmets should be worn as protection when riding bikes and scooters.

Community Engagement Week

Community Engagement week is taking place in school next week. Usually, this week is full of exciting activities where our children have the opportunity to spend time in the local community, making a difference to the people of Elswick. Next week, our children will be writing positive message and cards for residents, businesses and charities of Cruddas Park and Elswick.

'Kindness is doing what you can, where you are, with what you have.'

Important Dates:

Please note, we are able to invite **one parent per child** to watch sports day this year.

Nursery and Reception Sports Day Tuesday 20th July 9.15-10.30 (KS1 Yard)

Year 1 Sports Day Monday 19th July 9.30-10.30 (KS1 Yard)

Year 2 Sports Day Monday 19th July 10.45-11.45 (KS1 Yard)

Year 3 Sports Day Monday 19th July 9.30-10.30 (KS2 Yard)

Year 4 Sports Day Monday 19th July 10.45-11.45 (KS2 Yard)

Year 5 Sports Day Monday 19th July 1.45-2.45 (KS1 Yard)

Year 6 Sports Day Monday 19th July 1.45- 2.45 (KS2 Yard)

Thanks for being so supportive. It's a joy to speak with you on the gate and it's a privilege to see our children so happy in school- they are exceptional! Please continue to look after yourself and get in touch with me if you require anything.

Yours Sincerely



Mrs C Chapman
Headteacher