

# School House Newsletter

Dear Families,

I'd like to welcome you all back and hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year! Also, a big hello to all our new families. We look forward to getting to know you and your children as they embark upon their journey with us.

## Facebook

If you haven't joined our Facebook page, I strongly suggest that you do. Our Facebook page "StMichaels SchoolHouse Preschool". This is a private page and only existing parents and staff will be our members. We will be updating the page on a daily basis and will use this as our main form of communication. We will be posting photos of the children to show you what they have been doing during their sessions. If you haven't done so already then please can you let Agi know if you are happy or not for your child's photo to be shown.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1139217826217659/>

## Staff News

I am delighted to tell you all that Fi one of our Keyworkers is expecting a baby due May 2020. This means we will be losing Fi at the end of the Spring Term as she starts her Maternity leave. I'm sure you will all join us in congratulating Fi and her partner on this wonderful news.

## Term dates

### Spring Term 2020

#### 1st Half Term

**Inset day: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

**Pre-school Children return on: Tuesday 7th January**

**Term ends on: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

**Half term: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> February**

#### 2nd Half Term

**Children return on: Monday 24th February**

**Term ends on: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April @ 11.45am**

**Spring Holiday: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

**Inset day - 20<sup>th</sup> April**

## Lunch Club

If your child is attending our lunch club, please make sure you provide well balanced lunch and drink. We also would like to remind you that our school is a NUT FREE ZONE, so please make sure that your child's packed lunch is free of any type on nuts (peanut butter spread, hazelnut etc).

### Invoices

Invoices – Your invoices have already been sent out. On your invoices you will notice that we are asking you to pay a “voluntary contribution”. This is to help us with providing a healthy snack, materials for our arts and crafts and any cooking activity. The amount we are asking you to contribute is £0.50p per funded session that your child attends.

### Grandparents week

We will be hosting our first Grandparents (Grand friends) Week. This special week will commence on the 27<sup>th</sup> of January 2020 to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January. We will hold two sessions per day when the grandparents/grand friends are invited to attend one of the sessions. One in the Morning between 10 am and 11am and one in the afternoon between 1 pm and 2pm.

As our space is limited, I’m afraid parents and siblings cannot attend this event. I am sure you agree you get lots of time with your children and this is a nice opportunity for your child to spend some time and show off to someone else.

The opportunity to sign up for this event will be available from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January, speak to Beckie

### Mother’s Day picnic

We will be hosting a Mother’s Day picnic. This special day will be on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March at 11.30 am. All mothers are invited for this special lunch. We will send more information near the time

### Community Around Us

We are calling on parents/carers to see if you’d like to volunteer your time at any point to come in and read a story to the children, talk about your job and/or hobbies, offer your skills to help with an activity i.e. prepare our garden for Spring.

### Pre-school in September

We will be hosting an open day event on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April 2020 at 10 am. If you know of anyone who is looking for a pre-school, please send them in our direction.

### Child Development

Please note that you can speak to your Key Person at any time and/or take home your child’s folder whenever you wish. We always aim to work closely with our parents because you are the ones that know your child/children the best. We can always learn from you. Please do provide us with your feedback and let us know about any new interests or development changes at home.

On a final note I’d like to thank you all for your continued support and if you have any questions please just ask.

Kind Regards

Agi and the School House Team