

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to take this chance to welcome you and your child into Year 5 'High Flyers' at St. Michael's Catholic Primary School.

After our time off, we are trying to get the children back and settled into the school as we can. The children have already settled in to the routines and are being pushed to work extremely hard! Our P.E. days this term are a Monday, and a Wednesday and we require that all children come to school wearing a dark navy tracksuit, training shoes and a t-shirt. The children will not be able to change when school.

Homework will be sent home each week on a Friday, and should be returned to school by the following Thursday as the very latest. The children will receive two pieces of homework per week, alternating between maths, English and topic activities. They will also have weekly spellings to practice. Alongside this, we also suggest that the children access Reading Plus and Times Table Rockstars at home as often as possible in order to improve their reading and times table skills. There will also be optional 'could do' tasks for any children who are keen to learn more about our topic work at home.

All children should now have taken their reading books home, as children are expected read at least **3 times** at home during the school week, but are encouraged to read for pleasure daily. We will be running a half termly competition to encourage children to read every night. If any parent/guardian would like to support the children with reading in school please let me know as this would be invaluable to the children. Should you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to come in and see me.

I look forward to working with you and your child throughout this important and exciting school year!

Thanks in advance for your continued support,

Mr Ferry & Mrs Haynes.