5th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year! We are looking forward to the all the exciting things 2024 will bring us and getting started on the first half of the Spring Term!

My hip replacement recovery is going well and I have just a couple more weeks on crutches until I can safely be in school again. Thank you for all your kind thoughts, the teachers and children made me a wonderful get-well card with a photo of each class and it was such a tonic to see all their smiling faces! I am able to do some work from home and will be in regular touch with the team. Thank you to the amazing St Michael’s staff for keeping everything running so smoothly in my absence (especially all the fabulous Christmas events they worked so hard to put on at the end of last term).

Mrs Huish, Head Teacher at Dartington, and Mr Grinsill, Head Teacher at Ilsham in Torquay, continue to support the team and make visits to school. We are very grateful for their support and being part of a Trust and family of schools that support each other.

As always we are committed to giving our children an enhanced curriculum that helps us to live our Christian vision, ‘The Future We Create Every Day’. This includes opportunities for further sporting activities, links in the Paignton community as well as making the most of our locality with the nearby town, countryside and beaches.

We also like to open our children up to wider opportunities to explore and nurture talent, from sports to creativity in dance and drama or nurturing the musicians and artists of the future.

If you have any links or yourself have something that you feel would be interesting for the children to experience, do talk to Mrs Burton and we can see if we can arrange a visit into school. It may be an interesting job, career or hobby that the children would love to learn about.

As always we very much value your partnership and are always here to help. Please do talk to your child’s class teacher if you ever have any questions or concerns.

Best wishes and wishing you all a healthy and happy 2024!

Mrs Edwards

Head of Academy