



# ST MICHAEL'S CE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Christmas is in December (!) and some of you maybe in the camp that Christmas is not until the 25th December whereas some of you have already got Michael Buble on! Due to the bookings at the Minster, St Michael's Christmas Service this year is on November 30th and you are all most welcome to attend the 7pm evening service. As per two years ago we will be walking all pupils down to the Minster for an afternoon service. Please let the office know if there is a reason your child can not walk on that day and we will arrange transport.

As so many of you will be popping in and out of shops or online at this time of year can I ask that you take the opportunity to buy purple pens for your child, and any other stock they need in their pencil case. Purple pens are an important part of the learning process as they use it to record new information after a teacher has given feedback which means their 'learning' can stand out when we review their books. We are finding that about a third of a class do not have a purple pen which means we are wasting time handing pens out.

Schools get extra funding for every child whose family are eligible under the Working Tax Credit scheme for free school meals. We have written to all parents that have already registered to indicate the additional benefits available to your child including 1:1 tuition and discounted rates. If you have not received our letter but feel you should have or have not claimed but might be eligible please contact Mrs Gould for more details: [p.gould@stmichaelsmiddle.org](mailto:p.gould@stmichaelsmiddle.org)

I am delighted that we have been able to recruit a lovely new teacher called Miss Eary who has just moved into the area from London who will be starting next week to get upto speed with the St Michael's way but eventually will take over from Mrs Avery who is leaving us at the end of term. Mrs Avery's Year 8 English class with be taken by another teacher new to the area, Mrs Doherty who will be starting in January and has come to us highly recommended so we are glad she has chosen to work with us at St Michael's.

Wimborne Academy Trust recently were part of team who hosted the new Regional Schools Commissioner at a conference at QE School. It was exciting to hear about the plans for the development of education. It was particularly good for schools in our forward thinking Trust to be able to show their capacity to be involved in helping schools throughout the area grow stronger.

## Christmas Shoeboxes

This year we have decided to support a different charity with our shoebox appeal. We are currently taking in Christmas shoeboxes to support The Trussell Trust's FSCI appeal. If you are not already aware, this involves filling a shoebox with a variety of items suitable for a child, wrapping it in Christmas paper and bringing it into school. The leaflets detail suitable items for the shoeboxes. Please see <https://www.fscinet.org/what-we-do/christmas-box-appeal/> to download a leaflet, or collect one from the school office. Shoeboxes (or items that could be contributed to a shoebox) must be in school by Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November. Many thanks to everyone who has already sent in a shoebox.

## EBAY

We have several small electrical/computer items to sell and we would greatly appreciate a little help from someone who has a couple of hours to spare and knows their way around Ebay. You would be helping to raise funds for school so it would be greatly appreciated and shouldn't take too long to set up and post items off. Please email Jacky Robinson our IT technician if you can help: [j.robinson@stmichaelsmiddle.org](mailto:j.robinson@stmichaelsmiddle.org)

## SCHOOL TIMINGS

A reminder that no pupils should be on site before 8.25am as that is when we begin supervision.

The school finishes at 3.15pm, children shouldn't be sitting in reception for extended periods of time. There are lots of clubs they can attend. Also, please note that if your child is doing an external club starting at 4.30pm please collect at the end of the school day and return your child to school as there is no supervision on site.

## Night Cycling

Interested in cycling the many trails in Cannon Hill Plantation after school.

Pick up a letter from the school office or e-mail Mr Lovering on [a.lovering@stmichaelsmiddle.org](mailto:a.lovering@stmichaelsmiddle.org)

Sessions after school on a Tuesday and Thursday.

## SPORTS NEWS

### FOOTBALL

The Yr 8 football team grew in confidence following their convincing friendly match win over West Moors when they played Ringwood School in the 2nd round of the County Cup. At 1-1 after the first half it looked as though it would be tough going in the second, but 4 goals from Felix Collins to add to Ollie Richardson's first half strike and a solid performance from Davey Lane-McIntyre in goal saw St Michael's through to the last 16 in the competition by the scoreline of 5-1.

Year 6 football team 7-a-side and 9-a-side have got off to a great start this year! In our 9-a-side East Dorset group, the team have progressed to the next round after winning and drawing 2 of their 3 matches against Allenbourn, Broadstone and Lockyers. Particular mention must go to their performances against Allenbourn and Broadstone, where the boys' attacking play was phenomenal.

In early November we took a squad of 10 to the East Dorset 7-a-side competition at Ferndown Middle School. The team played some brilliant attacking football, especially from the lightning pace of Jasper Bowley and the quick feet of Harry Deverill to ensure we progressed from our group. In a hard fought semi-final against a strong Ferndown side, solid defending from Miles Bennett, Charlie Middlemiss and Adam Driver ensured the game went to penalties. Confident penalties gave us a chance of progressing and, with Ferndown missing their final penalty, the team progressed to the final against Allenbourn.

If it wasn't for the heroics of the Allenbourn goalkeeper, St. Michael's would have undoubtedly won the final in normal game time. However, a series of fine saves meant that, like the semi-final, the final would go to the lottery of penalties. Despite well taken penalties and the heroics of Archie Russell in goal, we were unable to keep out Allenbourn, who went on to win. Our 2nd place finish ensures we progress to the County finals and we have a good chance, especially if we play as we did at Ferndown, of progressing through that.

### CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to Will Rabjohns who won the Canford School cross country event for Year 7. All our boys and girls teams in Years 6, 7 & 8 performed really well and we await the overall results with anticipation.

### Year 5 & 6 Girls Football

Last Thursday we hosted the U11 Girls football tournament. Unfortunately, St Michael's did not come out victorious but it was a great afternoon of football with six schools taking part. This was the first competitive tournament the girls had ever played together, and they have shown some great potential. Looking forward to lots more football to come with your time at St Michael's!

### Year 7 & 8 Swimming Gala

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November I took a team of Year 7&8 swimmers to QE for a friendly swimming gala. It was a chance for the swimmers to show their possible future PE teacher what they can do in the water, and they did not let us down! St Michael's won every single race some by quite a clear margin!

Murilova Ballet School meets at St Michael's in the dance studio on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday after school to offer ballet and contemporary dance classes for all ages and abilities. Starting as young as 3yrs there are also classes for adults. Receive expert tuition in a fun and friendly environment. For more information please visit our website [www.murilovaballetschool.co.uk](http://www.murilovaballetschool.co.uk) or call Tina for a chat on 07903 753167

## DATES FOR 2017/2018

Tuesday 21st November	Parents Evening for Years 6, 7, & 8 - 5.30pm –7.30pm
Monday 27th November	Parents Evening for Years 6, 7, & 8 - 4pm – 6pm
Thursday 30th November	Carol Service at Wimborne Minster - 7pm
Thursday 14th December	Christmas Lunch tickets available to buy until Monday 4th December
Last day of Term:	Friday 15th December school finishes @ 3.15pm

### SPRING TERM 2018

<b>Staff Training Day:</b>	<b>Tuesday 2nd January</b>
First day of Term:	Wednesday 3rd January
Half-term Holiday:	Monday 12th- Friday 16th February, incl.
Last day of term:	Thursday 29th March
Easter Holiday:	Friday 30th March - Friday 13th April (incl)
First day of term:	Monday 16th April