



# ST MICHAEL'S CE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Even good things come to an end! We are very sorry to be losing two great teachers at Easter; Mrs Wall who has served this school for an incredible 21 years and Mrs Cronk, whose commitment was just as strong but has served somewhat less time! We wish them both all the best in their new ventures. I am delighted that we have been able to recruit very strong replacements. Mr Bush is joining us as Leader for Key Stage 3 English from Hounslow School in Hampshire. Both he and the school have an excellent track record of academic success at KS3 and KS4. He will take Mrs Wall's timetable apart from Year 8 English where he will teach Mrs Cronk's class. Replacing Mrs Cronk for the summer term will be Mrs Swann, whom many of you will know either as a parent or as someone who has taught your child having had very successful times at St John's First and Colehill First. Mrs Swann will take Mrs Wall's Year 8 English group.

We are getting so close now to our latest amazing production, Alice in Wonderland. I saw some of the rehearsals last week and they were amazing- spread the word and don't miss out on a fun filled evening of entertainment: details below...

We are also very close to having our new sculpture of St Michael. The architect, Paul Margetts was inspired by values of protection, optimism and pride and I am sure when you see the finished piece you will be inspired too. It will be an absolutely stand out feature in our new values garden which is gradually coming together. I'd like to thank Simon Humphrey and his family as they have donated a wooden sunflower that has already taken its place. If any of you are keen to assist by donating plants or helping with the planting please get in touch with Mrs Thompson-Brown for more details.

Kind regards,

Ron Jenkinson

### St Michael's CE Middle School presents Disney's 'Alice in Wonderland'

We are excited to announce that tickets for our school production of Disney's 'Alice in Wonderland' are now available to buy using the following ticket source link:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/event/232439>

Performances are on the evenings of Tuesday 27th March, Wednesday 28th March and Thursday 29th March at 7.30pm (doors will open at 7pm). Refreshments will be available before the show and during the interval.

Please do come along and show your support - the pupils and staff involved have been working extremely hard since the Autumn term and want to sell as many tickets as possible; it is always more fun and satisfying performing to a full audience!

There will also be a raffle held each night; if you are willing to donate an item we would be extremely grateful. Items for the raffles can be given to the office.

Many thanks  
The Alice in Wonderland Team

### Collective Worship Update

Over the past few weeks in Collective Worship, we have been reflecting on: Anti-bullying, caring for the elderly, love, Fairtrade and Lent. We have been thinking about how we can look after each other and be good friends, as well as the things we could do to show love and help the elderly in our community feel less lonely. We have been challenged to find out where the things we buy come from, and if they have been traded fairly! Could you swap some of the products you buy for 'Fairtrade' products? As we are now in Lent, we have been thinking about what this means and why Christians celebrate Lent.

Have you seen your child / children living out our school values at home? We would love to hear about the things our young people are doing outside of school to think beyond themselves.

### St Michael's Flash Superhero Day

Reminder: 11 weeks until the St Michael's Guinness World Record for the Number of People Dressed as 'The Flash'. Don't forget to start work on preparing costumes!

The current world record is 250 people.

### Achievement Awards

Please be aware there has been a technical fault with our system which has now been addressed and all delayed Achievement Awards should be on their way to your child.

Apologies.

## SPORTS NEWS

### Cricket

Congratulations to the Yr 5 and Yr 6 Girls Indoor Cricket teams who came 1st and 2nd respectively in the East Dorset competition. The Yr 6 team go on to compete in the Dorset Indoor Cricket Finals on Friday 23rd March. Good luck girls!

Also well done to the Y8 indoor cricket team for winning the County Finals and good luck to the Y8 Girls indoor cricket team for their finals coming soon.

### Rugby

Well done to the Yr 6 Rugby team who competed in the Poole & East Dorset rugby festival last week. Winning 2 of their 4 matches the team played some excellent running rugby!

Congratulations to the Y7 and Y8 7's Rugby teams who won their respective Poole and East Dorset competitions.

### Rowing

Well done to Jacob Holloway-Ormston, Sammy Warner, Tomas Mynard, Arron Kennedy (Yr 7), Lauren Thorne, Andrew Eary & Jasper Hadaway-Edwards (Yr 8) who all qualified for the National Junior Indoor Rowing Championships at Lee Valley, London on Friday 9th March representing East Dorset.

### Football

Our Year 6 footballers have enjoyed some great success in the Spring Term. 14 boys took part in a tournament at QE on Friday 9th February with friendly tournament games against Allenbourn and Lockyers, with a handball festival taking part alongside it. Both teams played great, fluid football and won 3 out of their 4 games with William Turner and Jamie Hartshorne being particularly impressive.

The Year 6's run in the Under 11s boys' County Cup continues too, after victories over St Walbargus Primary and Puddletown Middle school to reach the semi-final in which we will play Heatherlands Primary. A consistent spine of the team has emerged and the boys have been playing some great football. Miles Bennett and Charlie Middlemiss have been impassable in defence with Sam Bradford linking the play in midfield brilliantly.

Good luck to the Y7 Football team in their County Cup Final at the end of this month.

### Under 13 Girls Football

On Thursday 22nd February we took part in the East Dorset 7 aside tournament at QE School. The girls played extremely well and not only did they not lose a game all tournament but, they also did not concede any goals either! The girls were victorious and will be representing East Dorset at the Dorset School Games, taking place at on March 19th.

### Under 13 Hockey

On Monday 26th February we took a boys and a girls team to take part in the East Dorset hockey tournament held at QE. It was bitterly cold with even a few snow flakes falling! This did not stop our teams from playing extremely well in their first hockey matches together. The girls St Michael's team came 2nd overall and the boys St Michael's team came 1st. The boys look forward to representing East Dorset at the hockey Dorset School Games Finals on March 16th (TBC).

### DATES FOR 2018

#### SPRING TERM 2018

Easter Experience (Year 5)	w/c 12th March
Greek Day (Year 5)	Thursday 22nd March
Alice in Wonderland Show at Canford School	Tuesday 27th - Thursday 29th March @ 7pm
Last day of term:	Thursday 29th March
Easter Holiday:	Friday 30th March - Friday 13th April (incl)

#### SUMMER TERM 2018

First day of term:	Monday 16th April
Holne Park Residential (Year 7)	w/c 14th May
SATs (Year 6)	w/c 14th May
Sandwalk (Year 8)	Thursday 24th May
Half Term Holiday:	Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June (incl)
French Residential (Year 8)	Monday 18th June - Friday 22nd June
Heatree Residential (Year 6)	Wednesday 18th - Friday 20th July
Leavers Service	Monday 23rd July
Tower Park (Year 8)	Tuesday 24th July
Last day of term	Tuesday 24th July

### Handbells

The handbell group have been out entertaining the residents of Harleston House, a retirement home in our area. The children played for about half an hour and had the residents singing along with their repertoire which ranges from traditional songs such as 'Cockles and Mussels' to 'Blowing in the Wind' by Bob Dylan.

Thanks to Ruth Atkin for all her hard work preparing the group.

If your child is interested in joining the handbell group, please contact Mr Johnston on [e.johnston@stmichaelsmiddle.org](mailto:e.johnston@stmichaelsmiddle.org)