



ST MICHAEL'S CE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I have so many good things to tell you about. Staff and pupils have been so busy this term it is quite remarkable; sometimes after an Ofsted inspection everything slows down but not at St Mikes! There was the amazing joint Colehill Community Choir and St Michael's orchestra bringing 82 and 9yr olds together in the same concert; our world record attempt for number of people dressed as 'The Flash'; the Year 7 trip to Roche Court Sculpture Park which was expanded after a successful trip last year; our link with church and community through allotments and 'yarn bombing' (have you seen our colourful tree?); an ex-pupil playing football for England U17s; the ground work on our new pond; a full term of our new cycle of Collective Worship which has allowed us to work more carefully through our core values; so far this term Year 5,6 and 8 have all had Collective Worship hosted at St Michael's Church; our values garden is coming on with the new sculpture and over half term the planting will begin in earnest; an amazing Year 7 residential to Holne Park in Devon and some fabulous activities in school for those that remained; a fabulous evening supporting parents on how to help pupils with anxiety— over 150 people attended St Michael's from a variety of schools; all the sports information as always on page 2; and I can confirm that after being inundated with applications St Michael's will likely be full in every year group in September. All this whilst maintaining the rigour in lessons and around school.

I would like to thank pupils and parents in Year 6 for their commitment and dedication in last weeks national SATS. The week passed smoothly and pupils remained so positive throughout. Thank you also to Mr Wheeler and his team for keeping the positive vibe going to allow pupils to perform their best.

We will have 'end of year' reports home to you ahead of Parents Evenings on Thursday 14th and 21st June. I would like to remind you that the reports throughout the year are intended to give you a snapshot of your child's approach to learning and attainment in core areas which can be developed at Parents Evening if required. I am aware that not everybody has been able to see their child's English and Maths teacher or indeed for other subjects if that teacher teaches those subjects because of the high demand; we are looking at changes next year including Parents Evenings for selected year groups in order to improve access to teachers.

Mr Jenkinson

School Attendance

We thank you all for your support in ensuring that your children are attending school regularly.

Regular attendance at school is a legal requirement and we have strict process that we must follow if a child's absence dips below 95% (*this equates to **ten days** which is **two weeks** of absence*). Our whole school target is 97% and we are currently on 95.4%. Could we ask for your support in reaching our target for attendance.

A reminder if your child is absent due to illness you can leave a message on Parentmail which the school office can pick up or alternatively you can leave a message on our absence line.

Collective Worship Update

Over the past few weeks in Collective Worship we have been reflecting on: hope, peace, forgiveness and courage. We have been thinking about our hopes for the future, how we can be peacemakers in the classroom, being at peace with who we are, and the things that give us courage. We have also reflected on the work of Christian Aid.

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.

ECO Group

The following items are now being collected in school for recycling, any queries please contact Mrs Paton - s.paton@stmichaelsmiddle.org

Milk bottle tops—plastic (Priest House)

Sweet & Savoury biscuit wrappers— (Ideas2Action)

Stamps - (Minster Sudan Link)

Cleaning product items—washing up liquid tops, pumps, sprays, empty disinfectant and personal wipe packets (Ideas2Action)

Empty/broken pens, felt tips, highlighters, mechanical pencils, empty Tippex bottles (Ellie's fund Research into Brain Tumours)

Ring pulls (Purple Community Fund)

Printer ink cartridges—any make (Wimborne Win on Waste)

Greetings Card 6x4 or larger (St Michael's Church, Colehill – Sudan link))

Aluminium Foil & Metal bottle tops (Poole Methodists Redevelopment)

Old keys & padlocks (Routes to roots)

Candle ends (Trussell Trust – Food banks)

Cosmetics full, part-used (Dorset Cancer Care)

Bras (Poole Ladybird unit – breast cancer)

SPORTS NEWS

Tino and Year 8

On Friday 4th May Mr Wellman and Mrs Barlow took ten Yr 8 pupils to Chesterfield FC to watch one of our former pupils Tino Anjorin play football for England U17's against Israel U17's in the opening match of the 2018 Euro tournament.

Unfortunately, Tino was not available for selection due to picking up a hamstring injury in the final England training session the previous day. However, following the match Tino made time to come and talk to the staff and pupils where he was willing to answer pupils' questions, sign autographs and pose for photographs.

Tino is hoping to find time after his busy season for Chelsea and England, not to mention his GCSE exams, to visit us at the school before the end of the Summer term.



Cricket

Congratulations to both the Y8 Girls and Boys cricket teams for winning their Poole & East Dorset competitions and qualifying for the Dorset finals later in the year.

School Vacancy

St Michaels is seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and highly motivated administrator to the post of Clerk to the Academy Committee from September.

The successful candidate will be responsible for the preparation of agendas and associated paperwork, taking and typing of minutes at the Committee meetings and maintaining accurate records for the Committee. A willingness to work flexible hours is required as the workload is variable. The post will be term time only.

For more information please contact Mrs Wellman in the school office.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

School Uniform is now purchased through our supplier, Brigade, who deliver directly to your home.

Orders must be placed before 7th August on-line for delivery before the start of September.

To place an order log onto www.brigadeuniformdirect.uk.com, enter the school's name and select from the drop down list.

Please note that we are only keeping limited stock in school.

Exciting Allotment Opportunities

A group of keen gardeners and ex parents have been working hard to improve our school environment and we thank them for their fantastic work (in all weathers!) around school. Our Allotment Crew from Year 7 under the guidance of Mrs Holmes have continued to dig, weed, plant and water the school allotments. We plan to plant all of the beds with vegetables for school use build a new compost area for all vegetable waste from Food and Nutrition lessons, plant an orchard, build a shed, and invite members of the local community to join us out of school hours.

We have many ideas but what we need now is plants, seeds, split perennials etc to help us have thriving school gardens. If you have any spare plants please bring them to the school office and we'll get planting.

More news about garden open mornings to follow...

Mrs Holman and her merry crew of gardeners

DATES FOR 2018

SUMMER TERM 2018

Half Term Holiday:	Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June (incl)
Years 5 & 6 Sports Day	Thursday 7th June - 1.30pm
Years 7 & 8 Sports Day	Friday 8th June - 1.30pm
Year 8 Tall Ships	Monday 11th June - Friday 15th June
Parents Evening	Thursday 14th June 5pm - 8pm
French Residential (Year 8)	Monday 18th June - Friday 22nd June
Parents Evening	Thursday 21st June 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Year 8 Canford School	Tuesday 26th 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 finish 3.15pm
Staff Training Day	Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th September
First Day of Term	Wednesday 5th September
Half Term	Monday 22nd - Friday 26th October
Staff Training Day	Monday 29th October
Last Day of Term	Friday 21st December

CHURCH CAR PARK

We have been asked by the Church to remind parents that the Church Centre car park is principally for the use of Church members and Church Centre users. The Church is happy for parents to use any AVAILABLE parking bays at setting down and picking up times but only to park in the marked bays and not to obstruct bays by double parking as this inconveniences others and obstructs emergency vehicle access.

Queen Elizabeth's 

**Wednesday
11th
July**

Queen Elizabeth's
School are delighted
to invite you to join us
in our end of year
'Celebration of Creativity'
evening with
entertainment and
Art exhibition

6.00 - 8.00pm
RSVP
jday@qe.dorset.sch.uk

TEXTILES

MUSIC

DANCE

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DRAMA

GRAPHICS

ART

PHOTOGRAPHY

**PRODUCT
DESIGN**

 

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