



ST MICHAEL'S CE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I hope your 2019 has started as well as ours here at St Michael's. Pupils have been showing excellent focus in and around school and, in particular, have shifted up several 'gears' in their singing during Collective Worship at the start of the year helped by Mr Johnson's enthusiasm, pupils leading with music and singing and our amazing new wall art. As you can see from the photo our resident artist/Art Technician Miss Bridie Cheeseman www.bridiecheeseman.co.uk has done an amazing job of creating a landscape based around Biblical stories which can be a focus for our school Collective Worship. I hope you enjoy looking at it next time you are in school.



I suspect that with the slightly colder weather there have been more cars at the front of school recently. Can I encourage you to consider dropping and collecting slightly further away as the congestion on Colehill Lane is not helpful to anyone. There are plenty of roads within half a mile of school which you can use and don't require your child to cross a road unsupervised. We will update our website with a map to help you identify some of the options.

Hopefully those of you with Year 4 children have successfully applied for a school place in September. Although the deadline has passed if you act immediately you will still be able to get in on the first round. St Michael's has had its highest number of first preference applications so it will be essential to get into the first round to be considered for a place. It is a real vote of confidence to the daily excellence of staff at school that we are so highly regarded now and I am grateful to their dedication and enthusiasm for the young people at school.

Ron Jenkinson
Headteacher

Colehill Music and Drama

HOW TO PUT THE FUN IN FUNDRAISING AND SUPPORT LOCAL SCHOOLS AS WELL

Come! See a fairy tale unfold, a tale that often has been told, of sweet Snow White and bitter Queen, of magic mirror all serene, of seven dwarves and silly Dame (though our dwarves don't have Disney names!).

The handsome prince we'll have as well, the huntsman snared by wicked spell, a pompous old Lord Chamberlain, a lad who loves Snow White in vain – this last, a gentle chap called Andy, will find the audience's help quite handy!

Twenty years ago in 1999, Co.MaD performed "Cinderella", their first ever pantomime, in aid of Colehill First School. (Their second, "Snow White" in 2000, was in aid of St. Michael's.) 2019's pantomime, an original "Snow White" script, will take place on Fri to Sun, 8th to 10th February (7.30 Fri, 2.30 Sat, 7.30 Sat, 2.30 Sun) at Colehill Memorial Hall BH21 2LS. Donations from the proceeds will go to both Colehill and Hayeswood First Schools.

Tickets £7 Adult, £5 Child (up to 16) from Hilary 01202 886303.

BAD WEATHER

In the event that the school has to be closed due to bad weather. Information can be found on Dorset For You website, local radio or the school website.

If the school has to close during the school day because weather conditions have deteriorated we will prioritise communicating with the families of children who travel by bus and send a text message via Parentmail. The school website will indicate that you can come and collect your child and we will have a safe collection system from Munchbox so please come to that door to collect. **Please do not ring** into school with details of your own travel plans as this will block our phone lines.

HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2018/2019

SPRING TERM 2019

Staff Training Day:	Monday 7th January
First day of Term:	Tuesday 8th January
Year 8—Holocaust Trip	Friday 25th January 2019
Year 8 Trip—Winchester	Friday 8th February 2019
Half-term Holiday:	Monday 18th - Friday 22nd February, incl.
Last day of Term:	Thursday 4th April - school finishes @ 3.15pm
Staff Training Day:	Friday 5th April

SUMMER TERM 2019 First

day of Term:	Tuesday 23rd April
Bank Holiday:	Monday 6th May
Year 7 Residential	w/c Monday 13th May
Year 6 Residential	w/c Monday 20th May
Half-term Holiday:	Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May, incl.
Pupil's Return:	Monday 3rd June
Year 8 Residential	Monday 24th—Friday 28th June
Last day of Term:	Tuesday 23rd July - school finishes @ 3.15pm

Calling for any surplus Christmas gifts and nearly new items for our 'Bring and Buy Sale.'

Event:- Monday 28th January 3.30pm - 4.30pm in Munchbox.

This is a Year 8 event to raise money in aid of one of their chosen charities, Routes to Roots, which is a charity that seeks to help homeless people in Poole by providing basic necessities, such as hot food, clothing and sleeping bags.

Please drop off items to reception, clearly marked for 'bring and buy sale,' or give them to your child to bring to Newton lab. NO LATER than THURSDAY 24th January.

Thank you in advance and I look forward to seeing all you bargain hunters on Monday 28th!

Kind Regards
Mrs Barlow
Head of KS3