



ST MICHAEL'S CE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly can I thank Mrs Navin and her team from the PTA for organising our first ever Summer Vibe event which seemed to go really well and the feeling of all involved was that with a few tweaks it would be well worth developing again for next year. We welcome your feedback so if you have any observations please do email the office and we will pass them on to the team.

As always this time of year is one of change and whilst we are excited about Mr Scott, Mrs Moon-Brewer, Mme Der and Mrs Willis joining the teaching team in September we are also sad that this means some folk are leaving us. On the teaching side we say farewell to Miss McLoughlin, Mrs Allen and Ms Wareham and on the non-teaching side Miss Huxtable and Mrs Politis who have been very important and committed members of our TA team. Mrs Allen joined St Michael's 30 years ago but took a break in the middle. Over the years she built up an outstanding art department which is undoubtedly the best I have ever worked with and I am delighted that she has agreed to provide consultancy for us next year to ensure we can keep up the high standards all round. Ms Wareham joined St Michael's in 2007 and has expertly led her team of TA's as well as providing support to Dorset from time to time. We wish them both all the best in their retirement knowing full well they will both be far too busy to really call themselves retired! Miss McLoughlin has only been with us the one year but she has been an excellent team member and we wish her all the best as she returns home.

This year has seen some great strides forward for St Michael's in the academic, the arts, the music and the sports worlds. I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work and dedication.

We are almost full next year in Years 5, 6 & 7 so if you are aware of anyone still looking for a place can you urge them to be quick because we are likely to fill up soon in those year groups.

I wish you all a restful summer.

Mr Jenkinson

MUSIC EVENTS

Summer Concert

The school is holding a free summer concert on Wednesday 13th July in the school at 7pm all parents welcome.

Year 5 Singing Performance

Year 5 have been working really hard on a singing project all half term and we would like to invite Year 5 parents to come and enjoy a short concert starting at 9:15am in the school hall. The performance will be finished by 9:45am.

New Piano

The music department are extremely grateful to the School Association for purchasing a new piano for the practice room. It will make a huge difference to peripatetic teachers and those pupils receiving music lessons.

Wildlife Pond - Mrs Atkins

To mark the fact that I have been working in this wonderful school for twenty years next year I would like to celebrate by making a wildlife pond (not the usual I know). This will enhance the school grounds and provide an opportunity for pond and wildlife studies for the pupils.

School has already bought, with the generous help of the school association, a pond liner and fencing.

I have the enthusiasm so all that is left is the muscle power! If there are any families that would be willing to help with digging or have a small mechanical digger I would love to hear from you. I shall starting work on Fridays and some Saturday mornings in the near future.

I can be contacted at s.atkins@stmichaelsmiddle.org if you can be of any assistance.

SPORTS NEWS

It's been a very busy term on the sports field with an unprecedented amount of successes across all year groups. Our athletics teams have performed well - the Yr 6 team winning the Poole & East Dorset Ward Goodman trophy. School records have been broken too - Tomas Mynard (Yr 5 75m), Thomas Slade (Yr 5 High Jump), Will Rabjohns (Yr 5 600m), Benji Mwaruwari (Yr 6 Long Jump), Abbie Lovering (Yr 8 800m & 1500m). Special mentions should go to Tomas Mynard (Yr 5 75m), Will Rabjohns (yr 6 600m) and Benji Mwaruwari (Yr 6 Long Jump) who were 1st, 2nd & 2nd respectively at the County Athletics Championships.

At the Dorset School Games St Michael's (Yr 7 Boys) were County Champions in Indoor Rowing with Lewis Collins finishing 2nd and Cameron Lowes 3rd. Rosie Doe (Yr 8) riding Billy Whizz was placed second in her class at the equestrian event and our Yr 8 Girls cricket team were crowned County Champions leading to a Regional Final in Bristol next week.

CRICKET

Investment in repairing our cricket nets has paid dividends with our Yr 5 boys and our Yr 6 girls Kwik Cricket teams winning the County Finals. The girls also progress to Regional Finals in Bristol next week.

Congratulations and good luck to the Y8 Boys and girls cricket teams going to the regional finals in Bristol this week.

Well done to the Y8 cricket team who beat Poole Grammar to become Dorset champions

SWIMMING

Leweston School – Friday June 15th

We took a team of Year 6 and Year 7/8 swimmers to Leweston School to compete in a girls only relay gala. We were the only state school at the competition but that didn't bother our teams and they produced some outstanding performances. The Year 8's went on to finish 3rd and the Year 6's finished 2nd, just 2 points behind the winners. Great job girls!

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE AT ST MICHAEL'S

1. Intensive swimming lessons with Southern Cygnets.
2. Archery 7 yrs plus on every Friday 10-12 or 1-3pm. £3.50 per session.
3. Danny Thomas Soccer coaching and multi sports - Tues, Weds and Thurs on weeks commencing 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd Aug.
4. Synchronised swimming 17 & 18 Aug - SOS swim school.
5. Junior Lifeguard and First Aid 17 Aug - SOS swim school.
6. Forest School 7 yrs plus on Tues 26th Jul, 2nd, 9th Aug and Thurs 28th Jul, 4th & 11th Aug 9am - 3pm.
7. Bikeability - cycle training levels 1,2 & 3 courses dependent on demand.

LEAVERS SERVICE

A reminder that the Leaver's Service time has changed from 10am to 11am on Friday 15th July at St Michael's Church.

HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2015/2016

Friday 15th July	Leavers Service@ St Michaels Church @ 11am
Friday 15th July	Year 8 Celebration Evening
Tuesday 19th July	Year 8 - Tower Park
Tuesday 19th July	Last day of term

HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2016/2017

AUTUMN TERM 2016

Staff Training Days:

First day of Term:

Half-term Holiday:

Staff Training Day:

Pupils Return:

Last day of Term:

Thursday 1 & Friday 2 September

Monday 5 September

Monday 24 – Friday 28 October

Monday 31 October

Tuesday 1 November

Friday 16 December

SPRING TERM 2017

Staff Training Day:

First day of Term:

Half-term Holiday:

Last day of Term:

Tuesday 3 January

Wednesday 4 January

Monday 13 - Friday 17 February, incl.

Friday 7 April

SUMMER TERM 2017

First day of Term:

Bank Holiday:

Half-term Holiday:

Staff Training Day:

Pupil's Return:

Last day of Term:

Monday 24 April

Monday 1 May

Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June, incl.

Monday 5 June

Tuesday 6 June

Friday 21 July