



ST MICHAEL'S CE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Piam Brown

Last year we raised over £2000 for the Piam Brown Children's Cancer Ward at Southampton Hospital. This year we would like to raise even more because our school links have got even stronger, not least because one of our own pupils is currently receiving treatment there. On Friday 31st January there will be a mufti day so pupils can wear rainbow colours which is the theme of Piam Brown Ward. We will be coming off timetable in the afternoon to complete activities and learn a dance which the whole school will perform- we would like pupils to collect sponsors for this so start saving! There is also an opportunity for any child who has long hair to volunteer allowing the Hairdressers at Headstart in Colehill cutting off a minimum of 21cm in order to donate to the Little Princess Trust <https://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/>

We are busy with our **Fundraising Fridays** and holding cakes sales until 7th February and would ask that you send your child with some small change if they wish to support the cake sales on Friday break times.

Where Champions Learn

At St Michael's we try and foster high expectations for all aspects of pupils learning and in some ways singling out sport is a reflection of the media attention athletes get whereas we tend not to hear about all our other amazing students. With that caveat in mind it is lovely to hear about several ex students making their way in elite sport at the moment: Ben White is currently playing centre back for Leeds FC; Tino Anjorin is with Chelsea and has already appeared for the first team in a cup match; James Williams is playing for Sale Sharks and appeared for the first 15 on Friday and had to take on kicking duties after MacGinty went off injured; Kelly Snook has recently joined for Southampton FC; Piers Copeland recently won an Under 23 medal in 1500m and Tom Prest is playing as an all rounder at Hampshire CC recently turning out for the seconds. Well done to all these former students for their dedication in pursuit of excellence!

Do get in touch if you know of any ex-pupils who have taken up a career following their passions whether sports, arts, music or indeed any areas they developed as passions at a young age.

Staffing

We send our best wishes to Mr Smart's family as they continue with their treatments. Mrs Snaith will work with Mrs Boyes on Monday teaching 6B and will take over after that. Mrs Snaith is an excellent addition to our team and although we didn't want to have to move her from Year 5 we know 6B is a longer term vacancy so it makes sense to use her skills with that class for the remainder of the academic year. She will also be taking Mr Wallis's Year 8 Maths and Mr Wallis will be taking Mr Barker's Year 8 Class. From Monday Mr Smart's class will be taught by Mrs Warren and Mrs Odgers will be extending her hours to cover 5OW so that there is consistency across Year 5 for the remainder of this half term. There is such a shortage of teachers available both locally and nationally so I am so grateful to colleagues for taking on the extra responsibility; using our staff is so much more secure than bringing in supply even if it had been available.

SPORTS NEWS

St Michaels Years 5 and 6 swim team win the East Dorset Schools Gala.

On Wednesday 15th January, pupils from years 5 and 6 competed in a gala at Canford against others schools in East Dorset. After some close competition from Castle Court St Michaels were crowned the winners and a few swimmers have gone through to qualify for the County gala to represent East Dorset.

ATTENDANCE REMINDERS:

Regular, uninterrupted and punctual attendance secures the best possible learning achievement for all our children, as well as being a legal requirement; we are committed to working in partnership with you to achieve this.

To clarify:

All children are expected to arrive at school between 8:20 - 8:35 a.m. ready to start the school day at 8:35 a.m. otherwise they are recorded as late. They will be missing out on important information needed for the school day ahead.

If your child is too unwell to attend school, you need to contact the school by 9 a.m. on every day of their absence This is really important in terms of safeguarding to ensure your child is safe.

From September 2013, Head Teachers no longer have discretion to grant leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The fundamental principles for defining 'exceptional' are rare, significant, unavoidable & short. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND NOT BOOKING ANY HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME.

Illnesses directly before or after authorised or unauthorised holidays will require medical evidence otherwise will be deemed unauthorised.

Please provide appointment cards / consultant letters for any medical appointments. Although where possible ensure these are made outside school hours or during school holidays.

PUT THE FUN IN FUNDRAISING AND SUPPORT AN EXCELLENT CAUSE AS WELL

Co.MaD's 2020 pantomime "Puss in Boots" - Fri 7th to Sun 9th February (Fri 7.30pm, Sat 2.30pm & 7.30pm, Sun 2.30pm) at Colehill Memorial Hall BH21 2LS

Donations from the proceeds will go to FAB, a charity supporting children all over SW England who have suffered from severe burns; one of those children is taking part in this panto.

The plot. Our hero, young Harry, is honest but poor, and cheated by two selfish brothers - first Tom who's bad-tempered, then Dick who's self-centred, while Harry's just thinking of others. The King and the Princess are in trouble deep - in debt to an Ogre most scary; they can't pay him back, so their future looks black - the Princess the Ogre must marry! And Harry must now make his way in the world, while left with only a cat; but Puss has a plan to promote this young man, using boots and a sack and a hat!

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

HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2019/2020

SPRING TERM 2020

Year 8 Holocaust	Wednesday 29th January
Year 5 Parents Evening	Tuesday 11th February 4pm - 7pm
Year 5 Greek Day	Wednesday 12th February
Year 8 Winchester Science Centre	Thursday 13th February
Half Term Holiday	Monday 17th- Friday 21st February, incl.
Year 6 Parents Evening	Thursday 5th March 4pm - 7pm
Year 6 SATS Information Evening	Tuesday 17th March - 6.30pm - 7.30pm
Year 8 Parents Evening	Thursday 19th March 4pm - 7pm
Last day of Term:	Friday 3rd April

SUMMER TERM 2020

First day of Term:	Monday 20th April
Year 7 Parents Evening	Tuesday 28th April 4pm - 7pm
Bank Holiday:	Friday 8th May
Year 7 Holne Park Residential	w/c 11th May
SATs Week	w/c 11th May
Half Term Holiday:	Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May, incl.
Pupil's Return:	Monday 1st June
Year 8 French Residential	w/c 22nd June
Transfer Day	Friday 3rd July
Year 6 Heatree Residential	w/c 13th July
Last day of Term:	Friday 17th July school finishes 12.45pm

TERM DATES 2020-21

Autumn Term 2020

Staff Training Days	Thursday 3rd September & Friday 4th September
First Day of Term	Monday 7th September
Half Term Holiday	Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October
Staff Training Day	Monday 2nd November (All Schools)
Pupils Return	Tuesday 3rd November
Last Day of Term	Friday 18th December (First and Middle Schools Only)

Spring Term 2021

Staff Training Day	Monday 4th January (First and Middle Schools Only)
First Day of Term	Tuesday 5th January (First and Middle Schools Only)
Half Term Holiday	Monday 15th – Friday 19th February
Pupils Return	Monday 22nd February
Last Day of Term	Thursday 1st April

Summer Term 2021

First Day of Term	Monday 19th April
May Day Holiday	Monday 3rd May
Half Term Holiday	Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June
Staff Training Day	Monday 7th June (First and Middle Schools Only)
Pupils Return	Tuesday 8th June (First and Middle Schools Only)
Last Day of Term	Friday 23rd July