



ST MICHAEL'S CE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year.

Shortly you will be receiving your child's interim report. I am very grateful to the hundred or so parents who came out last night to be briefed on the rationale behind these reports. As I guess most of you will know by now the government disbanded the previous assessment system in which pupils were given levels depending on their attainment. The government stated that levels had become confusing to parents and that pupils were being rushed between levels rather than properly developing the skills that they needed at each stage.

In the light of this we have worked very closely with Wimborne Academy Trust schools and with Queen Elizabeth School and their partner middle schools to produce a report which you can use as a discussion starter with your child and with your child's teachers. To that end parents evenings will follow shortly after the release of the report and I invite you put in your diary Wednesday 20th January between 6pm - 8.30pm and Thursday 28th January between 3.30pm - 6pm. As in previous years these spring term parents evenings will be subject-based giving you the chance to speak to your child's specific teacher for certain subjects.

There will be more detail about the format of the reports in the report documents but the focus, as indicated, is about your child's approach to their learning and whether or not they're making the progress we expect from their starting points. Clearly if any of these areas are not secure it is essential that you attend parents evenings. I would add that there are many reasons why a child may not be making expected progress, the important thing is to be clear as a family and as a school of what we are doing to support pupils to progress and achieve.

Mr Jenkinson

LION KING

Can I take this opportunity to highlight the excellent production of The Lion King being put on at QE School this term. I am delighted that we have several current pupils from St Michael's taking part as the directors at QE opened up some parts to younger children. This means that not only do we have our own musical in full production mode but we also have some pupils performing in February. There is a link on their homepage for tickets if you want a thoroughly entertaining evening:
www.qe.dorset.sch.uk.

PNBS

Can I ask that you all check your child's PNB to see how they have been getting on with their 'I can' statements on page 11- they should have completed the first two columns. In particular, if there are any amber or reds for 'bring the correct equipment' or 'settle to the task' can you please make sure your child has a properly stocked pencil case and they are aware of the importance of the first 10 minutes of a lesson. Thank you for your help in this.

ROWING

I would like to offer congratulations to Mr Fountain and his excellent team of fundraisers who rowed over 8km on the last day of term to raise over £300 pounds for the RNIB- it was a fantastic achievement by the lads; Scott Lever, Robert Cooper, Cameron Lowes, Harley Richardson, Ryan Atkins, Connor Stanley, Malachi Robinson & Alex Jordan.



HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2015/2016

Wednesday 20th January	Parents Evening 6pm - 8.30pm
Tuesday 26th January	Year 8 - Holocaust Day @ Lytchett Minster School
Thursday 28th January	Parents Evening 3.30pm - 6pm
Monday 15th - 19th February	Half Term
Thursday 25th February	Holne Park Meeting @ 6pm
Thursday 24th March	Last day of term
Monday 11th April	First day of Summer term
Tuesday 19th - Thursday 21 April	St Michael's Show at Q.E. - 7pm
Friday 29th April	Year 8 Sandwalk
Monday 9th May - 13th May	Year 7 Residential to Holne Park
w/c Monday 16th May	Year 6 Residential to Heatree
Monday 30th May - 3rd June	Half term
Monday 20th - 23rd June	Year 8 Residential to France
Friday 8th July	Transfer Day
Friday 15th July	Year 8 Celebration Evening
Tuesday 19th July	Last day of term
Monday 5th September	First day for pupils

PARENTS EVENINGS

Wednesday 20th January 6 pm - 8.30pm or Thursday 28th January 3.30pm - 6pm - letter to follow shortly.