



ST MICHAEL'S CE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The call of the Welsh Valleys of home have been too great for Miss Matthews and I am sorry to say after 6 busy years with St Michael's she will be leaving us this Easter. It has proved difficult to replace her with one teacher and so we have called in three excellent reinforcements who will all be taking discrete classes so pupils' curriculum experience will be of only one teacher: Mme Der will be taking the Year 8 classes and sharing most of 6M Form Tutor duties, she previously taught French at St Osmund's Middle School and having been lead teacher for French in the Dorchester Area Schools Partnership; Mrs Richardson who many will know as she was a full time employee with us until recently will also be sharing the key 6M Form Tutor role on a Thursday and Friday; Mrs Sherlock will be taking nearly all Miss Matthews morning lessons, including nearly all her English classes, she was previously leading French at Cranborne Middle.

We are also saying good bye to a couple of our TA's as Mr Fountain has the opportunity to go and compete in Australia as a professional Bowls player and Miss Stanfield is undertaking further training ahead of possibly returning to South America. We have been enriched by their presence at school and they will be welcome back should they venture back to these shores!

We have also taken on a new member of staff recently but the children haven't seen too much of her as she starts work at 7.30am organising the cover for when teachers are running sports teams or training or indeed just off. Her name is Mrs Haynes and we are delighted to have her helping us out in this important role.

Feedback - Thank you to those who have returned their parent questionnaires both for the review of the school and your views on potential changes to our reporting system. We want as many back as possible to make the process as informative as we can so please do send those forms back in this week. Many thanks.

Swimming - Thank you also to all those of you who have paid your swimming contributions. We have seen a much more committed response from the parents as a whole and it makes such a difference to the viability of swimming in the curriculum and as a club. I know the Government say the costs are included in a school's budget but we don't get any more money than a school which doesn't run a pool so keeping our pool open is a real commitment to pupils health and well being and your contributions make such a difference. We will send out another reminder because I know some folk just forget but we are close to reaching a point where we can repair a broken ventilation system which would be a great step forward.

I wish you all a restful Easter

Mr Jenkinson

Request for volunteer SATs readers 2106

Please reply to j.vine@stmichaelsmiddle.org as soon as possible, indicating dates and times, if you will be able to help at any of the times below. I understand that due to unforeseen circumstances your availability may change.

Date	Time	Test	Duration
11 April Monday	08.50	Practice Maths SATs	45 mins-1 hour
12 April Tuesday	08.50	Practice Maths SATs	45 mins-1 hour
15 April Friday	09.45	Practice English (SPAG)	45 mins approx.
10 May Tuesday	09.30	English (SPAG) SATs	45 mins-1 hour
11 May Wednesday	11.15	Maths SATs	45 mins-1 hour
12 May Thursday	09.30	Maths SATs	45 mins-1 hour
13 May Friday	09.00 – 09.50	Science	45 mins test
13 May Friday	10.00 – 11.00	Science	45 mins test

CELEBRATION NEWS

Music– Well done to the Djembe band who supported Wimborne fair Trade in the Square earlier in March. They were an excellent sight and sound filling the Square with rhythm.

Easter Egg Hunt– We are delighted to be welcoming Beau-croft pupils to St Michael’s tomorrow to enjoy the grounds as they compete in an Easter Egg Hunt with the help of St Michael’s School Council .

Girls Football- The year 5 girls’ team had their first taste of competitive play this term and played really well to secure 3rd place in both tournaments they were involved in. Our year 6 girls won the friendly tournament held at St Michaels without dropping a point.

Year 7’s are due to play Glenmoore in the semi-final of the county cup having breezed through their previous stage, beating Emmanuel 6-0!

Year 8’s beat Ferndown 2-1 in the semi-final of the PEDSSA cup last week, meaning they are now in the PEDSSA, County Cup and Dorset School Games Finals!

Boys Football- Huge well done to the Year 7 boys who have qualified for the PEDSSA Football Cup Final. Good luck.

The Year 8 boys continue to excel on the football field. They are still unbeaten this year reaching the PEDSSA semi finals by defeating Allenbourn, the Dorset County Cup Final by defeating Poole Grammar School and the semi finals of the ESFA PlayStation Small School's Trophy by defeating St. Bernard's Grammar School (Slough) on penalties. This is an amazing achievement given that 167 schools entered the tournament in September!

Rugby—Well done to the Year 6 Rugby team who reached the final of the PEDSSA rugby tournament but were narrowly defeated by Lockyers.

Basketball— Good luck to the Year 8 Basketball team in the County Finals this week.

Cricket— Our Year 6 Girls Indoor Cricket team reached the County Final though were defeated by Christchurch Junior School. The future bodes well with two Year 5 pupils playing up to the Year 6 squad on the day.



HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2015/2016

Thursday 24th March	Last day of term
Monday 11th April	First day of Summer term
Wednesday 20th & 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 1st July	Family Fun Day
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