



## ST MICHAEL'S CE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope your child(ren) have settled well into school. We will shortly be sending home a survey for Year 5 families so we can review our induction processes with you. There will also be a Parents Evening for Year 5s only on Thursday 20th October. Other families may re-call that we surveyed everybody about the reporting and Parents Evening timetable and the feedback was that rather than a meet the tutor parents evening in October people would prefer an academic Parents Evening where you can meet subject teachers as well as tutors in November.

### Harvest Service

Next Wednesday Reverend Suzanne will be joining us in school for our harvest service. This is a lovely time of year when we are able to show our gratitude for the farmers and producers who provide our food and the many opportunities and privileges we have living in the part of the world that we do. Whilst the broader issue of immigration is a hot topic at this moment, the reality is that there are people within our community who have genuinely fled desperate situations and need help. St Michaels Church are teaming up with the International Care Network, a local charity, this Sunday at 9.30am as part of their Harvest Worship and you would be most welcome to come and hear from Irwin Buchanan, the CEO of the charity. In partnership with our sister Church we will therefore be having a mufti day on Wednesday to raise funds for the International Care Network. If pupils want to come in home clothes we ask that they bring a minimum £1 donation.

Kind Regards,

Mr Jenkinson

### Open Evening and Grammar School

Please make sure that all your friends are aware at St Michaels open evening is next Wednesday 5th October between 6-8pm.

We're delighted that St Michael's has grown in popularity and, although we are confident that we will be able to take all those who want to come to us in Year 5, things have become a little tighter at key stage 3. This is partly because several parents whose children passed the grammar school entrance exams last year chose to stay with us and we have also received over half a dozen pupils from the independent sector in the last few months. There may be many different reasons for this but we are encouraged that, increasingly, families are seeing the social and academic benefits that an excellent comprehensive education can offer. Whilst in the past it has been possible for families to try Grammar and come back to QE if their child hasn't taken to single sex schooling, the demand for places at QE means that they are now oversubscribed in every year group. Consequently, the decision to move out of the Wimborne Pyramid needs to be taken with even more care. We respect the right of parents to choose whatever they think is best for their child so if any of you are considering Grammar school in September please feel free to talk it through with me at school.

### PROSPECTIVE PARENTS OPEN DAYS AND EVENING

Prospective parents of pupils who are moving up to Middle school in September 2017 are warmly invited to our Open Evening on Wednesday 5th October from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. There will also be open days on 8th (9am - 10am) and 9th November (2pm - 3pm).

## HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2016/2017

Monday 26th September	School Association AGM
Wednesday 5th October	Prospective Parents Open Evening - 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Thursday 6th October	Individual Photographs
Tuesday 11th October	Holne Park Information Evening for Year 7 Parents - 6.15pm
W/c 17th October	Year 5 Activity Week
Thursday 20th October	Year 5 Parents Consultation Evening 4pm - 6pm
Friday 21st October	Year 5 Meet & Greet 3.15pm - 4.30pm at St Michael's Church
Friday 21st October	School Association - Movie Night
<b>Monday 24th – 28th October</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Monday 31st October</b>	<b>Staff Training Day – School Closed</b>
Wednesday 2nd November	Year 6 SATs & Heatree Information Evening tbc
Saturday 5th November	Firework Display
Tuesday 8th November	Prospective Parents Open Day 9.00am - 10.00am
Wednesday 9th November	Prospective Parents Open Day 2.00pm - 3.00pm
Tuesday 15th November	Parent Consultation Evening 6pm - 7.30pm
Thursday 17th November	Parent Consultation Evening 4pm - 5.30pm
Friday 9th December	Christmas Fair - 6.30pm
Wednesday 14th December	Carol Service @ Wimborne Minster - 7pm
<b>Friday 16th December</b>	<b>Last Day of Term</b>
<b>Tuesday 3rd January</b>	<b>Staff Training Day—School Closed</b>
Wednesday 4th January	Children Return to school
Monday 13th—17th February	Half Term
<b>Friday 7th April</b>	<b>Last Day of Term</b>
<b>Monday 24th April</b>	<b>First Day of Term</b>
<b>Monday 1st May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
Monday 8th - 12th May	Holne Park Residential
W/c 15th May	Heatree Residential
<b>Monday 29th May—Friday 2nd June</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Monday 5th June</b>	<b>Staff Training—School Closed</b>
Tuesday 6th June	Children Return to School
Friday 21st July	Last Day of Term