



ST MICHAEL'S CE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to announce that after a very thorough and rigorous recruitment process Mr Paul Andrews has been appointed Deputy Head at the school from September 2015.

He is very experienced and has had a diverse career so far which includes leadership at various secondary schools up to Assistant Head level and had also been a Teaching and Learning Adviser in Hampshire.

We are thrilled to get some of his experience to help us move the school even further forward. He joins a Senior Leadership Team which includes Mr Wallis, Mrs Howieson and myself.

Mr Jenkinson

Solar Eclipse

It is our intention to take as many pupils as possible outside tomorrow during the Solar Eclipse. There are some pupils, particularly those involved in assessments or practical subjects for whom it may not be possible to observe the eclipse live. We need to ensure the highest safety standards and as such pupils will not be looking directly at the sun unless you have provided them with the correct eyewear; sunglasses are not powerful enough to protect children's eyes.

For most children the best way to observe the eclipse will be through a pinhole camera which we will make using two bits of paper. Having said this it is likely to be cloudy tomorrow and so the main experience will be the thrill of seeing the sky darken during the eclipse .

HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2015/2016

AUTUMN TERM 2015

Staff Training Days: Tuesday 1 & Wednesday 2 September
First day of Term: Thursday 3 September
Half-term Holiday: Monday 26 – Friday 30 October
Staff Training Day: Monday 2 November
Last day of Term: Friday 18 December

SPRING TERM 2016

Staff Training Day: Monday 4 January
First day of Term: Tuesday 5 January
Half-term Holiday: Monday 15 - Friday 19 February, incl.
Last day of Term: Thursday 24 March

SUMMER TERM 2016

First day of Term: Monday 11 April
Bank Holiday: Monday 2 May
Half-term Holiday: Monday 30 – Friday 3 June, incl.
Last day of Term: Tuesday 19 July

