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## St Michael's Middle School Newsletter

### January 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians

January 2019, do you remember it? COVID, or as we called it then, Coronavirus was a rumour and something happening somewhere else. It's well and truly around now so thank you to all those of you who have been so supportive as we have strived to keep things as normal as possible. I am delighted that, so far, we have not had more staff off at any one time than we can manage. Clearly there will be times when we have to cancel clubs or share classes but so far we have kept this to an absolute minimum.

You will be aware that Government guidance has changed on mask wearing. That said, I know for some of you there are genuine medical reasons to be cautious and the vast majority of you would find it very inconvenient, to say the least, were you having to isolate yourself. For that reason we are more than **happy for pupils to continue to wear masks if they chose to**. We have some masks in school as the Government had scheduled deliveries of masks to schools on the same day they announced they weren't needed; if your child forgets theirs but you want them to wear one we can help.

#### Academy Committee

The school Academy Committee (Governors) have important functions in ensuring that the school meets the needs of the pupils who attend. For that reason parent Academy Committee members are especially important in upholding the values and mission of our Church School.

A parent mail was sent earlier this week with details on how to vote and details of the three parents who have stood for election. Please do respond to this process.

## New Painting

Please enjoy this picture of a recently painted wall around school celebrating a core message for our times: In a world where you can 'bee' anything 'bee' kind.

## Student Voice

Student voice continues to be a powerful opportunity for students to share their ideas and views in a meaningful way. Changes already implemented, which have had a positive impact on the school environment, have been;

- more sports equipment and activities at lunchtime,
- increase in the number of bins around the school field
- some excellent contributions on developing our rewards system in school through EPraise

This is also a good opportunity to thank our House Captains, Sports Ambassadors and Anti Bullying Ambassadors for all the work they are doing around school. Their positive contributions and impact is appreciated.

## EPraise update

Thank you for logging onto EPraise and tracking the achievements of your child. This online tool is a great way to recognise and celebrate your child's achievements and success in school. The link is below for anyone who has yet to do this.

Click on this link to access a guide on how to log in and set up epraise at home:

[https://www.epraise.co.uk/index.php?view=guide\\_parent](https://www.epraise.co.uk/index.php?view=guide_parent)

You will then be able to view your child's profile and see how many points they have earned and for which core value.

## Holocaust Memorial Day

As a school we took part in the International Holocaust Remembrance Day on Thursday. All Year 8 students listened to an interview with Michael Morpurgo describing his friendship with another famous author Judith Kerr.

This led into our whole school reflection in which we all wrote a personal pledge committing ourselves to be part of a world in which we have the confidence to stand up to injustices.



## Safer Internet Day (SID)

As part of our 'Your Health Matters' theme, we will be supporting SID on the afternoon of Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February. The day focuses on celebrating all those who create a safer internet and the part we all play in fulfilling this. Students will take part in the interactive workshops as a tutor group.

## FUNDRAISING



Over the holidays Evelyn McKay had her hair cut and has donated it to the Princess trust - raising also £155.00 in additional sponsorship.



## Pupil Success

Congratulations to Jamie Currie in 5J who has been chosen from a field of hundreds to be one of the 16 Jude Morris Racing Foundation Riders. This is a real testament to Jamie's skill and tenacity as a rider.

**NAME: Jamie Currie**  
**RIDER NUMBER: 46**  
**AGE: 9**  
**BIKE: GASGAS MC65**  
**FROM: Wimborne, Dorset**

**COMPETING IN: Bridgestone British Masters, Steelhawks Rock it til Sundown and Ringwood MXC**  
In 2022 Jamie really wants to get to grips with the 65cc and come in the top 10 at the Bridgestone British Masters something that he is really excited about.



England U19s Cricket - Tom Prest

Congratulations to ex-pupil Tom Prest who is the England U19 Cricket Captain and has taken the team through to the World Cup Semi-Finals in the West Indies. The match is on Tuesday and we are hoping for another victory as we prepare a nice surprise for the team. You can read more about the team here: [https://www.thecricketer.com/Topics/features/england\\_under\\_19s\\_meet\\_15\\_man\\_squad\\_aiming\\_world\\_cup\\_glory\\_tom\\_prest.html](https://www.thecricketer.com/Topics/features/england_under_19s_meet_15_man_squad_aiming_world_cup_glory_tom_prest.html)

And team progress here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/cricket/60146528>

# DONATE IT

On 12<sup>th</sup> February 2022

11am – 12 noon

Methodist Church Hall (Upstairs)

4A Kings Street, BH21 1DY

(along from Holmans)

## Laptops4learners

The money raised will go to providing  
IT kit for school children.

We would love to receive laptops, PC's, tablets  
phones, routers, digital cameras, games consoles,  
smart watches and satnavs, which will all  
be 100% data wiped through

[www.r3cycle.co.uk/data-destruction](http://www.r3cycle.co.uk/data-destruction)

We can also take carry cases, AC adaptors, mains lead, power supplies,  
connectors and leads . If in doubt email us on

Wimbornegreenfestival@gmail.com Please note the scheme cannot accept  
monitors, displays, TFT, VGA screens, printers – you can take to your local  
Household Recycling centre

## **TERM DATES 2021-22**

### **Spring Term 2022**

**Half Term Holiday Monday 21st – Friday 25th February**

Pupils Return Monday 28th February

3<sup>rd</sup> March – KS2 Parents Evening

8<sup>th</sup> March – KS2 Parents Evening

Last Day of Term Friday 8th April (3.15pm normal finish time).

### **Summer Term 2022**

First Day of Term Monday 25th April

**May Day Holiday Monday 2nd May**

w/c 9<sup>th</sup> May – Year 7 Residential – Holne Park

**Half Term Holiday Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June**

**Staff Training Day Monday 6th June (First and Middle Schools Only)**

Pupils Return Tuesday 7th June (First and Middle Schools only)

7th June - Year 8 Parents Evening

15th June - Year 7 Parents Evening

w/c 20<sup>th</sup> June – Year 8 Activity Week

w/c 11th July - Mary Poppin School Show at Layard Theatre

w/c 18<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Activity Week

**Last Day of Term Thursday 21st July finish time 1pm**