



St Michael's Middle School Newsletter

June 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians

Firstly, apologies for not having done a whole school newsletter recently - I aim for once a month but that hasn't happened recently. Things continue at a pace and I am delighted with everyone's efforts in school. We recently surveyed pupils to see who had taken part in a club or activity this year and a **whopping 96% said yes!** For a few of you the only club you did was out of school and that is fine because you are still engaged in something which adds value and joy to your week. St Michael's staff are asked on interview to outline how they might participate in extra curricular activities. We see this as fundamental to building positive relationships with students and helping them understand Aspiration, Belief and Creativity in all its forms. As you can see from these pictures from the recent Holne Park trip sometimes it's not till you 'step out in faith' that you 'make a splash' in the world!



Collective Worship

We cover many themes across the year in Collective Worship and it is exciting to inspire pupils to see wider horizons. In a recent theme of Dreams we got to find out about dreaming big like Anne Marie Imafidon who is such an inspirational role model for our students: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3OCR8qG-Fb0&t=9s> That said we also got to hear about smaller scale life changers like our own Chloe who had been struggling with reading in Year 5 & 6 but decided to put some effort into this. She now reads daily to another adult, often her grandad and also joined a before school intervention group. In the last 9 months she has made over 4 years of progress in her reading age and is seeing the benefits of her hard work pay off in every area of her life as confidence is restored. Hard work truly does pay off when it comes to reading! (PS Chloe's the one making a splash!)

ATTENDANCE

Thank you for your support with attendance this academic year – it has been hugely appreciated – as we navigate our way out of the pandemic. As we approach the end of this academic year we would like to remind parents and pupils of the importance of good attendance. Our whole school current attendance is 92.93% as of 14/6/22. Good attendance is essential for pupils to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing and wider life chances. Nationally, pupils with the highest attainment at the end of Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 4 have higher rates of attendance over the key stage compared to those with the lowest attainment.

As we approach the end of term please refrain from taking holidays during term time – children are only in school around 190 days per year – that leaves roughly 175 days per year for holidays!

We value the positive, working partnership we have with you and your child/ren therefore please contact your child's class teacher if there is anything you feel we can do to further support your child's attendance.

REPORTING YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE

The quickest and easiest way to report an absence is through Parent Mail. This is available to use at any time of day and only takes a few seconds to do.

There is only one dedicated phone line for reporting an absence which is switched on at 8am and only one person can leave a message at a time, hence why people can't get through. The line often gets cut off mid message and if parents are leaving a message when travelling in a car it is very difficult to understand what is being said.

Once an absence has been reported on Parent Mail it is not necessary to email or call in as well.

YEAR 8 LEAVERS

Reminder to Year 8 parents to purchase a celebration/prom evening ticket for their child, via Parentmail.

Year 8 parents are cordially invited to the Leavers Service on Tuesday 19th July at 9.30am at St Michael's Church.

MARY POPPINS TICKETS ON SALE!!!

We can confirm that the tickets for our upcoming performance of Mary Poppins at the Layard Theatre are now LIVE!

Please visit the ticket source website and search 'The Layard Theatre' to find the three show dates 13th, 14th and 15th July.

www.ticketsource.co.uk

Kind regards
The Mary Poppins Production Team

MUSICAL EVENTS

Wednesday 29th June 7pm Summer Musical Concert in the school hall. No tickets required.

Thursday 30th June Midday Music Box concert in aid of the Michael James Trust. Wimborne Minster. This is a free concert to attend and we'd really appreciate your support.

SPORTS NEWS

Cricket

Congratulations to the Year 6 Cricket team who were crowned Hardball County Champions earlier this month. They now travel to Taunton to compete in the South West Regional competition. The team have also qualified to compete in the Softball County Championships in July.

Good luck to the Year 7 and Year 8 Girls Indoor Rowing team who qualified for the County Finals at the Dorset School Games to be held next week.

Mr Wellman

Football

On Wednesday 27th April, our YR5/6 Girls Football team played in the PEDSSA (Poole and East Dorset) football final. The final was held at Lychett Minster against Ocean Academy.

It was a nervy start for both teams but St Michael's soon got into their stride taking the lead through Ava Sanderson. St Michael's then went on to double their lead- Sanderson again finishing a fantastic team move. St Michael's were now dominating the game with Holly Wallace terrorising the opposition and Charlie Eatwell expertly ushering the St Michael's defence. After 15 minutes, against the run of play, Ocean Academy pulled a goal back- a fantastic long-range effort from their striker. St Michael's reacted impressively to this and scored a further two goals- Sanderson completing her hat-trick and Bethany Cassidy getting the fourth goal. St Michael's weren't finished there and Sanderson grabbed her fourth goal of the game just before half time. The half time whistle blew and the score was 5-1 to St Michael's.

Ocean Academy came out strong for the second half, changing their tactics and managing to reduce the attacking threat of the influential Holly Wallace and Ava Sanderson. Ocean Academy continued to press but couldn't find a way past Olivia Howe and the outstanding St Michael's defence (Sophie Deverill, Charlie Eatwell and Alissa Irving). As the game drew to a close, Ava Sanderson managed to score her fifth goal- a stunning freekick into the top corner and Ocean Academy grabbed a further consolation goal. The final whistle blew and St Michael's were clear and deserved winners- the final score 6-2.

An incredibly impressive display from all of the girls, who should be extremely proud of their achievements.

Team: Ava Tufnell, Charlie Eatwell, Sophie Deverill, Alissa Irving, Olivia Howe, Holly Wallace, Erin Casely, Bethany Cassidy and Ava Sanderson.

A special mention to Kara Kiely who was unfortunately absent for the cup final but played a key role for the team throughout the course of the season.

Mr Montacute



**Dorset
Council**

Let's Talk
**You are invited
to join us at**



**Improving services that
support children with SEND**

The East Locality Team

Summer Term Event.

The theme will be 'Communication'

29 June 2022, 9.30 am

**The Beacon Room, St Mary's Church,
Church Road, Ferndown, Dorset BH22 9EU**

The aim (or what to expect)

- Find out how what we have been doing to improve how we communicate by phone, email and by letter – we will be introducing our *Customer Charter*.
- Share your experience of our communications, what are we doing well and what could we do better.
- What theme(s) would you like to cover at future 'Let's Talk' Locality events.

It will help us with our planning if you can register your interest to join us.

Please use the link below or QR code, Thank you

**Please note: we will not be able to address individual concerns or questions at these events.
Please contact your Locality SEND Provision Lead for individual queries:**

Email: eastlocality@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Tel: 01202 868224

<https://forms.office.com/r/N2e7FZz3XG>



TERM DATES 2021-22

Summer Term 2022

w/c 20th June – Year 8 Activity Week

22nd June - Year 7 Parents Evening

23rd June – Year 8 French Trip Residential Information Evening 6pm

29th June – Summer Concert 7pm

30th June – Michael James Concert at Wimborne Minster

1st July – Transfer Day

5th July – New Year 5 Parents Evening 5pm

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

w/c 18th July – Year 6 Activity Week

19th July – Leavers Service – 9.30am

19th July – Celebration Evening 6pm – 8.30pm

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

TERMS DATES 2022-2023

Autumn Term 2022

Staff Training Days Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd September

Pupils Return Monday 5th September

Half Term Holiday Monday 24th October- Friday 28th October

Staff Training Day Monday 31st October

Pupils return Tuesday 1st November

Last Day of Term Friday 16th December

Spring Term 2023

Staff Training Day - Tuesday 3rd January

First Day of Term - Wednesday 4th January

Half Term - Monday 13th - Friday 17th February

Last Day of Term Friday 31st March

Summer Term 2023

First Day of Term Monday 17th April

May Day Holiday Monday 1st May

Half Term Holiday Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June

Staff Training Day Monday 5th June (First and Middle Schools Only)

Pupils Return Tuesday 6th June (First and Middle Schools only)

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