



St. Michael's C.E. Primary School  
*Learning together through love, friendship, forgiveness and faith.*

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# NEWSLETTER

25 June 2018

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*We are moving very rapidly towards the end of term and I have been working very closely alongside the governors to ensure the school has all the necessary strategies, policies and staff in place for a confident start to the new school year, in September 2018.*

*This year I have been very privileged to lead a staff team committed to supporting and enabling the well-being, personal growth and academic success of all the children in our care. Equally, it is important to recognise and support future career pathways for our staff. At the end of this term, we must say goodbye to Miss Armstrong, Miss Howard Kaye, Mrs Ashdown and Miss Mathew.*

*Miss Armstrong will be moving to a larger primary school with greater, out of class responsibilities. She has contributed to the success of St Michael's enormously during her time with us. She has been a supportive deputy and I know you will want to join the governors and I in wishing her every success in her future role and pathway to headship.*

*Miss Howard-Kaye will continue to develop her career in sport and fitness as both a personal trainer and teacher in a Sixth Form College. She will always be remembered for effortlessly sprinting to first place during the teacher's race on Sports Day.*

*We all wish Miss Howard Kaye continued success in her new roles.*

*Mrs Ashdown, AKA, Miss Honey, joined St Michael's as an NQT. We are all aware, especially the children, of her passion for anything Disney. During the spring term, Disney came to St Michael's when Mrs Ashdown, nee Barnes, married her 'prince'. The children adored seeing the wedding photos and as one child remarked to me, she looked every inch like 'a princess'.*

*Mrs Ashdown has so many kind and special qualities and it will come as no surprise to learn of her new role as a Manager of Nursery Settings. We wish her every success in the future.*

*Finally, Miss Mathew, is a very experienced practitioner who has brought a much valued international perspective to her role as class teacher at St Michael's. We wish her every success in her new role.*

*On Tuesday July 3<sup>rd</sup>, our current year 6 children spend the day at Charter's to prepare for their transition in September. During the morning of the 3<sup>rd</sup>, pupils at St Michael's will spend the morning with their receiving teachers for the academic year 2018/19.*

*I am pleased to inform you of the following staff structure for next year:*

Reception	Miss L Nicholson ( EYFS Leader)
Year 1	Mrs Barrow
Year 2	Mrs J Flood (Assistant Head)
Year 3	Mrs R Guy/Mrs E Field
Year 4	Mrs L Strong
Year 5	Miss L Fuller
Year 6	Mrs E Klinker (Assistant Head)

*The remainder of this term is looking very busy! Please be sure to check book bags for letters home and do check the website for important dates.*

*Kind regards  
Lorna Anderton  
Head Teacher*



### Last Week's Awards

**Well done to Reception Class for  
98.7% attendance**



**Golden tickets awarded to the following children:**

Year 6: Chloe & Jenna  
Year 5: Freya & Ruby  
Year 4: Sebastian & Alice  
Year 3: Chloe & Cru  
Year 2: Phoebe & Elliot  
Year 1: Eliza & Harry.K  
Reception: Archer & Isabella



### Golden Spoon Award

KS1 Year 1 for being kind and thoughtful  
KS2 Year 5 for being sensible

## Year 6 Trip to France

Year 6 embarked on a new adventure to France on 4th June. We left for Rue (the place we were staying) buzzing with excitement. Our fun-filled schedule took up each and every precious day we had there: visiting the market, going to the snail farm, exploring the bakery and walking around the Somme.

We all really enjoyed our trip to France and thought it was an amazing opportunity.

**Report by: Lois, Sienna & Lucy, Year 6**



## Year 3 Assembly

In Year 3's recent assembly we were all invited to be part of one of their daily morning 'Maths Meetings'.

They sang an action song to help us remember the differences between perpendicular, parallel, horizontal and vertical lines.

Year 3 even let us into their secret of how they remember the 8 times table.

We all came away having learnt so many interesting maths facts.

Thank you Year 3!





## Robin Class visit to Henley River and Rowing Museum

As we boarded the coach with packed lunches in hand, the choruses of "Are we nearly there yet?" and "Can we eat our lunch now?" began. When we arrived, we met Sporting Ted and discovered it was his birthday. He had received a boat as a gift but we needed to help him find somewhere to row it. After investigating lots of rowing kit and Regatta memorabilia we made Sporting Ted pictures in the style of the artist, Justin Mortimer and then explored the outside areas to find a suitable place for Sporting Ted to launch.

Then the highlight of the day...LUNCH!

Once we had eaten our delicious food, we had a chance to go into the Museum where we saw lots of different styles of boats and learnt about the River Thames and the wildlife that it supports. We had a wander through the magical Wind in the Willows story before it was time to get back on the coach for our journey home. Miss Nicholson and Mrs Jones had thought we'd be tired out and would have a doze...they were wrong! We still had lots of energy so we played I Spy, sang some of our favourite songs and practiced our phonics until the coach pulled up outside the school.

We all had an amazing day and enjoyed celebrating Sporting Teds birthday with him.



## Owl Class visit to Henley River and Rowing Museum

Year 1 went on a school trip to the Henley River and Rowing Museum.

Our first activity was looking at capacity. We had fun finding out how much water was in a litre. Then we had to use lots of different bottles and funnels to find out which were more and which were less than a litre.

Next we went outside and found out a letter had been sent to us asking for our help to plan a Birthday Party! The party was for Toad of Toad Hall. Each group had to solve the maths problems to choose a party boat, party bags, give directions and choose the party food and birthday cake.

After all that talking about food we were all very hungry so we had lunch.

After, we had the chance to look around the Rowing Museum. It was so much fun looking at 3D shapes, trying on hats and clothes. We also found out about the different birds that live on the river.

Before we got back on the coach we looked around Toad's museum. I liked seeing Toad standing on a cake!

We all had a great day. My favourite part was helping plan the Birthday Party.

**Report by Poppy Dyer, Year 1**





## Notices



### JOB VACANCY

#### Caretaker

An exciting opportunity has arisen to join our vibrant Team at St.Michael's as the School Caretaker.

20 hours a week.

Term time only plus 2 weeks in the school holidays.

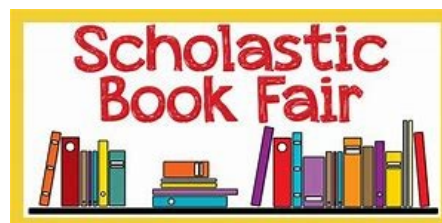
Salary grade 2 (point 11-13)

£18,283- £18,695 full time equivalent,

Actual salary for 20 hours term time plus

2 weeks - £8,794 – £8,992

Start date: ASAP



The school will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair from Tuesday 26th June to Monday 2nd July. As in previous years there will be a wide range of books available to suit all tastes and reading abilities. This is a great opportunity for students to choose from over 200 books from leading children's and young adult authors. Prices start at only £1.49 and there are discount vouchers in the promotional leaflets available in the Library.

Year 5 will also be running a Prize Draw during the Book Fair which is open to all students visiting the Fair. The first prize is a £10.00 voucher and second prize, a £5.00 voucher to be spent on books at the Fair.

The Book Fair is not only a great opportunity for students to add to their book collection but also an opportunity to earn 'free books' for the school. All purchases made during the Book Fair contribute to the number of free books the school is given.

All children will have the opportunity to browse the Book Fair during the school day over the course of the week and books will be available to purchase between 3.15-3.30pm on each day. We would like to thank parents in anticipation of their support of this event.



## WANTED

Good condition teddies wanted for the pull-a cuddly stall at the forthcoming Summer School Fair.

Please drop these in at the office.

## Important Dates

### June

Wednesday 27th June	Year 4 Class Assembly—9.10am
Friday 29th June	Non uniform day in exchange for a bottle
Saturday 30th June	School Summer Fair

### July

Tuesday 3rd—Wednesday 4th July	Year 6 Transition Days for Charters
Wednesday 4th July	Year 5 Sports Day at St.Mary's School
Thursday 5th July	Year 5 Class Assembly—9.10am
Friday 6th July	Year 6 Swimming Gala
Wednesday 11th July	KS2 Play at Marist School -10.30am
Thursday 12th July	KS2 Play at Marist School—5.30pm
Friday 13th July	Years 4 & 5 PBone Brass Concert 9.15—9.45am
Tuesday 17th July	End of Term Church Service—9.30am
Friday 20th July	Term ends 2pm
Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th July	INSET Days