



St. Michael's C.E. Primary School

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24th February 2017

Dear Parents, Carers,

I hope you had an enjoyable half term break and the children feel refreshed and ready to learn; the staff have prepared for an exciting term leading up to Easter. The weather has definitely changed for the better and the delights of spring are just around the corner!

Car Parking

At St Michael's we have always enjoyed a very positive relationship with our neighbours, particularly those on School Road, and we would like this to continue. With this in mind, please park respectfully and be mindful of blocking private driveways or using those business parking areas designated for use by customers only.

Furthermore, please be mindful of the double yellow lines to restrict parking on School Road. This parking restriction serves to allow pupils and families to cross the road safely. We are all aware of the dangers of children crossing the road from behind a parked car! Please help us to keep our children safe at all times.

The public are prohibited from parking on the yellow zig zags outside school at any time. This space is reserved for the use of emergency vehicles in the case of fire or medical emergency. Parents observed using this space could be subject to fines from the local traffic warden.

Attendance

The governors and staff at St Michael's are committed to taking the school on the next stage of its journey towards being 'Outstanding'. To be an 'Outstanding' school, inspectors expect to observe and find evidence of an exemplary attitude to learning by the whole school community, including parents. High levels of unauthorised absence do not reflect a positive attitude.

For a child to reach their full educational potential, a high level of school attendance is essential. As a school we strongly discourage **unauthorised absence**.

In the event a child is unwell, there are clear procedures for reporting his/her necessary absence to the school office. **No child is expected to attend school if they are ill or need to attend a medical appointment; any such absence will always be marked on the register as 'authorised'.** Please refer to the school's attendance policy for reporting a child's absence due to sickness and requesting leave for medical appointments.

School attendance is subject to Education law and this school's **attendance policy** is written to reflect these laws and the guidance produced by the Department for Education (DfE). As a school, together with the Education Welfare





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Officer, we review our attendance/absence figures annually and the systems for improving attendance to achieve our set goals. Our target is **98%** attendance.

Please refer to the school's attendance policy or speak to the office if you are unclear about any of the procedures for reporting your child's absence or requesting authorised leave for medical appointments or exceptional circumstances.

Need for a Nursery at St Michael's CE Primary

It would be really helpful if parents could complete an on- line survey to help the school gauge the interest/need for Nursery provision at St Michael's. The link to the survey is: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QLB3SKJ>

Congratulations to our Netball Teams!

Our Netball team had a great result from the tournament this week. We would like to say congratulations and a special Thank you to Liz Arkell for training and taking them. The children received their medals in assembly today.



Liz has sent us this report: Both teams have played really well today, despite the difficult conditions. It was a bit windy for shooting out there! They showed great determination, teamwork and enthusiasm, and represented the school well.

Both teams came 2nd in their pool, Year 6 without losing a match (the winning team scored more goals against the other teams). Year 5 lost their first match, because they were slightly awestruck and bewildered ... they soon got the hang of it though!!



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They both ended up in the runners up final pool, where they played two teams and each other ... winning all their matches against other schools, and drawing 0-0 against each other – but it really could have gone either way!!

So ... Year 6 have Gold Medals for 1st Runner up, and Year 5 Silver for 2nd ... just because Year 6 scored more goals.

One more interesting stat ... Year 6 only had 1 goal scored against them in the whole tournament, and Year 5 only had 2!! Amazing!!

Attendance

Attendance for the week: 8 th February to 22 nd February	
Year 6	95.7%
Year 5	97.2%
Year 4	94.4%
Year 3	96.4%
Year 2	95.6%
Year 1	98.6%
Reception	95.8%

Well done Owl class!

Ofsted expect a minimum of 95% attendance. In accordance with other Royal Borough schools we aim for 96.5%.

School fund raising

The children have come home with happy school bags please help us raise money by filling them with any unwanted clothes, handbags, accessories, bedlinen and soft toys.

Collection will be Monday 6th March. Thank you

PTA News

March 6th morning Clothes Recycling –if you have a Spring Clean you could help raise money for the school. Happy School Bag accept reusable clean and dry clothes, reusable paired shoes and footwear, handbags, belts, soft toys and bed linen. At 65p a kilo this is a chance to have a good clear out and really make a change for St Michael's!

St Michaels Quiz night (adults only) Thursday 23rd March 730pm – 10pm. Details will be communicated via class reps.

Second hand uniform Lots of great branded clothing for only £2. Please get hold of Kirsten at kirstenstahley@hotmail.com if you need any spare uniform or if you have any that you would like to hand in for resale.





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Sainsbury's Active Vouchers

We are now collecting Sainsbury's active vouchers so please remember when shopping in Sainsbury's to ask for them. Thank you

Easter egg competition

St Michael's have kindly been invited to design an Easter egg to be made and displayed at Coworth Park by one of their resident chocolatiers.

There are class prizes and the overall winner will work with the chocolatier and have their masterpiece created in chocolate.

Royal Mail Christmas Stamp 2017 competition

The children at St Michael's are taking part in this competition. There are lots of wonderful prizes for both the winners and the school. We will keep you posted.

Playtime snacks

Fruit snacks are provided for KS1 and we encourage KS2 to also bring in a healthy snack for playtime. It has been noted that some children have been eating crisps. Although these are allowed at lunchtime we ask that a healthier option is provided for playtime. Thank you

Dates for the diary

Weds 22nd February

Mon 27th February

Weds 1st March

Thurs 2nd March

Weds 8th March

Mon 13th March

Weds 15th March

Thurs 16th March

Mon 20th March

Weds 22nd March

Thurs 30th March

Friday 31st March

Year 3 Assembly to parents

Author- Chloe Inkpen in school 11-11.45am

Year 4 Assembly

WORLD BOOK DAY- School dress as favourite characters

Year 5 Assembly to parents

Parent conferences 1.30pm-4.30pm

Year 6 Assembly to parents

Parent conferences 2pm-6pm

Year 5 to Mill on the Brue

Reception Assembly to parents

9.30 SHOWCASE ST Michaels (parents invited) at St Michael's Church

Term ends 2pm

