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3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017

Dear Parents, Carers,

Friday at St Michael's is an exciting day to be in school; we come together as a whole school for Achievement Assembly and Funtastic Friday!

This week I have introduced a certificate for the class with the highest attendance.

At St Michael's we aim to support children achieve their potential and prepare them for life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. During an Ofsted inspection, a lot of weighting is given to attendance and pupil's attitudes to learning, as there is a strong correlation between attendance and academic attainment. Most importantly, we want to instil a life-long respect and appreciation for the value of education. A complacent approach or attitude at this age could continue in secondary education with dire consequences.

At St Michael's, education has a high profile. Parents, pupils and families value and support all the staff and governors aspire to provide and achieve for our school community as a whole. Thank you for helping the school to maintain a record of exemplary and 'outstanding attendance.

Kindest regards

L Anderton

### WORLD BOOK DAY: THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2017

Please put this date in your diaries so we can celebrate together and share the pleasure of reading. There are several ways in which we will be acknowledging World Book Day here at St Michael's:

- Everybody is invited to dress up as their favourite book character this can be any character but please make sure children know who they are and are able to share a little bit with their class about who they are and the book in which they can be found. Remember the children will be wearing the costume all day and will need to sit at their tables to work – so make sure they are comfortable and are easily able to take the costume off if the need arises!
- 2. We are going to hold a Book Swap for both parents and children. We would like every child to bring in a book from home which they have read and no longer wish to keep. Please wrap the book (brown paper will do!) and on the outside of the parcel stick a short description of the book. This will give author, title, brief synopsis of the story and who might enjoy it. Younger children might like to dictate their description to an





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adult who will write it for them. In their own classrooms children will then read the descriptions and choose a book to take home with them.

Parents and carers might also like to swap books. Please follow exactly the same procedure and bring your book to your child's classroom. Adult books will be set out in the hall at 2.45pm in the afternoon and parents invited in to choose a new book to read. If this proves successful, we may well have a permanent box of books in the entrance hall for parent readers to swap.

- 3. Children are invited to bring in a photograph of themselves reading a book in an unusual place during the preceding week and these will be displayed in the school library.
- 4. There will be a strong focus on reading throughout the school for the whole of that day starting with assembly and ending with a read-aloud story time in every class. At 1.30 we will have 15 minutes when everybody in the whole school will read so if you will be in school at that time bring a book!
- 5. At the end of the day there will be a meeting for parents led by Dr Perkins who will talk about quality books for children, giving advice on how to choose books for your children. More details about this to follow.

### **Dance Festival**

Year 4 will be taking part in the Primary dance festival on 9<sup>th</sup> February. The children will be returning to St Michael's at 3.30pm. If you have siblings in other years and would like us to keep hold of them until 3.30pm, please let your child's teacher or Mrs Leatherby know A.S.A.P.

#### **Attendence**

Attendance for the week 25 <sup>th</sup> January	
to 1 <sup>st</sup> February	
Year 6	95.7%
Year 5	98.1%
Year 4	92.5%
Year 3	96.1%
Year 2	96.4%
Year 1	100%
Reception	97.8%

Well done Owl Class!

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





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## Founders Day Gala Dinner 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017 6.30pm – 12.30am Fundraising for Charters School

Each spring, the Development Team organises an event to generate funds for the school while giving our parents and staff the opportunity to let their hair down. Last year's St. George's Day Ball was a huge success, raising over £10,000 which was shared between various departments within Charters.

This year the team are planning a more informal Founders Day Gala Dinner which will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> March at De Vere's beautiful Northcote House in Sunningdale Park.

Tickets will be priced at £40 and include:

- · A welcome drink
- 3 course meal with coffee and half a bottle of wine
- · Disco
- · Raffle & auction
- · Dress code: Smart casual

The school has negotiated a special rate of £65 for a double room with breakfast, so there is no need to worry about ordering a taxi! This can be booked direct with De Vere by calling 01344 634 244 or emailing <a href="mailto:rachel.whittington@sunningdaleascot.co.uk">rachel.whittington@sunningdaleascot.co.uk</a>

Tickets for the Gala Diner can be booked via <u>www.trybooking.co.uk</u> where you can select your food choices and which table you would like to sit at. Complete tables can be reserved by emailing <u>cc@chartersschool.org.uk</u>.

We really hope that many of you will enjoy this event and look forward to seeing you in March.

#### **Dates for the diary**

Weds 1<sup>st</sup> February Weds 8<sup>th</sup> February Weds 8<sup>th</sup> February Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> February Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February HALF TERM Year 2 Assembly to parents Year 1 Assembly to parents Year 5 Mill on the Brue Information Meeting @ 2.15pm Year 4 Primary Dance festival Year 4 Cake Sale





# St. Michael's C.E. Primary School

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Weds 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Year 3 Assembly to parents
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Author- Chloe Inkpen in school 11-11.45am
Weds 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 4 Assembly
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	WORLD BOOK DAY- School dress as favourite characters
Weds 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Assembly to parents
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent conferences 1.30pm-4.30pm
Weds 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Assembly to parents
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent conferences 2pm-6pm
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 to Mill on the Brue
Weds 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Reception Assembly to parents
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30 SHOWCASE ST Michaels (parents invited) at St Michael's
	Church
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Term ends 2pm

