

Dear Parent/Carer,

A very warm welcome back to the second newsletter of our brand new academic year! It is the end of what has been a wonderful, hardworking and positive week. The children continue to look so very smart in their uniform, it's fantastic!!

St Michael's Update

Here's all the news from this first and full busy week!

- ✓ Your child will have come home with their first homework for the year. We have slightly changed the format as children now only have one homework book. Please have a look at the inside cover as it contains the Homework Charter. I would be grateful if you could read and sign the charter as we believe homework is vital to help our children improve. Finally, homework is given out on a Friday and handed in on a Tuesday.
- ✓ Our great Y3s were placed in their houses by the magical sorting hat last Wednesday. Not only that, all of our children received their brand new house t-shirts so that they can wear them with pride during PE, house tournaments and sports day. Look out for the next newsletter that will contain pictures of our houses as well as the names of the house captains for this year.
- ✓ We have changed how our lunchtimes run in that we have now two sittings as well as a whole host of new activities for our children! One of the activities that we do have is a fancy dress box! Our children have asked me to put out an appeal for any fancy dress for the box. If you do have any, please send it in!!
- ✓ Our swimming programme has started and it's Year 5's turn for the next few weeks.
- ✓ It was the end of our Attendance Week today and many thanks for your support!! Look out for the winning class in the next newsletter.

School Lunches and New Menu Reminder

Just a reminder that a child's school lunch now costs £2 a day.

Secondary School Advice for Y6 Parents/Carers on Monday 13th September at 3.20pm

Rowan Tanner, Choice Adviser from the Family Information Service, will be at the school at 3.20pm on Monday September 13th 2010. Rowan will give some information about what you need to do to apply

for a secondary school place for your child and what your options might be. Please drop in to see her if you would like any advice.

Morrison's Let's Grow Vouchers

Once again Mrs Williamson is collecting the Morrison's Let's Grow vouchers to claim more gardening equipment for the Green Warriors and Green Fingers Club. If you have any vouchers please send them into the office.



Extra-Curricular Clubs

Just a quick note to say that extra-curricular clubs commence week beginning Monday 20th September. They will run through and finish week ending Friday 3rd December. As always there will be no extra-curricular clubs (unless otherwise stated by the club teacher) during the week of Parent Consultation Evenings (Week beginning Monday 18th October). Finally, a huge thank you to our great staff who provide these opportunities, free of charge, for our children.

Individual, Siblings and Parents/Carers Photos on Tuesday 14th September

It's that time of the year when we have our photos and this year you have the opportunity to have photos of not only brothers and sisters, but also of parents/carers. If you would like to take this opportunity, please pop in between 8.15am and 8.45am.

INSET Day on Friday 24th September

Just a quick note to say that there will be an INSET day on Friday 24th September.

London Calling!! Y6 Visit on Thursday 16th September

As part of their 'Brilliant Britain' theme Y6 is going to visit the big city next Thursday as they head off to London. It's going to be an early start and late finish for Y6 but I know that they will have a great day!! Many thanks to all the Y6 staff for providing this great opportunity for our children.



Your Time! Meeting at Tuesday 14th September at 2.30pm

If your child is entitled to free school meals then they are also eligible for Your Time! funding. This funding can be used to access a range

of activities such as sport and coaching. Our great PSAs are hosting a meeting at school to discuss this great opportunity so please pop in for a cuppa and chat!

Food Factor Presentation on Thursday 16th September at The Guildhall

Mr Bentley-Taylor and a number of children will be visiting the Guildhall this coming Thursday to celebrate their involvement with the Food Factor project. Look out for the report in the next newsletter!!

Healthy Breakfast and Breaktime Tuckshop

Don't forget that Mrs Grizzell and Miss Brown are running our Healthy Breakfast Tuckshop from 8.30am-8.40am in our dining hall whereby toast and orange juice is available for 25p. Fruit and milk is also available at breaktime as part of the healthy tuckshop.

Parent Support Advisors

Our great Parent Support Advisors Jill and Charlotte are still based at our school and are available for any advice or help that you may need. The leaflet that contains all the information and contact details has been sent out so please don't hesitate to pop in and see them.

Looking Forward - Dates for Your Diary

It's a very busy start to this academic year with lots and lots of events and activities taking place so get those diaries ready!!

Monday 13th September – Y6 Secondary School Forms Advice at 3.20pm in the School Hall

Tuesday 14th September – School Photos from 8.15am onwards

Tuesday 14th September – Your Time Meeting at 2.30pm

Thursday 16th September – Y6 visit to London

Monday 20th September – Start of Extra-Curricular Clubs

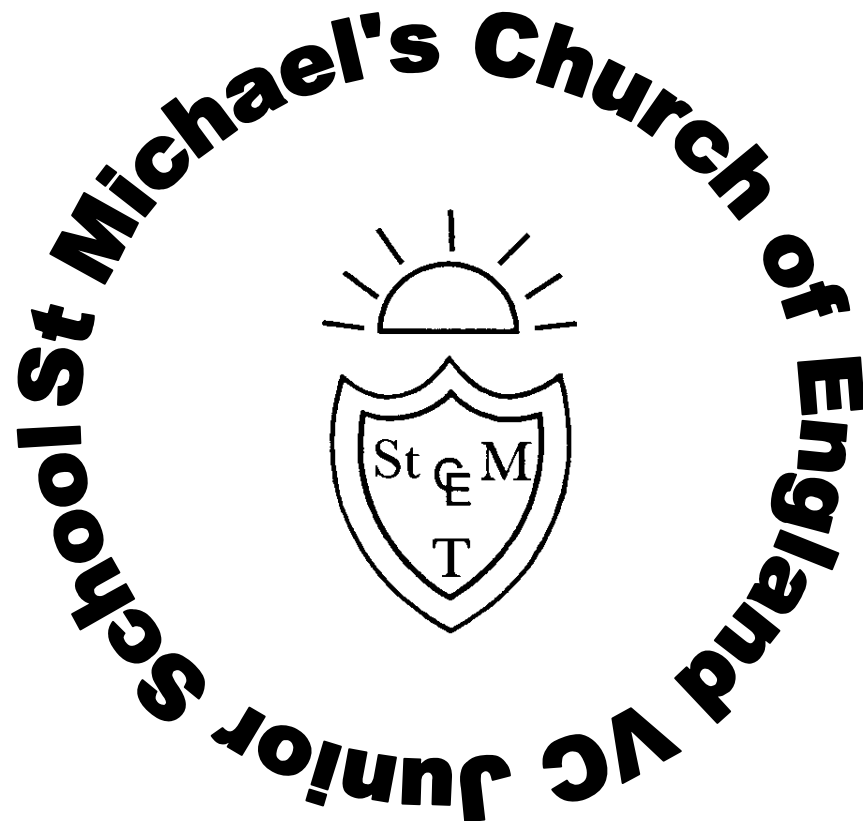
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And Finally.....

Phew!!! Thank you for reading the first edition of our St Michael's Newsletter for this academic year. Here's to a successful year!

With every good wish

**Mr Dave Goucher
Headteacher**



Working together for the BEST!



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