

Dear Parent/Carer,

A warm welcome to the third newsletter of our year and my goodness, what a very busy week it has been!!! There have been so many activities and events that have taken place as well as one or two we can look forward to. Let's catch up on all the news:

St Michael's Update

Here's all the news:

- ✓ Well done to St George who won the House Cup last week and are the proud holders for this term!! The other children in the other 3 houses are now busy trying to earn those house points to get the cup back!!
- ✓ Well done to Class 2 who won the first Attendance Cup of the year and, as a result, can enjoy a free play just for them!!
- ✓ A number of Y6 parents/carers visited school for a meeting with Rowan Tanner, Choice Advisor from the Family Information Service, regarding secondary school choices and forms. If you do have any problems please do not hesitate to contact either myself or our great PSAs Jill and Charlotte.
- ✓ It was great to see so many parents/carers pop in for photos with their children as well as the children themselves having a picture taken. They will be available shortly so keep a look out!
- ✓ Yesterday was a very busy day! Indeed, Y6 had an absolutely fantastic day in London seeing the sights and visiting the Natural History Museum. The children were amazing, had a great time and were a real credit to their school and community. A HUGE well done and thank you to all the staff who attended the trip and made it possible.
- ✓ While Y6 were visiting the capital, I had the great pleasure of accompanying Mr Bentley-Taylor and four children to the Guildhall for the Healthy Schools+ presentation and celebration event. It was wonderful to hear about all the amazing things that we have been doing as a school to help children eat healthier. Look out for further initiatives that we will be doing, especially around healthier packed lunches! Well done Mr Bentley-Taylor and all the children involved.



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 next week and 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.

Mad Science Show for Parents/Carers at 9am on Tuesday 21st September

We have been approached by the Learning Skills Council to host a six week Science course for parents/carers and their children. This fabulous opportunity is free of charge and will take place every Tuesday morning from 9am onwards. If you're interested please pop in for an information session and show on Tuesday 21st September at 9am. I look forward to seeing you there!

Healthy School Healthy Lunchbox Workshop on Tuesday 21st September at 1.30pm

As part of Mr Bentley-Taylor's Healthy School + work we are holding a healthy lunchbox workshop this coming Tuesday from 1.30pm onwards. Please pop along for a chat and cuppa!

Heritage/Background Questionnaire

Along with this newsletter I have sent a questionnaire home regarding children's backgrounds and heritage. As part of our Harvest celebrations we are holding a carnival to celebrate the diversity we have at our school. I would be really grateful if you could fill in the questionnaire so that we can celebrate our diverse family!

Parents' Forum at 3.20pm this Wednesday!!

This coming Wednesday sees our first Parents' Forum. I look forward to seeing you there for a chat and cuppa!

INSET Day on Friday 24th September

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

Health and Safety Reminder

Here are one or two reminder about Health and Safety issues and procedures:

- As you are aware I wrote to you regarding two weeks ago regarding one of our children who has a severe allergy to a number of foods (fish, nuts, sesame seeds). Many thanks to all those of you who have ensured that they have not sent in any of these foods in your child's packed lunches. Please keep it up and thanks again!
- Secondly, one or two children have been climbing on the walls and gates as well as running around the car park at the end of the day. In the interest of their safety, please ensure that your child is close by your side!
- Please remember to give us a bell if your child is unwell and is not attending school.
- Finally just a reminder about earrings, as you are aware only studs are allowed and that children will be expected to remove them for PE.

Looking Ahead - Michaelmas Day Celebrations

It's Michaelmas Day on Wednesday 29th September and we're having a special lunch to celebrate as well as trying to break a world record!! We're taking part in the Food for Life 'have a roast dinner' world record attempt and enjoying a special Michaelmas roast! Look out for the menu in next week's newsletter. Finally, as ever we will also be holding our Michaelmas Cups and Tournaments during that week so please ensure that your child has their PE kit in.

Looking Forward - Dates for Your Diary

Monday 20th September – Start of Extra-Curricular Clubs

Tuesday 21st September – Mad Science Show at 9am

Tuesday 21st September – Healthy Lunchbox Workshop

Wednesday 22nd September – Parents' Forum at 3.20pm

Friday 24th September – INSET Day

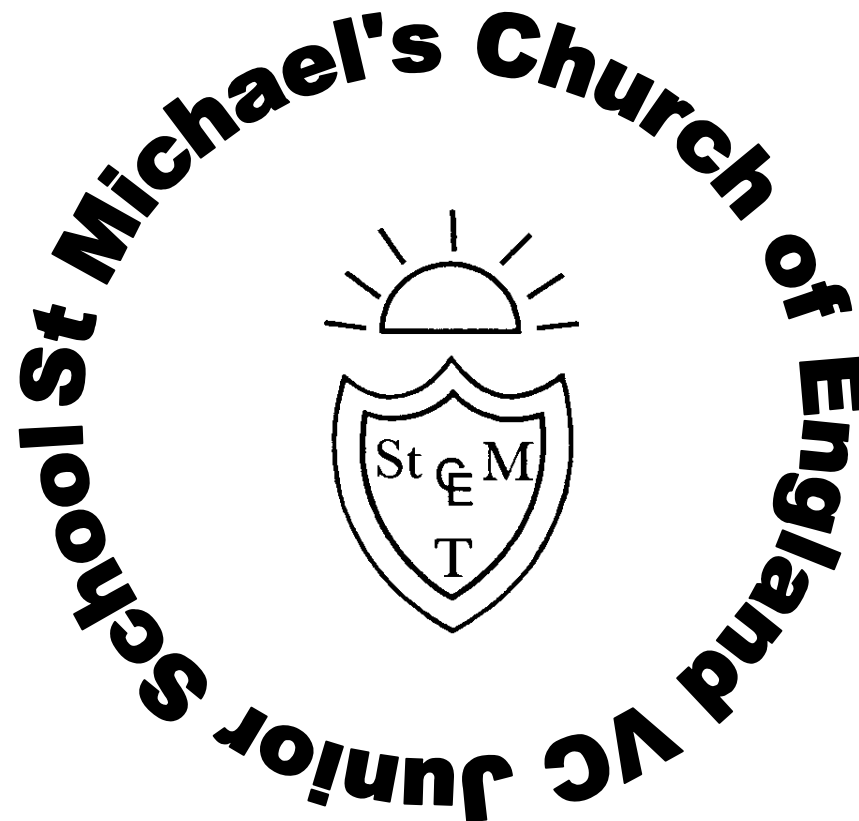
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And Finally.....

Phew!!! Thank you for reading the third edition of our St Michael's Newsletter for this academic year.

With every good wish

**Mr Dave Goucher
Headteacher**



Working together for the BEST!



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