

Dear Parent/Carer,

A very warm welcome to the third edition of our newsletter for this term. It, as always, continues to be exceptionally busy and it's only going to get busier over the next few weeks! Indeed, I'll let you know the dates of a few events later in this newsletter but here goes with all the news from this last week.

Remembrance

Here is a snapshot of four of our great School Councillors laying a poppy wreath at Bath Abbey on behalf of our school and community. As I mentioned last week it was a very poignant visit and well done to Ellie, Owen, Megan and Max for representing our school wonderfully well.



Bath Abbey Schools Singing Programme

On Wednesday I had the enormous pleasure of watching our great choir perform at Bath Abbey. They were absolutely fantastic and I was, as always, a very proud headteacher! Well done to all as well as to Mrs Schonfeld, Mrs Lewington and Miss Brown for all of their support.

Y5/6 WWII Day

Y5/6 participated in an absolutely wonderful World War II day yesterday with the children being evacuees. They participated in a whole host of activities ranging from sewing to knitting through to 'Digging for Victory'. The day ended in a fantastic afternoon tea and sing-song followed by a great Y5/6 worship. Indeed, it was great to see so many parents/carers once again and many thanks for your continued support. Finally, well done to all of the Y5/6 staff for putting on a great day and I can't wait to see the photos!

Parents' Forum

Many thanks to all of you who joined us for our first Parents' Forum of the year. It was a great meeting and opportunity to discuss our school. As a result I will be sending further details to all parents/carers regarding homework and the detentions and I will be doing this week beginning 28th November (due to Y5/6 MoB and Activity Week).

Bath City Attacking Skills Project

Yesterday we had the great pleasure of welcoming Paul and Mark from Bath City FC to our school as part of the Attacking Skills our

school is part of. Indeed, all of our Y3/4 children had a wonderful time and I am looking forward to seeing what our children produce as well as visiting Twerton Park to watch a match.

Children in Need 2011

We've had a great day today raising money for Children in Need. Many thanks for all of your contributions and for your generosity.

Vandalism at St Michael's Church

You may have seen the front page of the Bath Chronicle regarding the vandalism at our Church. I am sure that you are with me in condemning this callous act and our thoughts are with Reverend Wilson. I will be chatting with him shortly to chat about how we can raise money to help fix the roof.

Y5/6 Mill on the Brue/Activity Week

Next week is the big week for Y5/6 as all the children are 'off' curriculum either at Mill on the Brue or participating in our 'St Michael's Activity Week'. Please ensure that if your child is going to Mill on the Brue children they are at school for 8.40am prompt with all of their kit and medication. Similarly the children staying behind for activity week need to make sure that they have their PE kit in as well as swimming kit in on Tuesday.

Industrial Action on Wednesday 30th November

As you are aware there is a national day of industrial action/strike planned by a number of teaching unions for Wednesday 30th November which will affect whether schools will be open or not. At the moment I am unable to inform you whether school will be open or not but please be rest assured that I will let you know as soon as possible. Many thanks for your support at this time.

Attendance – Well Done and Keep It Up!

Just a note to inform you that our attendance for Term 1 is 94.9%. This is fantastic and many thanks for your support!

Operation Christmas Child

A letter was sent yesterday regarding this wonderful charity and please send in any donations as soon as possible. We will also be holding a mufti day in a few weeks' time to help raise money for the postage for the boxes. As always many thanks for all of your support and generosity.

Christmas Arrangements

Christmas is coming ever closer and we intend to celebrate this important event in true St Michael's style! This year we have changed

things slightly and there will be no Christmas Fair. Instead we are holding 'Christmas Competitions' (a little bit like the ones we have at Easter!) and details will follow shortly. The key dates are highlighted below.

Looking Forward - Dates for Your Diary

Here we go, it's a busy week ahead and here's a sneak preview of Christmas! Details will be sent out shortly regarding a number of the activities on the following dates.

Sunday 20th November – Y3/4 and Y5/6 Hockey teams at Bath University for Savills League Games

Monday 21st November – MoB and Y5/6 Activity Week

Tuesday 22nd November – Y5/6 Trip to Bath

Friday 25th November – Y5/6 MoB Trip Returns (A text will be sent to notify parents/carers of the anticipated return time)

Friday 25th November – Culverhay Y3 Tagtails Tournament

Wednesday 30th November – Industrial Action Day

Friday 2nd December – Y3/4 Worship

Monday 5th December – Assessment Week

Thursday 8th December – Christmas Lunch

Monday 12th December – Y5/6 Christmas Party

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Thursday 15th December – Christmas Service at 10.30am at St Michael's Church (TBC)

Thursday 15th December – St Michael's X Factor

Friday 16th December – Christmas Competitions and Raffle 1.30pm onwards

Friday 16th December – End of Term 2

Tuesday 3rd January 2012 – Start of Term 3 at 8.40am Prompt

And Finally.....

Many thanks for reading our third newsletter for this term. Finally, just to let you know that we have had another wedding in the St Michael's family. Congratulations to both Mr and Mrs Bond who tied the knot last weekend. Wow! That makes two weddings and two babies since September!!

With every good wish,

Mr Dave Goucher

Headteacher.



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