

Dear Parent/Carer,

A very warm welcome back to our new school year and the first edition of our newsletter! It has been a wonderful, hardworking, positive and peaceful start to what promises to be a fantastic new school year! Many thanks for making sure your children are in school uniform! They look so smart and grown up, it's fantastic!

St Michael's Update

I have the very pleasant task of letting you know all of the changes that have taken place over the school holidays:

- ✓ We have a brand new line up for our school along with a new resource base for our children. Indeed, the brand new 'Lodge' is our new base for our children to access a whole host of things such as 1:1 tuition and social skills. Here's the line up for this year:

St Michael's Church of England Junior School		
Staff and Class Details Academic Year 2010-2011		
Headteacher		Mr Goucher
Deputy Headteacher		Mr Summers
Class	Year Group	Teacher
Class 1	Year 3/4	Mr Bentley-Taylor
Class 2	Year 3/4	Mrs Watts
Class 3	Year 3/4	Miss Klinkert
Class 7	Year 5	Mrs Hurford
Class 8	Year 5	Mr Summers
Class 9	Year 6	Miss Gerrish
Class 10	Year 6	Miss Stenning
The Lodge	Years 3-6 EBD Base	Mr Patrick Reilly
	1:1 Tuition	Miss Mellor
Nurture Unit	All Years	Ms Cuthbertson

- ✓ As you may have seen the main office has had a bit of a facelift and is the first phase of the redevelopment for the entrance of our school. Indeed, the main office has been made bigger as a result of my office being moved along the corridor. There are a few finishing touches still to be done in the next few days so look out for the improvements when you pop in. .

- ✓ There has been some decoration both inside and out of school as well as one or two new displays boards dotted around.
- ✓ You may have noticed that the lower school garden has had a trim. This has been not only to allow more light into the lower school classrooms, but to enable the nature area to have a fresh start. Indeed, Miss Klinkert, Mrs Williamson and the Green Warriors are keen to get stuck into the lower school nature area.

As ever, all the above changes have made our school even more fantastic and a big thank you to all who have made these improvements possible.

School Lunches Reminder

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

Attendance Week Starts Monday 6th September

Once again as it is the start of term we will be holding an attendance week for the best attended class!! As always the best class will receive the 'Attendance Cup' as well as a special prize!!!

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. Many thanks.

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).

Health and Safety Permission Letter and Pupil Information Letter Regarding Allergies

Along with this newsletter your child should have received two letters. One is a permission letter to allow your child to visit and participate in events and activities. These include visits to St Michael's Church, Carrswood as well as permission to play on playground equipment and also have your child's photo taken for press and website purposes. Please read the letter carefully and sign and return to school as soon as possible. The second letter regards a pupil in our school who has a number of allergies and the steps we as a school are taking to ensure their safety. Please read the letter and many thanks for your support and help.

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. Look out for the leaflet that contains all the information and contact details. 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 6th September – Attendance Week Starts

Tuesday 7th September – Y5 Swimming Starts

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

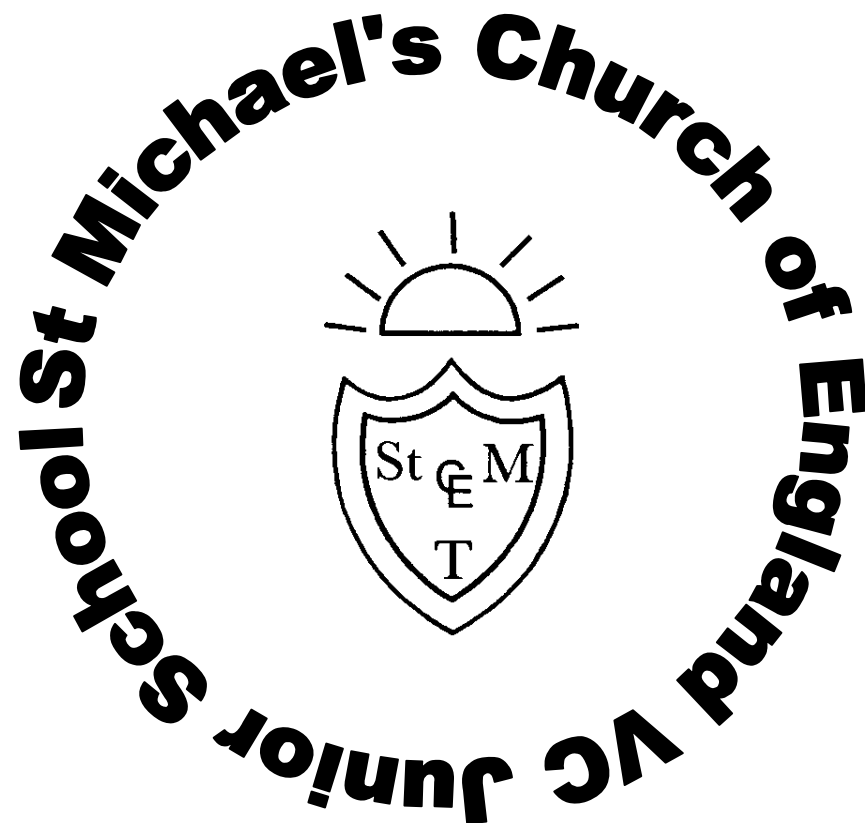
Monday 20th September – Start of Extra-Curricular Clubs

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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