

## Dear Parent/Carer,

A very warm welcome back to our new school year and the first edition of new look newsletter! It has been a wonderful, hardworking, positive and peaceful first day and it 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 'Carrswood Room' is our new base for our children to access a whole host of things such as Speech and Language and Reading Recovery. Here's the line-up for this year with our new class numbers and names:

St Michael's Church of England Junior School Staff and Class Details Academic Year 2011-2012		
Headteacher		Mr Goucher
Deputy Headteacher		Mr Summers
Class	Year Group	Teacher
Class 1 – Carr	Year 3/4	Miss Gerrish# and Miss Walsh
Class 2 – Austen	Year 3/4	Miss Klinkert
Class 3 – Williams	Year 3/4	Mrs Watts
Class 4 – Nash	Year 5/6	Mr Summers
Class 5 – Allen	Year 5/6	Miss Mellor
Class 6 – Wood	Year 5/6	Mrs Schonfeld
The Lodge	Years 3-6 EBD Base	Mr Patrick Reilly and Mr Bentley-Taylor
Nurture Unit & Learning Centre	All Years	Ms Cuthbertson
Carrswood Room: Speech and Language/Reading Recovery	All Years	Mrs Gillum and Mrs Pile

# Miss Gerrish is getting married in 3 weeks' time and will become Mrs Samuddin. We wish her and her husband to be many congratulations and all the best for the future.

- ✓ There has been some decoration both inside and out of school as well as one or two new floorings dotted around. Indeed, the upper school cloakrooms and toilets have been decorated as well as on the playground. Furthermore, both

the main school hall and dining room floors have been replaced and, as a result, make the rooms look even better!

- ✓ The lower school garden continues to be developed with new fencing being installed as well as a brand new shed. Indeed, this shed replaces the one that was vandalised a couple of months ago and many thanks to Mr Bond and Mr Morris for their continued efforts.

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.

## Bathonian Theme Week

As you are aware we have renamed our classes after famous Bathonians. To celebrate this we are all learning about these six famous people throughout the week and I can't wait to hear and see what our great children have been up to!

## Roald Dahl Day on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September

As part of our drive to improve reading, writing, speech and language at our school we will all be celebrating Roald Dahl Day next Tuesday! We have a lot of events planned with our children going 'off curriculum' for the day to celebrate this great author. Furthermore, children are allowed to come to school dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl character and there will be prizes for the best costume!! These could include characters such as Charlie, The BFG, a witch from the Witches, a caterpillar from James and the Giant Peach among others!



## School Lunches Reminder

Just a reminder that a child's school lunch now costs £2 a day. Furthermore, if you think that your child is entitled to free school meals please contact the School Office for more details.

## Attendance Week Starts Today!!!

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!!! The winning class will be announced this Friday!

## Extra-Curricular Clubs

Just a quick note to say that extra-curricular clubs commence week beginning Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September. They will run through and finish week ending Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 our Healthy Breakfast Tuckshop is still running 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 5<sup>th</sup> September – Bathonian Week and Attendance Week**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Y5/6 Swimming Starts**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September – Individual School Photos**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September – Roald Dahl Day**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Start of Extra-Curricular Clubs**

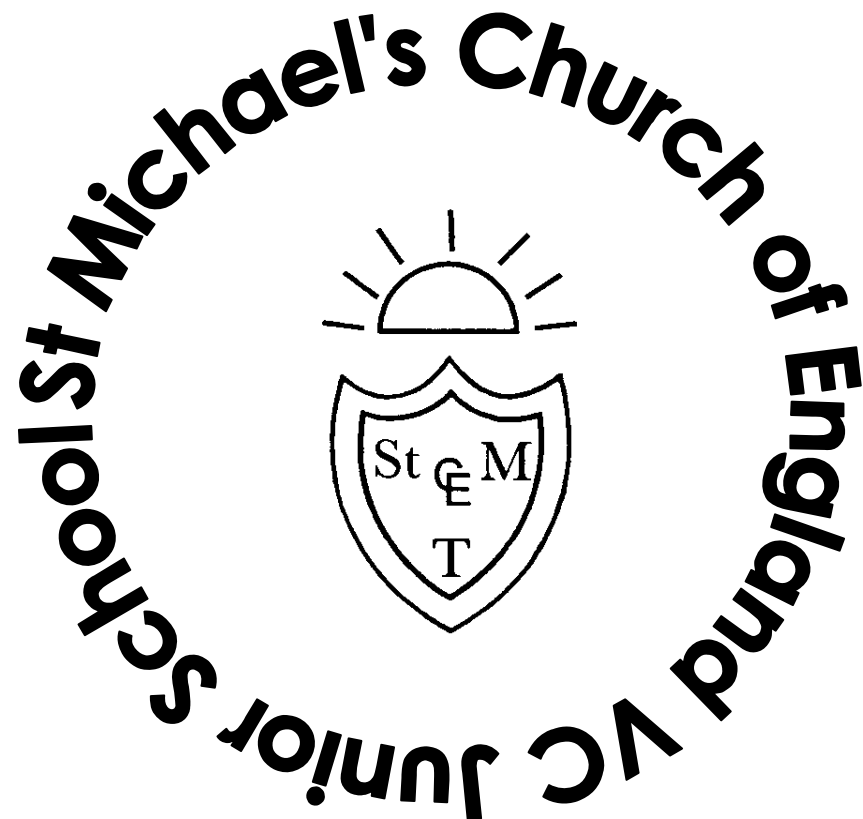
## **And Finally.....**

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!**



## **Start of Year Newsletter Issue 1**

## **Monday 5th September 2011 Academic Year 2011-2012**