



St Michael's Academy

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NEWSLETTER April 2016



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Welcome back to the last term of our school year. I hope you all had a lovely holiday with your children and managed to avoid the bugs and the weather. As a school we have managed to escape most of the serious bugs flying around thankfully, we just need some better weather so we can get outside and enjoy the Spring/Summer.

You will have noticed that the roof has been completed over the holidays and apart from some scaffolding we are looking very well presented. Our next project is the laying of the all - weather grass at the back of the school in order to give the children all year access and more room to play. We are hoping that it will be completed in the May half term holiday.

As you would expect I am trying to get as many jobs done before the end of this school year when I retire. This will enable the new Head teacher to concentrate on getting to know the children, staff and parents in that first crucial term. I'm sure you must be wondering what is happening with regards to recruitment as the end of term is drawing near. The governors will be issuing an update over the next few weeks where all will be made clear.

REMINDERS

The School Nurse will be in on the 29th April to measure and weigh all Year 6 pupils. A letter requesting your consent will follow shortly.

Y6 SATS week is May 9th -13th. Please ensure that your child is in school all week otherwise their results will be null and void if all tests aren't completed. Breakfast will be served every day from 8.30am for all Year 6 pupils to give them a bit of a brain boost!

For those of you with children in Mrs Hemsworth's class, you will be aware that she will be leaving us to have her baby in the next couple of weeks. Miss Arnold is teaching alongside Mrs Hemsworth as of today, in order to give her an invaluable opportunity to get to know the children before Mrs Hemsworth leaves. We wish Mrs Hemsworth the very best of luck and know that she has left her class in good hands. Updates regarding staff changes will come out soon, as and when new staff are appointed.

Judith **Principal**

Badminton Club

Badminton Club will not be running in the Summer Term.
Apologies from Mrs Lipton.

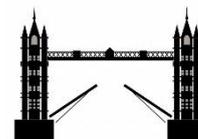


Y6 London & Y4 St Ives/Penzance Residential Trips

The residential trips for year 6 and 4 children will soon be upon us. These trips need to be paid in full by the dates given below. Thank you.

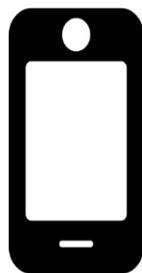


Y4 St Ives/Penzance 18-20 May 2016 Cost: £115.00
Outstanding money needs to be paid in full by: 6 May 2016



Y6 London Residential – 8-10 June 2016 – Cost: £230.00
Outstanding money needs to be paid in full by: 27 May 2016

Contact Details



We are at times having difficulty contacting parents as mobile/landline phone numbers and email addresses have been changed. It is important that you let us have all up to date contacts should there be an emergency or if a club/event has been cancelled and we need to contact you either by phone or text. Please let the office know so your child's records can be update. Thank you.

Easter

We had a special visitor in school, who led the children around the playground several times for the Easter Hat Parade which was shorter this year due to restricted access because of the roofing works. Easter at St Michael's was great fun with a super tea party and hat parade, two wonderful celebration assemblies and a very moving and exhilarating church service led by Year 3, who did a fantastic job. The term culminated in an Easter egg hunt where every child found an egg. They all had a really lovely time and were a pleasure to spend time with.



What's Been Happening in DKS Class



The last week before Easter was so much fun for us at school! We started by making our Easter bonnets ready for the parade. We used fluffy chicks, feathers, and sequins to help us. It took nearly all morning to make because we wanted to make sure they looked the best that they could be. We made so much mess in the classroom... we had to tidy up three times!

On Tuesday we had the Easter bonnet parade- it was fantastic! It was led by the Easter bunny that looked suspiciously like Miss Barrett! We did a few laps of the playground to show off all our wonderful bonnets. It was lovely that some of our parents came too. We finished the parade off by being treated to a yummy hot cross bun or chocolate roll and a hot chocolate. Delicious!



On Tuesday afternoon, we had our Easter church service which was led by year three. We enjoyed sharing the story of Easter, lovely songs and some poems that we performed.



On the last day of term, we had our jungle gym session. We had to make sure that we were very sensible with the equipment and followed the rules that were given to us. It was so much fun, but we were very tired by the end of it!

We also took part in an Easter egg hunt in the quad which was fantastic. Some people in the class found their egg straight away while others were looking for it for ages! It was yummy and a brilliant way to end a fantastic spring term.



We hope you all had a lovely Easter! ☺

School Meal Provision

St Michael's Academy has been awarded a Healthy School status. As such we are committed to provide our own nutritious and healthy lunches which we will make fresh on site daily. We source and order our food a week in advance for the number of children who have pre-ordered and paid for meals. We do not offer a 'pay on the day' option. The cost of a meal is £2 per day. The menu is a 3 week rolling menu. It is available to view on our website and a copy is available from the school office.



REGULAR SCHOOL INFORMATION

GENERAL REMINDERS



NO SMOKING

Along with all other schools in Somerset, St Michael's Academy is a no smoking site, which also includes e-cigarettes.

Can we also ask that you look carefully at tee-shirts and other items with slogans and messages on to make sure they are appropriate for our children to see? Many thanks for your co-operation.

Can we also remind you to send your children to school looking clean and smart with a haircut appropriate for their age. It states very clearly in our prospectus that it is not our school policy to have hair cut less than a grade 3 and no dyed hair or totemic patterns. They should also be in black school shoes or trainers and not beach shoes or coloured trainers.

ABSENCE

If your child is absent from school please let the school know before 9am.

LOST PROPERTY

Please label your child's belongings. We have a growing selection of coats, uniform and PE kit in lost property.

FRUITY FRIDAY

Send your child in with 50p if they would like a bag of fruit and a juice drink. There is no charge if your child is entitled to Free School Meals. This is phenomenal value as there hasn't been a price increase in 7 years.



Swimming 2015/2016



Please note that on swimming days the children leave school at 8.30am prompt. Please ensure your child is in school 10 minutes before the children/bus leaves for registration, and for them to pay their swimming fees.

If your child is unable to swim for medical reasons, but is not ill enough to be off school please DO NOT send them into school first thing as there is no provision for them. Please keep them at home and send them in at the time listed to be back at school as all staff go swimming so there is no supervision for the children who do not go.

Summer Term 1 ~ 2016

Day	Year	Cost	Leave School/ Bus Leaves	BACK AT SCHOOL
Monday	Rosen Class @ Fiveways	£1.50	8.30am	10.00am
	Year 4 @ Goldenstones	£2.00	8.30am	10.00am
Tuesday	Year 6 @ Goldenstones	£2.00	8.30am	10.00am
Wednesday	DKS Class @ Fiveways	£1.50	8.30am	10.00am
Thursday	Year 5 @ Goldenstones	£2.00	8.30am	10.00am
Friday	Cole Class @ Fiveways	£1.50	8.30am	10.00am

Please ensure that your child has their swimming kit on the correct day. They need a towel and a swimming costume for girls, (no bikinis please) and swimming trunks for boys, (shorts no longer than mid-thigh please.) Long hair must be tied back.

Please make sure they bring their money each week. Children in receipt of Free School Meals or Service Children do not pay.

Please make sure your child attends swimming each week, it is a very important life skill. The children here are very lucky to swim every week throughout the year as many schools do not offer this.



In line with all Somerset schools, please refrain from bringing your dogs onto the playground. Thank you.



There is NO PARKING at any time on the school premises. Please encourage your family to walk to school or if you really need to drive then park far away from the school entrance.

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DIARY DATES

April 2016

1	Easter Break
2	Saturday
3	Sunday
4	Easter Break
5	Easter Break
6	Easter Break
7	Easter Break
8	Easter Break
9	Saturday
10	Sunday
11	Return to School – NO SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK
12	
13	
14	
15	FATHER DAVID ASSEMBLY 2.45PM
16	Saturday
17	Sunday
18	School Clubs re-start Year 3 to Reckleford for an Art afternoon as part of the transition activities.
19	Scholastic Book Fair
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23	Saturday
24	Sunday
25	Scholastic Book Fair Year 3 to Reckleford as above.
26	
27	Year 4 residential meeting for children going to St. Ives and their parents.
28	
29	School Nurses to take Year 6 – Weight and Height Measurements. Mrs Hemsworth starts her maternity leave. Year 5 to Abbey Hill Steam Rally in school time.
30	Saturday
May 2016	
1	Sunday
2	MONDAY – INSET DAY

RETURN TO SCHOOL TUESDAY, 3rd MAY 2016

