



# St Michael's Academy

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## NEWSLETTER February 2014

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Welcome to the February newsletter. This is a very short month and we only have two weeks until we break up for half term, so let's make the most of our time in school by being in here every day and on time. Spring is on its way, the banks on the sides of the road into Yeovil are already full of daffodils, always a good sign. However, please make sure the children are dressed warmly for the changeable weather, especially with a sensible pair of shoes for all the water that's about! There is nothing worse than wet and cold feet.

*Judith.*

### VALENTINES DAY CAKE SALE

Some of the children will be baking during the day and there be a sale after school on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> February.



### NON UNIFORM DAY

The last day of term (Friday, 14 February) is a non-uniform day for a donation. Money will be split between the school and School in a Bag, our chosen charity this year.



### PE KIT

PE kit for outdoor PE must be in school every day. They need: Trainers, jogging bottoms and top PLUS t-shirt and shorts.

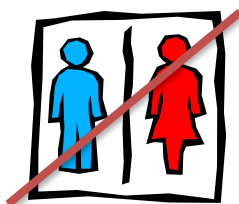


## KILVE COURT

We still have places for this year's residential to Kilve Court for the Year 3 and 4 children which will take place between **7 to 9 July**. The information letter with consent form has been issued. The cost is £140 to be paid before 20 June 2014 or if your child has Free School Meals then a claim will be made via Pupil Premium. A copy of the permission slip is on the school website if you need another.

## LONDON NON-RESIDENTIAL

The Year 6 London 3 Day Residential is now FULL. Those Year 6 children not going will not miss out as they will be taking part in 3 separate day trips. One to London, one to the seaside and one to a local National Trust property. Please send in the deposit for these non-residential trips or pay in full the £45. Forms are available to download from the school website and in the school office.



## TOILETS

I know that you value keeping your children safe as much as we do, but we do need your help with this. We are being asked increasingly by parents if they can use our toilets for themselves and/or younger children, often during school time and also when they have just come over from Pen Mill. This means that when your children go to the toilet, they could well find a strange adult already in there. This is obviously unacceptable and not in accordance with our safeguarding policy. To this end we would ask that you ensure your children have been to the toilet before they leave their school and arrive for collection of brothers and sisters here. The office staff has been instructed not to allow adults into the school building before 3.30. In this way we can ensure that your children are safe while in school.

On the subject of safety, can I ask you to remind your children that if the person who collects them at the end of the day is not there, they must come back into school and wait and not go home by themselves. It also helps the children a lot if they know who is collecting them, as they often don't. I know you will understand our concerns. We teach the children a lot about stranger danger, but as recent news has shown they are much more at risk of being abused by someone they know, often in their own families. It minimises that risk if there is a set procedure in place for bringing and collecting children from school.

## BAD WEATHER PROCEDURE



In conjunction with the Caretaker, I make the decision on snow and bad weather days whether the school opens or is closed. I can only open the school if I have enough staff to cover the care of the children using a 1.8 ratio. As only two of our teaching staff live in Yeovil, that means that the remaining staff have to travel in from villages, so if they were heavily snowed in, their journey would be impossible and dangerous. In the event of the school closing we will endeavour to put messages on:

- The school answer machine:
- School Website: [www.stmichaelsacademy.co.uk](http://www.stmichaelsacademy.co.uk)
- Somerset County Council website:  
[https://slp.somerset.gov.uk/cypd/Lists/Emergency School Closures Today/ClosedToday.aspx](https://slp.somerset.gov.uk/cypd/Lists/Emergency%20School%20Closures%20Today/ClosedToday.aspx)
- Local Radio: Heart (96-107) & BBC Somerset (95.5)

*We can also email and text you important information. Please let the office have your up-to-date contact details for this purpose.*

## SWIMMING

Please find below a list of days and times the children swim. Please ensure your child is in school 10 minutes before the bus leaves for registration and for them to pay. If your child is unable to swim for medical reasons, but 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.



Day	Year	Cost	Leave School/ Bus Leaves	BACK AT SCHOOL
Monday	Y3 @ Fiveways	£1.50	9.00am	10.00am
	Y4 @ Goldenstones	£2.00	9.30am	11.00am
Tuesday	Y6 @ Goldenstones	£2.00	<b>8.30am</b>	10.00am
Wednesday	Mixed Lower School @ Fiveways	Free of Charge	9.00am	10.00am
Thursday	Y5 @ Goldenstones	£2.00	<b>8.30am</b>	10.00am
Friday	Mixed Upper School @ Fiveways	Free of Charge	9.00am	10.00am

## REMINDERS

### ABSENCE

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

### 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.

### LOST PROPERTY

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



## CLUBS



**For clarification, in bad weather the clubs will still go ahead as we can utilise the school gym and hall.**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Run By</b>	<b>Time</b>
Monday	Netball	Miss Stringer/Mrs Court	3.30 – 4.30pm
	Tag Rugby ( <i>Lower School</i> )	Mr Pidgeon	3.30 – 4.30pm
Tuesday	Table Tennis ( <i>Upper School</i> )	Mr Jones	3.30 – 4.30pm
Wednesday	Football ( <i>Upper School</i> )	Mr Mapletoft	3.30 – 4.30pm
	Imagineering Club ( <i>Invited Children</i> )	Mr Jones/Westland Apprentices	3.30 - 4.30pm
Thursday	Football ( <i>Lower School</i> )	Mr Callaghan	3.30 – 4.30pm
	Table Tennis ( <i>Upper School</i> )	Mr Jones	3.30 – 4.30pm
Friday			



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## DIARY DATES

### FEBRUARY 2014

4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Basketball at Yeovil College. 6 children.</li><li>• Thinking skills at Westfield academy. In school time. Morpurgo class.</li></ul>
7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gym competition for 12 children at Orchard Gym club. In school time.</li></ul>
11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Internet Surfer day at Bucklers Mead. 12 Year 5 and 6 in school time.</li></ul>
12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parents Evening. 3.30- 6.30pm</li></ul>
13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parents Evening. 3.30 – 5.30pm</li></ul>
14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Morpurgo class assembly. 2.45pm</li><li>• NON SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY in exchange for donation. Money being split between the school and our chosen charity <i>School in a Bag</i>.</li><li>• VALENTINE'S DAY CAKE SALE – After school.</li></ul> <p>(Friday) <b>Break up for half term.</b></p>
24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	(Monday) is an Inset Day for the children.
25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	(Tuesday) <b>RETURN TO SCHOOL.</b>

# LEKCJE JĘZYKA ANGIELSKIEGO W YEOVIL

Praktyczne lekcje języka angielskiego odbędą się w zaaranżowanych miejscach i sytuacjach. Zajęcia rozpoczynają się w połowie stycznia 2014 roku, jednak zapisy trwają już teraz!

Jedyny koszt to koszt rejestracji w wysokości £30.

**Tanio, efektywnie i na miejscu. Nie zwlekaj, zapisz się już dziś!**

**Liczba miejsc ograniczona.**

## ENGLISH LESSONS IN YEOVIL

Practical English lessons will be carried out in arranged places and situations. Run by an experienced teacher. Classes start in mid-January 2014. However, you can book a place already. The only cost is an administration fee £30.

**Cheaply, efficiently and nearby. Do not delay, sign up today.**

**Number of places limited.**

If you are interested in the English classes, need any help or would like to become a volunteer please call Rafal Skarbek on 07868723419 or email us on: [admin@m-eca.org.uk](mailto:admin@m-eca.org.uk)

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