



St Michael's Academy

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NEWSLETTER February 2015



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,
Welcome to our February newsletter. This is a very short month for us as we break up in less than two weeks time. Thank you to all of you who send their children into school as much as is humanly possible. Everyone appreciates how hard it is to get up these cold mornings, especially if you are feeling under the weather.

Can I remind you that our school policy is no extreme haircuts or dyed hair, by extreme we mean that the boys' heads are not shaved less than a Grade 3 and no totemic patterns are allowed. All long hair should be tied back to win the battle over head lice. We are seeing a few very short haircuts coming into school and would prefer that they didn't. This is a junior school for young children, we leave those sort of battles for our secondary colleagues.

We will be holding our second Parents Evenings on March 11th and 12th. This is just two weeks after our return from half term. This will be the last opportunity for you to look at the school work of your child/ren, this academic year as in the summer term we produce a

written report only. Please make the most of these opportunities to share the children's achievements.

The new crossing patrol seems to be working really well and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for your cooperation with this. The bottom of our drive has been a dangerous place for our children and it has been somewhat ironic to see that the greatest danger comes from our very own parents. Hopefully this has been eliminated.

Judith

6 FEBRUARY - NON SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY & BOOK EXCHANGE

Non School Uniform Day – in exchange for £1 donation. Money raised will go to our School Library fund.

Also this day - **Book Exchange**. Children can bring in old books that they do not want anymore and swap them for a new book to read. This will be in the Library at lunchtime.



Books for exchange need to come into school before this date. Children will be given a token from their teacher. So the school council know how many books (exchanges) they can take.

SCHOOL DINNERS

School dinners for the Spring Term are on a 4 week rota. They are available to view on the school website. The cost is £2 per day and from after half term we are able to open it up to year 6 pupils also.

If you would like your child to have school meals they need to be paid for a week in advance. Next payment is due on **Monday 9th February for meals starting the week after half term.** As Monday 23rd is an inset day only £8 needs to be paid for this week and £10 per week thereafter.



Please pay your money either to the school office or your class teacher by **Monday 9th February.**

YEAR 4 SWIM



Reminder for Year 4's. The bus leaves for swimming at 8.30am. Please ensure the children are in school on the playground at 8.25am to register and pay before they leave. Many thanks for your cooperation.

BADMINTON

The following children have been selected to take part in a Badminton Tournament at Bucklers Mead Academy on Thursday, 5 February from 4 – 5pm. Mrs Lipton will walk the children up to Bucklers. Please collect your children from there at 5pm. A permission slip is attached to this Newsletter to be returned as soon as possible. Thank you.



Cortez Barton
Igor Ciechanowski
Bartek Kuczynski
Charlie Hughes

Shane Pothecary
Saskia Niehues
Christable Calimlim
Filip Nowak

Maxine Cruz
Tanya Sihlangu
Callum Rice
Ronnie Tucker

REGULAR SCHOOL INFORMATION

GENERAL REMINDERS

Swimming 2014/2015



Please note that on swimming days the children leave school at 8.30am. 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.

Spring Term 2

Day	Year	Cost	Leave School/ Bus Leaves	BACK AT SCHOOL
Monday	Rosen Class @ Fiveways	£1.50	8.30am	10.00am
	Y4 @ Goldenstones	£2.00	8.30am	10.00am
Tuesday	Y6 @ Goldenstones	£2.00	8.30am	10.00am
Wednesday	DKS Class @ Fiveways	£1.50	8.30am	10.00am
Thursday	Y5 @ Goldenstones	£2.00	8.30am	10.00am

Friday	Cole Class @ Fiveways	£1.50	8.30am	10.00am
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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, (no long shorts please.) Long hair must be tied back.

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

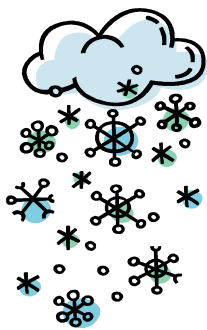
Please make sure your child attends swimming each week, it is a very important life skill. The children here are very lucky to swim every week throughout the year as many schools do not offer this.



SCHOOL CLUBS

Day	Club	Run By	Time
Monday	Netball Year 6 Only	Miss Stringer & Mrs Court	3.30~ 4.30pm
Tuesday	Table Tennis Club Years 5&6 Only	Mr Jones	3.30~ 4.30pm
Wednesday	Imagineering Club Year 6 only	Mr Jones & Westlands	3.30~ 4.30pm
Thursday	Football Club Lower School Table Tennis Club Years 5&6 Only	Mr Bisgrove & Mr Whatmore Mr Jones	3.30~ 4.30pm 3.30~ 4.30pm
Friday			

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
- 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.

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



February 2015	
1	Sunday
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5	Badminton Tournament 4-5pm Bucklers Mead
6	Non School Uniform Day Book Exchange
7	Saturday
8	Sunday
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11	Celebration Assembly 2pm
12	Tempest Photography class photos for years 3 & 4
13	Break up for Half Term
14	Saturday
15	Sunday
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21	Saturday
22	Sunday
23	Inset Day
24	Children return to school
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Badminton Tournament – Mrs Lipton

5 February 2015 – Bucklers Mead

I give permission for my child (please tick) to take part in the Badminton Tournament on 5 February and will collect them from Bucklers Mead at 5pm.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cortez Barton | <input type="checkbox"/> Shane Potheary | <input type="checkbox"/> Maxine Cruz |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Igor Ciechanowski | <input type="checkbox"/> Saskia Niehues | <input type="checkbox"/> Tanya Sihlangu |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bartek Kuczynski | <input type="checkbox"/> Christable Calimlim | <input type="checkbox"/> Callum Rice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Charlie Hughes | <input type="checkbox"/> Filip Nowak | <input type="checkbox"/> Ronnie Tucker |

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please return this form to school as soon as possible. Thank you



Parent Consultation Evenings Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th March 2015

Class Teacher Appointment

Name: _____

Class: _____

Please tick two preferred time slots:

Wednesday 11th March 2015

Thursday 12th March 2015

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Parent Consultation Evenings – SENCO APPOINTMENT
(Special Educational Needs Coordinator – Mrs Ogden)

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Class: _____

Please tick two preferred time slots:

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