



# St Michael's Academy

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## NEWSLETTER January 2014

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Welcome to January 2014 and to the first newsletter of the year. I hope you have had a wonderful holiday with your children. They have returned to school looking as if they have had a good rest, thank you for that. I hope 2014 is a great year for you all, one that is filled with health and happiness.

*Judith.*

### CHRISTMAS FAIR

This year we raised £639.00. Monies are being split with a proportion going to the School's chosen charity 'School in a Bag.' A very big thank you to you all, and especially to Mrs Bradford who organised the Fair, and to Miss Clements and the School Council for raising the profile of our charities that led to such generosity.



### PE KIT

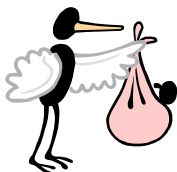


PE kit for outdoor PE must be in school every day. They need: Trainers, jogging bottoms and top PLUS t-shirt and shorts.

### KILVE COURT

This year's residential to Kilve Court for the Year 3 and 4 children will take place between **7 to 9 July**. Letters with consent form and deposit requirements will be issued this week.

### Some Good News!



Mrs Brannighan in the office gave birth to Eliza recently. Both Mother and baby are doing well and I am sure will make a visit soon.

## 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

## **Yeovil District Swimming Club**

*Yeovil District Swimming Club are developing the next wave of swimmers in the Yeovil area. We have our own Learn to swim programme and take children from aged 4 and a squad programme set up to give all our swimmers the chance to reach their full potential. We have swimmers of all levels training within the club from social swimmers to swimmers who have competed on the international stage and at National Championships. We would like to offer all new members 4 weeks free swimming to start the next wave of swimmers and hopefully there will be young children who may compete at the National Championships in 2016.*

*For further information please contact:  
Bev Nott School Liason Officer for YDSC  
07788254512*

*Mark Rawle Head Coach Yeovil & District Swimming Club  
07805609731*

## **REMINDERS**

There will be NO after school clubs in the first week back in January 2014.

### **FRUITY FRIDAY**

Will start again on Friday, 10 January. 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 and PE kit in school in lost property.

### **EXTRA FUNDING IS AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOLS ATTENDED BY SERVICE CHILDREN**

Additional funding of £300 is available for all children with parents in the Services. To ensure that the school is eligible for this funding please advise the school office before 16<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

### **School Admissions 2015/16 Admission Arrangements – Have Your Say!**

*School admissions arrangements for all children who are due to start or transfer school for the 2015-16 school year, and those moving schools during the 2015-16 school year are currently being consulted on.*

*This consultation applies to all voluntary controlled and community schools and those voluntary aided and foundation schools and academies who have contracted with the Local Authority to consult on their admission arrangements on their behalf.*

This consultation period allows parents, other schools, religious authorities and the local community to raise any concerns or comments about proposed admission arrangements.

For a copy of the admission arrangements and details of how to make comments, please contact (01823) 356146 or visit [www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions).

From this January, there will be a slight reorganisation of the Senior staff in school. This will not affect the day to day running of the school at all. Mrs Lancey will take on the further responsibility of Head of Teaching and Learning. She will be ably assisted by Mrs Compton Foster, Head of LS, Mrs Seaby, who leads the Year 5 team and Mrs Ogden who leads the SEN department. I will of course continue to lead the school. If in the event you cannot always find me to talk to, please consult with the senior team in my absence or make an appointment to see me through the office staff.

Judith

## St Michael's Academy DIARY DATES

<b>JANUARY 2014</b>	
6 <sup>th</sup>	(Monday) <b>RETURN TO SCHOOL.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swimming starts this week as per normal. Details included in this Newsletter. <b>NO CLUBS</b></li> </ul>
13 <sup>th</sup>	Clubs re-start this week. – See Below
<b>FEBRUARY 2014</b>	
14 <sup>th</sup>	(Friday) Break up for half term.
24 <sup>th</sup>	(Monday) is an Inset Day.
25 <sup>th</sup>	(Tuesday) <b>RETURN TO SCHOOL.</b>



## CLUBS



Day	Club	Run By	Time
Monday	Netball	Miss Stringer/Mrs Court	3.30 – 4.30pm
Tuesday	Table Tennis ( <i>Upper School</i> )	Mr Jones	3.30 – 4.30pm
Wednesday	Football ( <i>Upper School</i> ) <i>starts 22<sup>nd</sup> January</i> Imagineering Club ( <i>Invited Children</i> )	Mr Mapletoft Mr Jones/Westland Apprentices	3.30 – 4.30pm 3.30 - 4.30pm
Thursday	Football ( <i>Lower School</i> ) Table Tennis ( <i>Upper School</i> )	Mr Callaghan Mr Jones	3.30 – 4.30pm 3.30 – 4.30pm
Friday			