



St Michael's Academy

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NEWSLETTER March/April 2014



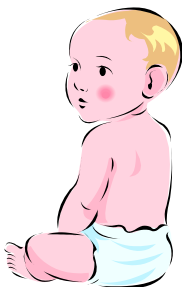
Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

It is hard to believe that another holiday has come and gone. I hope you managed to get outside and at least have a bit of fresh air. It is only 6 weeks until our next holiday, so please ensure the children are in school every day unless they are really ill. It is so important for their long term education and wellbeing. We are now half way through our school year and there are lots of activities on the go as always. We try and give as many dates in advance as possible, to help you organise the children. Please keep copies of the newsletters, or if you lose them go onto our website or collect paper copies from the office.

Judith.

Staffing

We have two staff leaving us in the next few weeks, both for very good reasons. Both Mrs Moncur and Mrs Stent will be going off on maternity leave and will be replaced by Mrs Briscoe in Wilson class (2 days a week) and Mrs Chant in Fine class (full time). We are very grateful to them for taking over. The children have met both staff members, so there will be no great changes for them. Mrs Lancey and Mrs Seaby, both of whom lead their teams, will be supporting the new staff.



Year 6 Residential/Non-Residential

It is only 3 months until the Year 6 Trips, as a reminder: The 3 day London Residential for the Year 6 children needs to be paid in full by 16 May 2014 (£225).



All of the remaining year 6 children will be going on 3 separate local days out and that payment of £45 needs to be paid in full by 16 May 2014. The permission slip can be obtained from the office and like the London Residential a payment card and plan is available.

Kilve Court

The year 3-4 Kilve Court Residential needs to be paid in full by Friday, 20 June 2014. (£140.00). All 50 places are now taken and booked.

School photographer



Tempest Photographers will be in school taking the lower school children's photos on Tuesday 4 March first thing in the morning. Please make sure your children are looking clean and smart for their photos and as they will be photographed with no shoes on, please check they have no holes in their socks or tights.

Correspondence



With one eye on technology and one on the environment, we have upgraded our contact and communication system in school and some of you already will be receiving text messages, for absences and other messages. For those of you who have given us your email addresses we intend on emailing you school correspondence, ie school newsletters, letters, and other relevant information and phasing out paper copies, but there will be duplication to start with. Please let us have your email address and current mobile phone numbers so you will not miss out on anything.

Netball Club

Until further notice there will be no Netball Club. Miss Stringer and Miss Court intend on re-starting it in the Summer Term.



Valentines Day



Thank you for supporting the Valentine's Day events organised by the school council.

Non Uniform raised £167.75, Bracelet Sale £24.29 and the Cake Sale raised £92.67.

£284.71 in total was raised.



The proceeds are being split between our chosen Charity – School in a Bag and St Michael's Academy.

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.

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	8.30am	10.00am
Wednesday	Mixed Lower School @ Fiveways	Free of Charge	9.00am	10.00am
Thursday	Y5 @ Goldenstones	£2.00	8.30am	10.00am
Friday	Mixed Upper School @ Fiveways	Free of Charge	9.00am	10.00am

2015/16 Term Dates Consultation

The County Council are consulting on term dates for 2015/16 and have invited parents have an opinion. The deadline is end of March so to access give your views please look at the website, details below.

<http://www.somersetconsults.org.uk/consult.ti/termdates2015.16/consultationHome>

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.

Day	Club	Run By	Time
Monday			
Tuesday	Table Tennis (<i>Upper School</i>)	Mr Jones	3.30 – 4.30pm
Wednesday	Football (<i>Upper School</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			

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DIARY DATES

March/April 2014

25th Feb.	Some Year 6 to Bucklers Mead. Gifted and Talented (G and T) IT.
26th Feb.	Upper School (US) to church in school time.
3rd March.	Upper School to church in school time.
4th March	Photographer in school - Lower School (LS) photographs.
5th March	Pancake day. Please bring a frying pan. Races at 2pm.
7th March.	Gymnastics competition. Letter to follow.
	Fine Class assembly – 2.45pm
11th March.	Cross Country. Letter attached. Please complete and return if your child would like to go.
	G and T IT at BM
12th March	Gymnastics competition. Letter to follow.
14th March.	10 Children to Change for Life workshop. -CANCELLED
18th March.	G and T IT at BM
21st March.	Ahlberg class assembly – 2.45pm.
25th March.	G and T Literacy. Preston school.
26th March.	Celebration assembly.
2nd April.	Easter Church service 10am
2nd April.	Easter parade and tea party. 2pm.
4th April.	Break up for Easter.
23rd April.	RETURN TO SCHOOL.

Children's Easter Colouring Competition

Easter Colouring Competition

Win an Easter Egg



PRIZES FOR THE UPPER SCHOOL & LOWER SCHOOL

*Colour in the picture on the back page and
hand into the Office by Wednesday 2 April 2014*



CROSS COUNTRY

Yeovil Primary Schools Cross Country Races 2014

The next Yeovil Primary Schools Cross Country race will be held on **Tuesday, 11 March 2014**

If you would like your child to take part please return the slip below to the school office as soon as possible. There are only 30 places and you will be notified if your child has **not** been selected. If you hear nothing please presume they have a place.

Details of the location, times and kit needed will be given to the selected children nearer the time.

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Yeovil Primary Schools Cross Country Races 2014 11 March 2014

I give permission for my child (name): _____

in _____ Class to take part in the Cross Country race on
Tuesday, 11 March 2014

Parent/Guardian signature _____

Emergency Contact Number: _____

CHILD CARE PROVISION

We are having more and more enquiries about affordable after school and holiday time childcare provision from working parents for their children. It is becoming clear that there is not a lot about this area.

We would like to ask your views on what would be helpful to you. We already open the school early for the children at 8.30am and we do run after school clubs until 4.30pm nearly every night. If you could complete the form below and return it to the school office by 14 March 2014 then we can look at and assess the needs identified and see if there is any way we can help.

Your Name:	Child's Name:
What provision would be beneficial to you and your family?	(Please Tick) Before School After School Holiday Club
What times would be useful ie 8am – 6pm	Before School from: After School to: Holiday Club (. am to . pm)
Do you use a local provider already?	Yes / No
Please suggest ways how could St Michael's Academy help or any other comments you may have regarding out of hours childcare?	
Signed:	

EASTER COLOURING COMPETITION

Name: _____

Class: _____

