



# St Michael's Academy

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## NEWSLETTER May 2016



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

The year is certainly rolling on rapidly and there is always lots to do. In the four weeks until half term we have SAT's week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> May, the Year 4 trip to St. Ives leaving on the 18<sup>th</sup> May, and our Sports day on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May. It is really important that all Year 6 children are in for the entire week otherwise their marks will be null and void if they miss any of the tests. We will be holding breakfast club for all the Year 6 children every day, with a special celebratory breakfast on the last day, which is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

Mrs Compton Foster has held a meeting for the parents and pupils of the pupils in Year 4 who are off to St Ives. Hopefully you all found it helpful. If you need any further information please don't hesitate to contact us.

**Sports day** will be held at Fiveways School. The informal sports day will begin at 9.30am and will include all the throwing and jumping activities. The formal sports will begin at 1.15pm and will include all the races. Please ensure your children are sent to school in the appropriate clothing. This is school tee shirt, shorts and trainers plus joggers and a top. It is fairly early on in the year and the weather may be changeable. They will also need a packed lunch and plenty to drink for the day. Children in receipt of FSM will have their packed provided for them. You are very welcome to attend all or part of the day and have lunch with your children if you would like to. Please can I remind you that we will be guests of Fiveways school and we can only hold our sports day there because of the kindness of Mr Collis. Thank you to all of you who respect that. Can I remind you that there is no smoking, alcohol or parking on the Fiveways site and children are not allowed to play on the specially modified play equipment.

*Judith* **Principal**

### Lower School – Young Shakespeare Company Workshops

We have managed to book The Young Shakespeare Company to work with the lower school on Thursday and Friday this week. The upper school children enjoyed their visit recently, immensely and got a lot from it. We are asking for a small contribution of £2 towards these educational workshops. Please complete and return the form at the end of the Newsletter.



## Year 5 Workshops & Trips.

As part of our Summer Topic Rivers, we have a fantastic workshop and a trip planned. They are both fantastic learning opportunities for the children and have proved to be very enjoyable in previous years.

### Friday 13th May - Bridges Workshop

Your child will take part in a bridges workshop with a focus on investigation, disassembly and evaluation. Using design technology, maths and science these workshops are designed to stimulate pupil's imagination, interpretative and visual problem solving skills while helping to develop higher order thinking skills.

Cost per child - £7.00

Money due by Wednesday, 11 May 2016

Please complete and return permission slip attached for the Bridges Workshop

### Somerset Earth Science Centre Rivers Trip.

Wilson class will go on the field trip on Thursday 16th June, Jennings will go on Friday 17th June.

This programme includes a visit to a field site and the following activities;

- \* Measuring width, cross-section depth and speed of river
- \* Map of river identifying area of erosion and deposition
- \* Collecting, drawing and identifying river wildlife

Cost per child = £8.00

Money due by Monday, 13 June 2016

More details of this trip will be sent home in the newsletter or bulletin closer to the time.

**Year 5 swimming will be on a Tuesday on the week of the rivers trip. And Year 6s will be swimming on Thursday of week commencing 13 June 2016**

## FA Girls Football Week

Last week was the FA Girls Football Week and in celebration of this, the school organised an intra-school tournament. Details and results from this will follow shortly. To get more girls involved in football, Yeovil Town Ladies Football Club very kindly donated free tickets to the girls who entered the tournament and some of these girls attended the match on Wednesday evening to watch the team play Oxford United Ladies.



It was a very cold evening but the girls who came enjoyed it very much. They were even chosen to walk onto the pitch with the players before the match and get autographs at the end! Some girls had even brought some green and white balloons to show their support. To finish off a super evening, the Ladies won the match 2-0. The girls behaved exceptionally well and were a credit to the school.

Many thanks to all the parents who came with the girls to help make it a special evening!

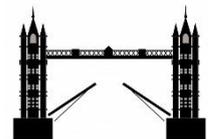


### London & Y4 St Ives/Penzance Residential Trips

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.

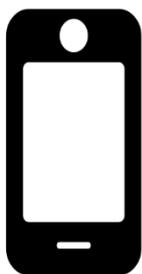


Y4 St Ives/Penzance 18-20 May 2016 Cost: £115.00  
Outstanding money needs to be paid in full by: 6 May 2016



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.

### What's been happening in.... Walliams Class

This term the Year 4's new topic is Out & About. As part of this topic we will be researching about Yeovil and the surrounding area and comparing it with St. Ives. "We are really looking forward to the Year 4 residential. I can't wait to visit the seaside as well as the Eden project!" William E

"During our topic and ICT sessions we have been researching about the history of Yeovil. This takes a lot of time because we have search the internet and find a good website that has a lot of information. Then we have to read the information carefully to find some important facts before typing them into a word document or copying and pasting some small sentences." Frankie

Some of our favourite facts are:

"In 1086, Yeovil was written in the Domesday Book as 'Givle'" Harris

"During World War II Yeovil was a target for German bombs because of Westlands being in the town. Lots of the houses in Yeovil were destroyed" Harvey

In Literacy, we have been looking at persuasive writing and leaflets! We began by looking at the different features of a leaflet and what makes a good leaflet. Later, we were told that we were going to create a leaflet about our school. After planning what we were going to include in our leaflets, we began to create them using expressive language, subheadings, paragraphs and fronted adverbials.

During our music lessons with Mr Champion, we have enjoyed composing our own pieces of music relating to a storm by the seaside. We used a range of instruments and really enjoyed sharing them with the rest of our class.

Finally, on Thursday, we were lucky enough to go up to Buckler's Mead and watch some of the Yeovil Town football players train for their match. Afterwards, we were able to show off some of our amazing skills with some of the students at Buckler's Mead and some of the Yeovil Town Football players.

## Yeovil Town Football Club



Year 4 & 5 had a wonderful morning last Thursday when they went to Bucklers Mead School and worked with Yeovil Town FC players. They took part in football skills exercises with leaders from Bucklers Mead. They also took part in a penalty shootout competition. Well done to Brae Tyrell in Year 5 and Ckenzy Rowe in Year 4 who managed to score a goal! They have been chosen to take part in a penalty shootout at YTFC vs Leyton Orient match on 7 May.

## 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.

### 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.



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## DIARY DATES

### May 2016

1	
2	BANK HOLIDAY
3	Children start school
4	
5	Lower School workshops with Young Shakespeare Company
6	Lower School workshops with Young Shakespeare Company Payment in full due for Y4 St Ives Residential
7	Saturday
8	Sunday
9	SATS – Year 6 No School Patrol Crossing
10	SATS – Year 6 No School Patrol Crossing
11	SATS – Year 6 No School Patrol Crossing Bridges Workshop – Year 5
12	SATS – Year 6 No School Patrol Crossing
13	SATS – Year 6 No School Patrol Crossing Year 5 Workshop - Bridges
14	Saturday
15	Sunday
16	Governing Body Meeting
17	
18	Y4 St Ives Residential
19	Y4 St Ives Residential Year 6 Leavers Photographs
20	Y4 St Ives Residential Bucklers Mead Transition Talk with Y6
21	Saturday
22	Sunday
23	Sports Day
24	
25	
26	
27	Payment in Full for Y6 London Residential Celebration Assembly – 1.30pm Lower School ~ 2.30pm Upper School Break up for half Term
28	Saturday
29	Sunday
30	
<b>June 2016</b>	
6	<b>RETURN TO SCHOOL</b>

## Earth Science Centre Rivers Trip Year 5

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick relevant day for your child's class

Thursday, 16 June 2016 - Wilson	Friday, 17 June 2016 - Jennings
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- I enclose £8.00 to cover the cost of the events.
- My child is entitled to FSM/Service Child Funding

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Parent / Guardian



## Bridges Workshop – 11 May 2016 Year 5

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

- I enclose £7.00 to cover the cost of the event.
- My child is entitled to FSM/Service Child Funding

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Parent / Guardian



## Young Shakespeare Company Workshops – 5/6 May 2016 Lower School

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

- I enclose £2.00 contribution to cover the cost of the event.
- My child is entitled to FSM/Service Child Funding

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Parent / Guardian