



St Michael's Academy

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NEWSLETTER November 2013

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

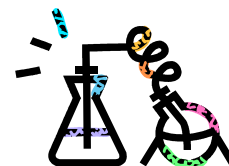
Welcome to the November newsletter. I hope you have all had a really good break over half term. The children have returned to school looking refreshed and ready for the weeks ahead, thank you for that.

As the bad weather begins to set in, can I remind you to make sure the children have enough wet weather clothing in school. The inside of the building is now lovely and warm but they will require a waterproof coat, wellington boots, hats, gloves and a scarf once the weather gets colder and wetter outside. As the staff will tell you we always go outside unless it is absolutely torrential rain! Please ensure that all clothing is clearly marked.



A gentle reminder about swimming and PE kit: They need both kits in school on the correct days. If you are unsure of those days please check with their class teachers. Thank you to all of you who help organise your children. Remember if they are not well enough to swim they have to stay at home as all the staff goes swimming.

Fascinating Feats Workshop – we are hosting a Fascinating Feats workshop on 7 November from 5pm – 7pm run by Bournemouth University Science and Technology Ambassadors. This is a science activities workshop for families of year 3-6 children and how you can get young children excited about science. To book your place please contact the school office or Julie Young direct on Julie.young@yeovil.ac.uk



Thank you to you all who have sent your children to school regularly. We have achieved our best ever attendance percentages this half term in four years. I know at times we have to make very hard decisions but when you see the progress the children make in the time they are in here, I hope you will understand why we take this tack.

Thank you also to those of you who attended Parents Evenings this week. We heard some lovely things said about our school and the care and support as well as the learning that goes on with your children. We were able to say lovely things about your children too!! They are a credit to you all.

There are only 34 days until we break up for Christmas, let's make every one of them as enjoyable as we can.

Judith.



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DIARY DATES



NOVEMBER 2013	
6 th November	A visiting artist will be working with two groups of children on a frieze for the performance of Snow White at the Octagon.
7 th November	10 year 6 children will be taking part in an indoor athletics competition at BM. A separate letter will follow. Fascinating Feats Workshop - - Free science activities for families of Year 3-6 children.
8 th November	10 year 5 and 10 year 6 children will be going to Westfield Academy for a Science day. This will take place in school time.
12 November	Cross Country at Aldon Park. Please see attached slip if your child would like to take part.
15 November	Children in Need day. Non Uniform in exchange for £1.
19 November	10 Year 6 children will be going to Westfield Academy for a Science morning.
25 November	Year 6 pupils to Nothe Fort. Thank you to all of you who have made a monetary contribution to this. The trip can now go ahead.
26 November	Year 5 pupils to Nothe Fort. Year 6 pupils will be attending BM for a training session with Yeovil Town Football Club
29 November	Ahlberg class assembly 2.45pm.
DECEMBER 2013	
7 December	Our Annual Christmas Fayre and car boot sale. 10am-12noon.
11 December	Our Christmas performance. 6.30pm. This year performed by the Upper School but all parents and supervised children are welcome.
16 December	The whole school will be attending the Pantomime. This will take place during school time. The cost of the pantomime is £10 and this includes an ice cream. This is the highlight of our school year as far as the children are concerned, so please allow them to go and send £10 in as soon as possible. We are happy for you to pay £2 per week if this makes life easier for you.
18 December	Christmas dinner. This is free to all pupils and there will be a vegetarian option. Please see the office if your child would prefer that.
19 December	Carol concert at 2pm in the church, to which you are all very welcome.
20 December	School breaks up for two weeks. We return on Monday 6th January 2014.



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Yeovil Primary Schools Cross Country Races 2013 -14

Yeovil Primary Schools Cross Country race will be held on **Tuesday, 12 November 2013 at Ivel Barbarians Rugby Club (Aldon Park).**

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.

Transport will be provided. The bus will leave school at **15:30pm** and will return to school at **17:00pm** approximately. If you wish to collect your child from the venue please indicate this on the reply slip.

Please ensure that your son/daughter has the following kit on this day: -

- White polo t – shirt
- Navy Blue shorts
- Change of socks
- Trainers
- Jumper or cardigan
- A waterproof coat
- Jogging trousers to wear whilst waiting around
- A snack and a drink

Please return the slip below as soon as possible.

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Yeovil Primary Schools Cross Country Races 2013 ~14

I give permission for my child (name).....

in class..... to take part in the Cross Country race on **Tuesday, 12 November 2013**

Parent/Guardian
signature.....

I will collect my child from Ivel Barbarians

I will collect my child from school at 17:00 (approx.)