



St Michael's Academy

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NEWSLETTER September 2014



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

A very warm welcome back to you all, and a particularly warm welcome to our 60 new children and their lovely parents. We will do all we can to ensure that the next four years of school life for your children are as successful and happy as they can be. We are also looking forward very much to working with you all.

To ensure that your children are receiving the best possible education for the maximum amount of time, please make sure they attend school every day. In this way they miss as little education as possible and have the best possible start in life. Could you also where practicable make any dental and medical appointments out of school time. Thank you for your cooperation.

As you will know there have been many changes introduced to schools over the last few months, one being the introduction of a free school meal for all KS1 children and also the new curriculum. Although unaffected by the meals issue it presented us with an opportunity to scrutinise our current provision, which

on reflection we were not entirely happy with. To this end we have decided to provide our own lunches, rolling out the new system initially to our free school meals children only. This will mean that all paying children will have to provide a packed lunch. As the new system beds down we will be looking at if, and how we can roll it out to other children who may be interested. We will keep you updated.

Apologies for the current disruption on St Michael's Avenue and then you for your patience with what appears to be an on-going problem. Please encourage your family to walk to school and in the event of having to drive, please park as far away from school as possible. From Monday we have the added complication of swimming coaches.

Judith

It is with great sadness that I have to inform you of the passing of Mrs Wade, mother to our lovely Cameron.

Our thoughts are with the children and family at this terrible time.

School Meal Provision

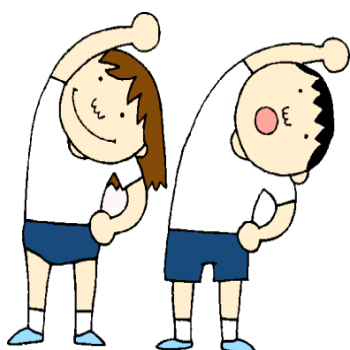


St Michael's Academy has been awarded a Healthy School status. As such we are committed to provide our own nutritious and healthy lunches which we will make fresh on site daily. The meals will consist of a variety of sandwiches, wraps, soups, hot snacks, salads, fruit, yoghurts, smoothies, health bars and cold snacks.

I know packed lunches are a bit of a minefield for parents but I would encourage you to look closely at the contents of your child's lunch box. It may well be that with a few adjustments you could be offering healthier and cheaper alternatives. If you ever want to talk to someone who is very knowledgeable about food in general and very inventive with lunch box contents please see Dawn Stringer. If there is enough interest she would happily run some workshops for you.

There is a brochure available in the main reception regarding Healthy Packed Lunches in English and Polish giving advice and ideas and it is also available on the school website. www.stmichaelsacademy.co.uk

Physical Education:



In your child's home school log will be their PE days. Again please ensure that they have the correct kit in school on the right day. Sometimes it is easier to keep PE kit in here all week, so that in the event of good weather and they have an extra session they have their kit. They will need a white tee shirt, shorts and/or jogging bottoms and trainers. We will be doing lots of outdoor PE once again this year so please make sure kit is suitable for cold and wet weather. As with swimming kit please make sure it is clearly labelled with their name.

Swimming 2014/2015



Monday 8th September is the start of swimming and the arrangements stay roughly the same all year.

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 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	Rosen Class @ Fiveways	£1.50	8.30am	9.30am
	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	9.30am
Thursday	Y5 @ Goldenstones	£2.00	8.30am	10.00am
Friday	Cole Class @ Fiveways	£1.50	8.30am	9.30am

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 send their money each week. Children is 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. In the event of your child being well enough to attend school but not well enough to swim,(a cold for example) please keep them at home. All staff go swimming so there is no supervision for children not going. You can then bring them into school when the swimming session has finished.



Teaching Staff 2014/2015

LOWER SCHOOL		UPPER SCHOOL	
Year 3 3 Classes	Year 4 2 Classes	Year 5 2 Classes	Year 6 2 Classes
<u>Teachers:</u> Mr Davies - COLE Mrs Hemsworth - ROSEN Mrs Marklew - DKS	<u>Teachers:</u> Mr Bisgrove - STRONG Mrs Compton-Foster - AHLBERG	<u>Teachers:</u> Mrs Lipton - JENNINGS Mrs Seaby & Miss Wilson - WILSON	<u>Teachers:</u> Mrs Lancey & Miss Clements - MORPURGO Mrs Bryson - FINE
<u>Y3 Leader</u> Mrs Marklew	<u>Y4 Leader</u> Mrs Compton Foster	<u>Y5 Leader</u> Mrs Seaby	<u>Y6 Leader</u> Mrs Lancey
<u>Lower School Team Leader:</u> Mrs Compton-Foster		<u>Upper School Team Leader:</u> Mrs Lancey	
SENCo: Mrs Ogden SENCo Teacher: Mrs Chant			

Music Tuition



Champion Music Group provides individual music tuition here at St Michael's Academy for any child wanting to learn an instrument and currently have lessons available in Guitar, Drums, Piano, Violin and Harp. Lessons take place during the school day on Wednesdays and Fridays. The cost is £7.50 for 20 minutes or £11 for 30 minutes. We need a certain amount of pupils to sign up before the lessons can start. If your child is interested in taking up an instrument, please collect a registration form from the school office and return directly to Champion Music Group or call them on 01458741697 for more information.

REGULAR SCHOOL INFORMATION

GENERAL REMINDERS

ABSENCE

If your child is absent from school please let the school know before 9am.

LOST PROPERTY

Please label your child's belongings. We have a growing selection of coats, uniform and PE kit in lost property.

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.



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



SEPTEMBER 2014	
1	Inset Day
2	Inset Day
3	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL
4	
5	
6	Saturday
7	Sunday
8	WEEKLY SWIMMING STARTS Rosen Class and Y4 Swim
9	Y 6 Swim
10	DKS Swim
11	Y5 Swim
12	Cole Class Swim HOBBY DAY. Children may come dressed up in their hobby.
13	Saturday
14	Sunday
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Junior Cricket Coaching

for
7+ year olds

Mondays starting from 6 October 2014*

at Westfield Academy Sports Hall

£3 per session



Coaching sessions led by an England Cricket Board qualified coach.

Sessions will include coaching in bowling, batting and fielding

*Term time only

No booking required, just turn up.

7-10 years: 6pm to 7pm

11+ years: 7pm to 8pm

For more information contact:

SSDC Sports Development Team: 01935 426544

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