



Friday Flyer

Week Commencing 15th January 2018

Dear Parents

Happy New Year! Welcome back after the Christmas break. I hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year.

The first week of term has flown by and all pupils seem to have returned to school with a positive attitude and approach to the academic work. After school clubs commence next week and it has been great to welcome Yeovil FC into the St Michael's community this week. As a football club they seem to be making good progress and we wish them much success as they continue to strive for promotion. I am sure like me, you are all looking forward to the visit of Manchester United on Friday 26th January where hopefully they will be able to pull off another 'giant killing'!

As a school we are striving to do everything better and one of the areas identified by the OFSTED inspectors was a need to improve attendance. Please can I ask you all to be mindful of the time your child/ren has off and if you have a medical appointment mid way through the day then it is important that your child comes to school in the first instance. Authorisation will not be granted for term time holidays and parents who take their child/ren out of school run the risk of receiving a penalty notice.

If you haven't already then you should all receive a letter from your class teacher today regarding the use of accelerated reader at home. This will allow you to monitor the reading progress that your child is making and aid the school in this very important area. I know that many of you keep in touch via the 'Class Dojo' app and it is pleasing to see that engagement from home is definitely on the up. Our pupils seem to be making good progress and we are all hopeful that end of term outcomes will mirror the hard work being applied.

I look forward to seeing you all at some point during the term and should you wish to discuss any matters related to school with me then feel free to make an appointment through the main office.

Matt Vella
Head Teacher
St Michael's Academy

Dates for the Term Ahead

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| 12 th until 16 th February | Half Term |
| Thursday 1 st March | World Book Day <i>Children to dress as their favourite character</i> |
| Monday 19 th March | Parents Evening |
| 19 th until 23 rd March | Themed Week – Stories around the world |
| Wednesday 21 st March | Easter Church Service at 2pm - <i>parents invited join us</i> |
| Wednesday 21 st March | Parents Evening |
| 26 th Mar until 6 th April | Easter Holidays |

All diary dates can now be found on our website

Year 6 Residential

A reminder that deposits need to be paid by **Friday 26th January** to secure your child's place on the Bideford trip in June. Payment cards will be going home with more information regarding this trip in the next few weeks.

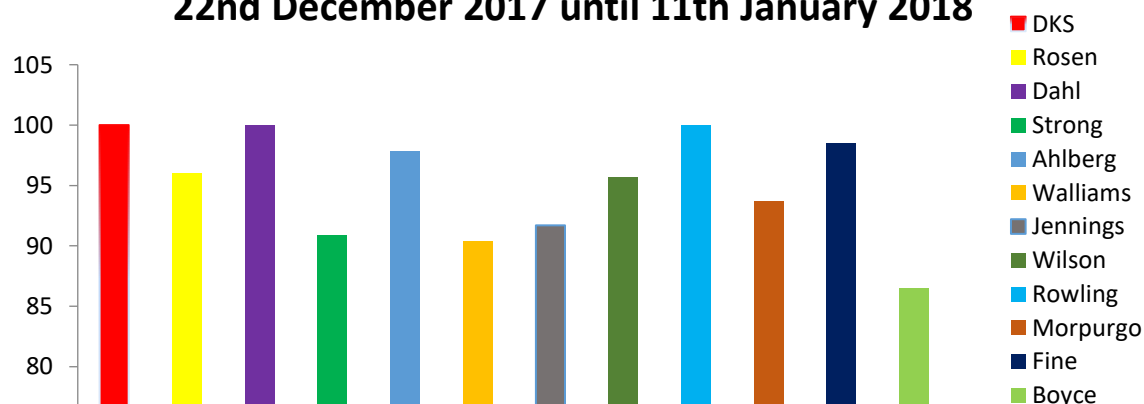
Fruity Friday

We are sorry to announce that we will no longer be running a Fruity Friday. Children will need to bring in their own snacks from now on.

Weekly Attendance

Congratulations to **DKS, Dahl and Rowling** class who achieved attendance of **100%**. The winning class will receive 5 house points. The overall school attendance for this week is 94%.

22nd December 2017 until 11th January 2018



Citizens Advice

Citizens Advice will be at the school on Wednesday 24th January 2018 from 3pm

- Have you overspent at Christmas and are now worried about paying your bills?
- Are you budgeting for next Christmas?
- Do you have trouble paying water and utility bills?

We can help with all this and more, please come and talk to us to find out more.

Swimming

Children need to be on the playground **no later than 8:25** as the bus leaves at 8:30. If the child misses the bus they will have to go into school and have lessons as they normally do.

Starting **Monday 15th January**. Swimming is £2 per child per each week.

Monday: Year 5 **Rowling** and Year 4 **Walliams**

Tuesday: Year 5 **Wilson** and **Jennings**

Thursday: Year 4 **Strong** and **DKS**

Payments

With School Gateway no longer operational any payments for hot meals, breakfast club, swimming and trips should be made by cash or cheque only. Please ensure that you use an envelope clearly marked with your child's name, year, class, reason for payment and amount. Please use the 4 deposit boxes located around the school. Thank you.

Fit and Fun 4 Life

With Fit & Fun 4 Life, (formerly Rosemary Conley Diet & Fitness Classes)

And we have been operating here for the last 9 years!

Do you want to get fit and tone up?

Are you are looking for –

- Exercise that is fun and easy to follow with fun motivating music.
- Friendly experienced staff who understand how you feel
- A proven healthy eating plan, with food for the whole family with weekly information on cooking and healthy eating (weigh in is optional)
- Classes are for all levels of fitness and include aerobics, fat burning and toning sessions

Classes are held in the school gym (please use side entrance) on Tuesday & Thursday evenings 6.30-7.30pm and we have our effective fat burning HIIT class every Saturday morning 9- 10am.

For details Call: 07855 433453 or 01935 864453 Email: fitandfun4life@outlook.com Or visit our Website at www.fitandfun4life.com. ***and claim your first class FREE!***

After School Clubs

After School Clubs will resume on Monday 15th January.

Unfortunately we have to cancel Netball Club for the foreseeable future which was due to run on a Thursday.

Mobile Phones

Please can we ask that children who have mobile phones do not bring them into school. If there is a reason that the need to have them ie for the end of the day to walk home, then phones must be handed into the Office in the morning and collected at the end of the day.

Photo Permission Forms

You should have received a letter regarding photo permissions. Please can we ask that these are returned to the School Office by Friday 19th January 2018 so that we can update our records.

Chewing Gum

Please ensure that your children does not bring chewing gum into school. We have had a couple of incidents this week where children have brought it in.

School Car Park

Please can we remind you that the School Car Park is to only be used by **staff or visitors of the school**. Parents should not be using this when dropping off or collecting children and instead should park outside the school grounds and walk into school.

When parking on the roads near St Michaels please be mindful of residents and ensure that you are not blocking any drives or entrances. Thank you

Rowling Class

Rowling have been looking at play scripts this week and really enjoyed acting them out.

