



Friday Flyer

Week Commencing 19th February 2018

Dear Parents,

The first half of this term has raced by and I know that both the children and staff are ready for a well earned break. I hope that you all have many exciting activities planned over the forthcoming week. My family and I will be darting off to Wales tomorrow to visit family and friends before we settle down to watch the next instalment of this years Six Nations.

Improving reading comprehension standards continues to be one of the schools major priorities and I would encourage you all to find the time to listen to your child/ren read at some point over the week.

Despite several previous reminders that dogs are not allowed on to the school premises several of you continue to bring your dog to school during drop off and pick up time. Yesterday, we had the unfortunate incident where the school caretaker had to clear up dog mess off the school playground. This is unacceptable and potentially hazardous. My staff and I will ask you politely to wait at the bottom of the hill should we see you waiting with a dog on school property. I would expect you all to request our wishes and uphold the agreement that you signed upon your child's entry into St Michael's.

Thank you to all of the friends of St Michael's who helped make the disco a huge success last week. I understand that all children and staff who attended had an enjoyable time. Finally, many congratulations to the pupils in Stourhead who won the TT Rockstars competition and earned their house a tea party and a non uniform day today.

Have a relaxing and safe week and I look forward to seeing you all when we return on Monday 19th February.

Yours sincerely

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 |
| 19 th February | No morning crossing patrol |
| 19 th until 22 nd February | Book Fair |
| Monday 21 st February | Year 5/6 Girls Football Tournament 2 – 4pm at Westfield |
| Thursday 1 st March | World Book Day <i>Children to dress as their favourite character</i> |
| Monday 5 th March | Year 5/6 Boys Football Tournament 3 – 5pm at Bucklers |
| Friday 9 th March | Non Uniform day – children to bring in an Easter donation |
| Monday 12 th March | Year 3/4 Boys Football Tournament 3 – 5pm at Bucklers |
| Wednesday 14 th March | Easter Bingo – more information to follow |
| 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 |
| Thursday 22 nd March | Year 5/6 Girls Football Tournament 3 – 5.30pm at Westfield |
| 26 th Mar until 6 th April | Easter Holidays |

All diary dates can now be found on our website

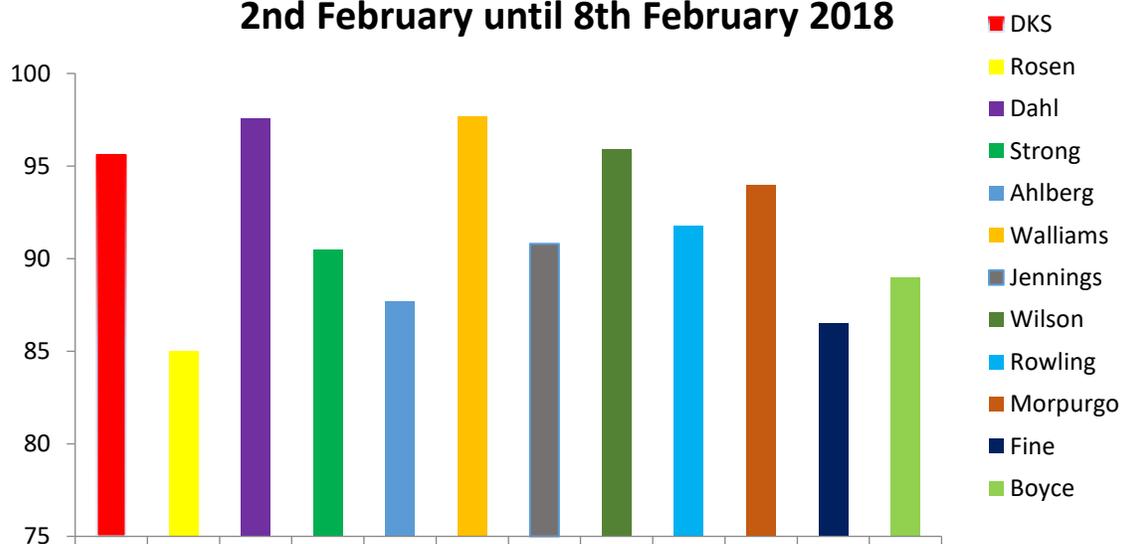
Bikes and Scooters

Please can we remind you that bikes and scooters are not to be brought to School. We have had reports of a few incidents involving them so the decision has been made to stop children bringing these to school. We have to think of the safety of our pupils.

Weekly Attendance

Congratulations to **Walliams and Dahl** class who achieved attendance of **97%**. The winning class will receive 5 house points. The overall school attendance for this week is 94%.

2nd February until 8th February 2018



Governors

We are looking for new Co-opted and Parent Governors. The role of a Governor is to work as a team along with the governing body to ensure the school provides a good quality education for all pupils. This is a voluntary role and elected applicants will need to attend around 6 meetings a year which are usually held between 4pm and 7pm.

If you are interested in becoming a Governor please get in touch with the school office.

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 19th February**. Swimming is £2 per child per each week.

Monday: Rowling and Walliams

Tuesday: Ahlberg and DKS

Thursday: Dahl and Rosen

Year 5/6 Football Tournament

The year 5/6 football team took part in a really tough tournament this week. They played really well, giving it their all but unfortunately there were stronger teams. Well done boys!



Citizens Advice Bureau

If you would like assistance from the citizens advice this can be arranged through our PFSA, Mrs Julia Martin. Please get in touch via the School Office.

Book Fair

A Book Fair will be visiting on Monday 19th to Thursday 22nd February after school in the hall.

A pop-up book shop brings the very best in children's books to our school hall. We hope you can join us after school to browse books with your child – and for you to find stories to read, love and share together. Leaflets coming home, will give you an idea of some of the books that will be on offer. Every book you buy helps to earn rewards that the school can spend on free books and resources for the classrooms and library.

Year 6

Year 6 children now have the opportunity to practice maths sats questions wherever they are on diagnosticquestions.com. All students have previously used the website in school and have been issued with a username and password.

As of now, when Year 6 children sign in to diagnosticquestions.com they will find they have 2 new questions each day that relate to different areas of the maths curriculum. Once they have answered they will need to give a reason to explain their choice of answer. All of the information will then be collected by teachers in school allowing us to follow up any misconceptions or particular areas that students are struggling with.

If you would like any more information on ways that you can help your children prepare for SATs, please see your child's class teacher.

Rowling Class

Rowling Class enjoyed drawing cartoon Vikings as part of their Topic work this week. Here are a few for you to see.



Staff News

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Emma Parmiter. Emma has created a huge impression on the lives of all of the children that she has worked with. Emma has turned her hand to most things since joining the St Michael's team and I am very grateful for all of her hard work inside the classroom and the school office. I know that all of the children will miss you and we all wish you the very best of luck in your new venture working at the hospital.

Regrettably, I have to inform you that Miss Jamie Walby will be leaving St Michael's at the end of this term. Jamie has a huge interest in working with pupils who have special educational needs and has secured a teaching position at Fairmead School. We will have time to celebrate Jamie's achievements at St Michael's throughout the second half of the term. Mrs Carly Hemsworth will be returning and will take over the teaching of Walliams class.

I have great delight in informing you that Mrs Keri Conway will be joining the teaching staff at St Michael's and initially will share the class teaching of Walliams class. Keri is an experienced teacher who brings many attributes to the school and we are all looking forward to her joining the team at the start of the summer term.