



# Friday Flyer

## Week Commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018

Dear Parents,

It has been an incredibly busy and challenging first year as Head of St Michael's Academy. As a school we have been under a huge amount of pressure since our OFSTED visit back in September. The school was judged to be Requiring Improvement in all areas with our pupils not making the required progress. It gives me great pleasure today to let you all know today that our recent SATS results not only indicate that our pupils are making the required progress but they are now working at a higher level in literacy and numeracy in comparison to the national average. All pupils in Years 3-5 have also made significant improvements throughout the year and should also be commended for their hard work and effort. My congratulations go to all of the pupils for achieving these wonderful results.

Of course, none of this is all possible without the support of wonderful colleagues. I would like to express my thanks to each and everyone of the St Michael's team. You display great team spirit and a willingness to improve. #TogetherStronger

Sadly we say goodbye to three wonderful support members of staff who will all be starting new challenges in September:-

Zoe Jones - Zoe has supported many of our pupils in Year 3 this year through her caring approach. Best of luck for the future and thank you for everything Zoe.

Julia Bennett - Julia has worked in Year 4 for the vast majority of the year supporting the pupils either Ahlberg or Walliams Class. Julia will undertake her teacher training next year and has the support of everyone at St Michael's as she pursues a career in teaching. Best of luck for the future - we all know that you will be fantastic.

Tracey Bowring - Tracey has worked at St Michael's for the past 14 years and has supported many of the schools most challenging pupils. She has demonstrated great care and nurture skills in all that she has done. Thank you for all of your hard work, we will all miss you and we wish you the very best of luck for the future.

Please encourage your children to read as much as possible and reinforce their knowledge of the times tables by logging in to TTRockstars.

Lastly, I look forward to seeing you all again in September but in the meantime have a relaxing, safe and wonderful summer holiday.

Yours sincerely

**Matt Vella**  
**Head Teacher**  
**St Michael's Academy**

## Dates for the Term Ahead

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Inset Day
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Children Return to School
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	½ Year 5 trip to Nothe Fort
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	½ Year 5 trip to Nothe Fort
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	School Photos
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Parents Evening
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Service at 2pm – parents are invited
	Parents Evening
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term

## Finance Update

Many of your child's balances have not been cleared – this means from September, the school will not provide your child with; school meals, breakfast club or any other activity until your balance has been paid in full.

Statements will be sent home during the first week back in September. If you are unsure of your balance and feel you may owe money to the school, please contact the finance office on 01935 315455 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

## Bucklers Mead Academy

My thanks to Mrs Gorrod and the staff of Buckler's Mead Academy for their continued support of St Michael's Academy. Our oldest pupils have had the opportunity to be taught by subject specialists in science and computing and have thoroughly enjoyed this process. Many of our pupils will go on to BM and it is great to think that they are a school who completely understand our pupils and have their best interests at heart. We know you care about your pupils and greatly appreciate the hard work and support that you have put into making their lives better and giving them the best chance of securing a good future.

## Science in the Supermarket

Visit our stand in Tesco Yeovil Extra on Saturday July 28th and Sunday July 29th 2018!

- We'll be in-store with hands-on science demonstrations for young (and not-so-young) people to try. You will also be able to find out more from our scientists about the benefits of studying science and engineering. Join us there!
- Where: [Tesco Yeovil Extra](#)
- When: Sat July 28th (midday onwards), Sun July 29th (10 am – 4 pm)

Science in the Supermarket is a campaign to promote studying science, technology and engineering subjects to young people in the West Country

## Safeguarding

Safeguarding means - Protecting children from abuse and maltreatment, preventing harm to children's health or development and ensuring children grow up with the provision of safe and effective care.

**Designated Safeguard Lead - Matt Vella**

**Deputy DSL - Julia Martin**

**Deputy DSL - Cara Compton-Foster**

## After School Clubs

After School Clubs will be changing and these are the ones available:-

Monday	Football	Years 3 and 4	£10 for the Term
	Water Colour Club <i>until October half term</i>	Years 5 and 6	£5 for Half Term
Tuesday	Netball	Year 6	£10 for the Term
	Reading Club <i>October half term until Christmas</i>	Years 4 and 5	£5 for Half Term
Wednesday	Football	Years 5 and 6	£10 for the Term
	Lego <i>until October half term</i>	Years 3 and 4	£5 for the Term
Thursday	Art	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	£10 for the Term
	Cooking <i>until October half term</i>	Years 5 and 6	£5 for Half Term
	Cooking <i>October half term until Christmas</i>	Years 3 and 4	£5 for Half Term
	Archery	Years 4, 5 and 6	£10 for the Term
Friday	Gardening <i>until October half term</i>	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	£5 for Half Term
	Ukulele <i>October half term until Christmas</i>	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	£5 for Half Term

Bookings forms are available from the Office and payment must be received in advance for your child to attend.

## Swimming

Swimming will start on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Please remember that £21 is payable at the beginning of September to cover the whole half term.

Thursday only until October half term: **Strong and Walliams**



# Friends of St Michael's Academy

## Highlights from the year 2017/18

### WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED!!

Wow what an amazing first year! We have had a year of fun activities and fundraising for the Friends of St Michaels and we are pleased to announce that we have raised an amazing

**£4,708.93.**

### HOW WE HAVE RAISED IT!!

The events included:

Christmas Bingo

Discos

Easter Bingo

Summer Fayre

Friday Ice Lolly Sales

### A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!!

Without your help we wouldn't be able to run these events and provide the activities for the children to enjoy. There are too many to thank individually but we simply couldn't do it without each and every single one of you. If you would like to help volunteer at any of the future events please feel free to leave your name and contact details at Office where the information will then be passed on.

### HOW HAVE WE HELPED!!

Due to the money raised this year we have managed to purchase:

- Archery Sets for new after school activity next year
- Netball Equipment to be used for tournaments and practice.
- Year 6 Leavers T shirts
- Bouncy Castles for the last day of school for all years to enjoy
- Playground markings and equipment for use at playtimes to be put in over the summer holidays
- Arranged for an Author to visit and do workshops with the children

### WHAT WE HAVE PLANNED FOR NEXT YEAR!!

Events have already started to be planned for next year including a Family quiz night, Disco, Christmas bingo and Christmas Fayre.