



SCHOOL NEWS

20th January 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school and a Happy New Year. We all hope that 2017 brings many good things to all of you. Everyone has settled back in quickly and we have welcomed two new children into our school community, Alba in Year 6 and Johnathan in Year 5. We hope they are both enjoying life at St Michael's.

The older children have enjoyed a number of different experiences over the past weeks. The Police are continuing to come into school to talk to each class in turn; this week they discussed internet safety with Year 5. Year 5 have also taken part in an Anglo-Saxon workshop, which included making pots and learning to weave. Our Year 6 children have returned from an exciting week in France and their classmates had a number of visitors who worked with them on drumming, puppet making, learning Hebrew, cooking and drone flying. Thank you to all the parents and staff who have volunteered their time to enrich the children's lives. Next Friday, all of Key Stage 2 will be attending a concert at the Sheldonian.

Last week we were subject to a SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection. Its purpose is to focus on the effect that the Christian ethos of a church school has on the children who attend it and to evaluate the distinctiveness and effectiveness of the school as a *church school*. We will share the judgements of the inspection with you once we

have received them. Thank you to all the children, parents and governors who gave their time to talk to the Inspector.

The PTA met last night to plan forthcoming events. Dates for your diaries include the International Evening, that will now take place on 24 March and a Film Evening for the children on 3 March. We are very grateful for all the work that the PTA does to support the school, thank you.

Best wishes,
Rosalind Owen

Our Value of the Month for January

is

HONESTY

*Don't ever stop being kind and truthful.
Let kindness and truth show in all you do.*

Proverbs 3:3

Family SEALS - Year 1

All Year 1 parents are invited to join our big (tiny) treasure hunt on Thursday 26 January from 9:00 to 10:30. There will be a craft activity, a treasure hunt outside and a Family SEALS presentation. We look forward to seeing you there.

Year 1 Maths Evening

We will be holding a maths evening for the parents of children in Year 1 on 26 January. Please come along to learn about how we teach maths to your children. We will start at 6pm and the event will last for an hour.

After School Clubs.

Clubs started again last week. We still have some places in the following clubs:

Monday: Ignite Sorts - years 1 to 6

Tuesday: Orchestra - all who can play an instrument

Wednesday: Gardening - years 2 & 3; Country Dancing - years 3 to 6; Red Balloon Drama and Creative Writing - years 3 to 6.

Please speak to the office, if you would like to join any of these clubs.

Head Teacher's Award

This week Head Teacher's Certificates were awarded to:

Reception: Joshua and Ikram

Year 2: Seojin and David

Year 3: Izzah and Kathryn

Year 4: Mayson and Nicole

Year 5: Hayato and Jakob

Year 6: Charlie and Yumna

Last weeks' Head Teacher's Certificates were awarded to:

Reception: Margot, Max, Maya and Taran

Year 1: Gwen, Sophia C, Joseph and Joe

Year 2: Keir, America, Aidan and Elisabeth

Year 3: Anis, Saad, Omar and Sahar

Year 4: Joseph, Sarah, Mohammad and Amelie

Year 5: Luke, William, Mohamad and Shamsa

Year 6: Michael, Alba, Jonny C and Renaye

Star Writers

Please go to our Star Writers board and read the work of this week's writing stars:

Reception: Grace

Year 1: Ella

Year 2: Aidan

Year 3: Lucy

Year 4: Ruth

Year 5: Abby

Sporting News

Congratulations to our Year 6 team on qualifying for the Primary District Sports Hall Athletics final. The final is on Thursday 26 January, 12.45-14.45 at the Ferry Leisure Centre. The children will be walking to and from the Ferry Centre.

Thank you to our retiring Year 6 Sports Crew, who have worked so well to promote sports activities throughout the school. Our new Sports Crew were presented with their yellow jerseys in Sharing Assembly today. Their first task will include organising an in school basketball tournament next week and supporting lunchtime skipping in the Year 1 playground.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Sainsbury's launch their Active Kids voucher scheme on 25 January. Please can you start collecting these vouchers and bring them into school. Sainsbury's Local stores, supermarkets and online shopping will give you vouchers back for the money you spend. St Michael's can exchange the vouchers for new cooking and sports equipment.

School Lunches

Please can we remind you that children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 should only be asking to have school lunches if they have been paid for in **advance**.

Lunches can be paid for using ParentMail, which accepts a minimum payment of £10.50 for 5 lunches. The table below calculates the cost of lunches for the first half of the Spring Term.

Total for full half term (28 days) = £58.80	
Meals taken in a week	Cost from 9 th January to 10 th February
1	£2.10 x 5 days = £10.50
2	£2.10 x 10 days = £21.00
3	£2.10 x 15 days = £31.50
4	£2.10 x 20 days = £42.00
5	£2.10 x 25 days = £52.50

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free school lunches through the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme.

The current lunch menu is available on the school website under Documents and Links.

Dates for the diary:

25 Jan, 7pm: Full Governing Body meeting
26 Jan, 9am: Family SEALS - Year 1
26 Jan, 6pm: Year 1 Maths Evening
27 Jan: Sharing Assembly Reception, Y1 & Y2
27 Jan: Key Stage 2 trip to Sheldonian
2 Feb, 5:30pm: SATs information meeting for Year 2 and Year 6 parents
3 Feb: Sharing Assembly (not Year 2)
10 Feb: Sharing Assembly (not Year 3)
10 Feb: Break up for Half Term

20 Feb: Back to School
23 Feb, 8pm: PTA Meeting
24 Feb: Sharing Assembly (not Year 4)
2 March, 7pm: Full Governing Body meeting
3 March: Sharing Assembly (not year 5)
3 March: PTA Film Evening
10 March: Sharing Assembly (not Year 6)
17 March: Sharing Assembly (not Year 1)
24 March: Sharing Assembly (not Year 2)
24 March: PTA International Evening