



SCHOOL NEWS

19th May 2017

Dear Parents,

I'd like to start this newsletter with some welcomes. First to Karen Olliver, who many of you will know as Joshua's mum. Karen has joined the Governing Body as a foundation governor and we are really looking forward to working with her. Please read her profile in this newsletter. We have welcomed three new children to St Michael's over the past few weeks: Cristo in Reception and Shutaro and Renee in Year 2. We hope they will all be very happy in our school. We are also hosting four student teachers: Miss Code in Reception, Mr Weekes in Year 1, Miss Martin in Year 4 and Miss Freeman in Year 6.

Over the last two weeks, Year 6 have finished their SATs tests and Year 2 are midway through theirs. Both classes have been exemplary in their approach and all the children should be very proud of themselves. Year 6 celebrated the end with a pic-nic in South Park. All the children are busy practising their dances for next Thursday, when we look forward to welcoming you into school. Please come and view the children's works of art at our open afternoon for Oxford ArtWeeks, next Tuesday afternoon from 1:30.

This evening the PTA will be welcoming the children back to school to dance the night away at the discos. As always, thank you to them for all that they do in support of our children.

Best wishes,
Rosalind Owen

Our Value of the Month for May is
DETERMINATION

Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone who supported Red Nose Day. We raised £320.87, a fantastic sum.

Half Term

Please remember that we break up for the half term holiday on **Thursday 25 May**. Friday is an INSET day. School will start again on Monday 5 June. We hope that you all have a good break.

Star Writers

Congratulations to this week's star writers:

Year 3: Ben
Year 4: Nicole
Year 5: Duke
Year 6: Tom and Yumna

Please take the time to read their work on our Star Writers board in the Hall.

Head Teacher's Award

The following children have been awarded Head Teacher's Certificates in the past two weeks:

Reception: Amy, Maya, Piper and Kodie
Year 1: Elise and Grace
Year 2: Shutaro, Riham, Thomas and Jillian
Year 3: Saad, Arthur RH, Morty and Toby
Year 4: Mohammad, Jonia, Rhys and Pauline
Year 5: Hayato, Kaushambi, Jakob and Emily
Year 6: Tom and Yumna

Meet our new Governor - Karen Olliver



I am delighted to have joined the governing body here at St Michael's. Being a teacher, I am hugely interested in the welfare of every child both in and out of the classroom. As a St Michael's parent, (my son Joshua is currently in Year 3) I am in awe of what the staff of the school achieves each and every day of the school year for each and every pupil in its care. I feel that my wealth of experience, both academically and pastorally, in a variety of schools ranging from The King's School, Canterbury, a very privileged educational setting in the garden of England to Folkestone Academy, a very demanding state-funded academy in East Kent has prepared me well for such a role. In 2012, I moved to Headington Girls' School where I teach Spanish and am an Assistant Head, in charge of the boarding community. This summer, my family and I will move to live in Ascot where I have been appointed as Deputy Head Pastoral in an independent co-educational school. Despite this move, I intend to continue as a governor at St. Michael's and I look forward to working with Mrs Owen and her team in the forthcoming months and years.

Maypole Dancing

All are invited to come and watch the children celebrate May around the maypole on Thursday 25 May. Every class is preparing a dance and we will be graced with the presence of the May Queen and May King. Celebrations will commence at 1:30pm on the playground. Refreshments will be served once the dancing has finished. Please come along and enjoy the afternoon with us. The children will be dancing in the following order: Year 4, Year 1, Year 3, Reception, Year 5, Year 2, Year 6.

Children are encouraged to wear colourful clothes for the afternoon, but with suitable footwear for dancing. Children should come into school in school uniform and then change into their dancing clothes after lunch.

Whole School Trip

St Michaels traditionally holds a whole school trip at the end of the school year. All the children, from Reception to Year 6, travel to the same venue for the day to enjoy a common experience and to learn together.

This year we have booked to go to the National Space Centre on 12 July. spacecentre.co.uk School will subsidise the price of the trip to reduce the cost.

Since the trip was arranged, Mrs Owen has spoken to some parents about the concerns they have about the trip. As a result, the children and staff were asked about their feelings, which were largely positive, including those children who said it gave them the chance to visit somewhere they would never otherwise be able to see.

For next year we will look again at the best way of providing this sort of whole school experience for the children and will be asking for all members of our school community to contribute their ideas. Please look out for the ParentMail about this year's trip. Meanwhile, if you have any questions or comments please speak to Mrs Owen.

Values

Every September the children contribute to choosing the monthly values for our new school year. You will probably be familiar with them from the displays around school and the newsletter. This year our values have included: courage, generosity, hope, honesty, kindness, forgiveness, joy, love and determination. Over the years we have focused on many other values in our acts of collective worship and in what we say and do around school.

We would like to establish a core set of values that really represent St Michael's and this week each class has been choosing the values that they think are the most important. Love is currently in the lead! Next week we will be asking parents about their view on our school's core values and we are looking forward to all your contributions.

School Uniform

School uniform can be ordered from Michael Hope at www.michaelhope.co.uk. On the website, enter 'stmic' when searching for our school.

Mickey's After School Club

To book and pay for sessions at Mickey's, please use the following website:

<https://mickeysclub.magicbooking.co.uk>.

If you need to contact Mickey's after school, please ring the Mickey's phone: 07561 032610 and **not** the school office. Thank you.

School Lunches

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 should be paid for using ParentMail.

The table calculates the cost of lunches for the **second** half of the Summer Term.

Total for this half term (34 days) = £71.40	
Meals taken in a week	Cost from 5 th June to 20 th July
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
6	£2.10 x 30 days = £64.00
7	£2.10 x 34 days = £71.40

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

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

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

We are continuing to collect Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. There is a collection box at the front entrance. Thank you to everyone who has already donated vouchers, which we can exchange for new cooking and sports equipment.

Dates for the diary:

23 May:	Oxford ArtWeeks open afternoon 1:30-3:30pm
25 May:	Sharing Assembly (not Year 2) May Pole Dancing from 1:30pm
25 May:	Break up for Half Term
5 June:	Back to School
8 June:	Class photographs Year 4 trip to Ashmolean
9 June:	Sharing Assembly (not Year 3)
15 June:	Year 1 visit Jacqueline Du Pre Centre
16 June:	Sharing Assembly (not Year 4)
17 June:	PTA Summer Fair
19 June :	Festival of Voices - Choir
21 June:	Full Governing Body Meeting
23 June:	Sharing Assembly (not Year 5)
28 June:	Sports Day
30 June:	Sharing Assembly (not Year 6)
5 July:	Year 3/4 Performance 1:30
6 July:	Year 3/4 Performance 6:30
7 July:	Sharing Assembly (not Year 1)
10 July:	Parents Open Evening 6-7pm
12 July:	Trip to the National Space Centre

Term Dates for 2017-18

Autumn Term	5 September - 20 October 2017 (4 September is an INSET day)
October holiday	23 October - 30 October 2017 (30 October is an INSET day)
Autumn Term	31 October - 19 December 2017
Christmas holiday	20 December 2017 - 5 January 2018 (4 & 5 January are INSET days)
Spring Term	8 January - 9 February 2018
Spring half term	12 February - 16 February 2018
Spring Term	19 February - 29 March 2018
Easter holiday	30 March - 13 April 2018
Summer Term	16 April - 24 May 2018 (25 May is an INSET day)
Late Summer half term	25 May - 1 June 2018
Summer Term	4 June - 25 July 2018

