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GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER March'17

Welcome to our second Governor Newsletter of this academic year. A full governors meeting was held on 16th March 2017, and as always, there was lots of discussion about our school and how we can strive to make beneficial changes for all of our children who attend. We thank you for your continued support of St Michael's C of E Primary School and would like to wish you a happy Easter.



Mr Ian Roscoe (Chair of Governors)

Healthy School Lunches

There are close links between health, education and achievement. The government have put schools in the forefront of the campaign to promote issues of healthy eating including tackling obesity.

Over the past month, school governors have visited school during the lunch time period to look at the food provided, talk to children about what they are eating and discuss food waste issues with midday staff.

Hot school dinners are a great choice for your child, but if you choose to make a packed lunch for them instead we would like to see less of the chocolate bars and more fruit and vegetables! Visit www.nhs.uk/change4life-beta for healthy lunch box ideas.

Parent Questionnaire Response

Homework

As a follow-up to the original Governor Questionnaire sent out in October we created an online version using Survey Monkey purely to ask about Homework. Thank you if you gave a response.

Survey Monkey results showed that the majority of parents of pupils at our school think that homework is an important part of school and that children in all year groups should be getting regular Reading, Phonics, Grammar and Maths homework. Therefore, there will be no changes to the current homework system in place - completion of the homework set by class teachers, will remain a requirement of our pupils. We hope you continue to support your child with home learning. If you have any questions about homework please speak to your child's class teacher.

Your Child's Progress

On a separate question on information about a child's progress, many parents asked for more detail than they previously had received.

The school has introduced a way for parents to access the School Pupil Tracking Online (SPTO) assessment system and to periodically check on academic progress, behaviour, attitude and attendance information.

This was first launched in conjunction with Parent Consultation evening in February and **will be updated for parents again over the Easter holiday.**

School PUPIL TRACKER
The Whole School Assessment Solution



Administering Medication in School

The Administering Medications in School Policy is currently under review with school staff and governors.

On the last Friday of this term, 31st March 2017, we will send all medications and asthma inhalers home for parents to check: are they in date, does your child still need it, is the medication clearly labelled with your child's name? We will also be asking you to update any Individual Health Care Plans. We will then routinely do this three times per year, December, Easter and July.

As with all key school policies, the revised Administering Medications in School Policy will be available to view on the school website soon or can be obtained as a paper copy from the school office.