



# NEWSLETTER 2017

## Are we nearly there yet?

In our worship times and during class PSHE lessons we are thinking about **Going for Goals**. Our theme begins with a question often spoken by children from the back seat of a car - Are we nearly there yet? In an age when we want the fastest broadband or quickest download we will think about how in achieving our goals we need to avoid distractions, persevere and have patience!

Not long ago we would have been happy to stick a stamp on a letter, send it and get a reply by return post perhaps within a week. Today we send e-mails and texts and want a response the same day. It is often easier to get frustrated, angry or just give up when we find things don't go as we want them to straight away. If we want to learn a musical instrument we can't expect just to pick it up and play it perfectly – I got given a banjo for Christmas and I know! **What goals might children set themselves for 2017?** If we want to learn our times tables it won't happen as if by magic! Some goals may take months or years to achieve and we need to commit time and effort to do so.

For many, 2016 will be remembered for the passing of one celebrity after another and I am sure we all had high points and low points in our own lives too. But Christmas helps us think that things can be better and New Year is a time for fresh starts and, to quote the original Star Wars film: New Hope!

This week the Christian Calendar marks Epiphany, the time when the wise men travelled to mark the birth of a new born King and how they had to look up, avoid distractions (including King Herod) and be patient to achieve their goal! As we look ahead at 2017, I think this is a good thought for all of us. Whatever we hope to achieve this year, we need to be willing to **put some effort in to get it, have patience and don't give up** at the first sign of a problem – including me learning to play the banjo!

For St. Michael's, 2016 ended on a high with a **good Ofsted** and **wonderful Christmas celebrations**, but January can leave us feeling a bit flat especially having to get up on cold and icy mornings! However, the start of a new year is also one of opportunity and the chance to make changes for the better. We aim to make 2017 a memorable one in lots of ways and the **online calendar** is already looking busy with **Young Voices**, **Shakespeare**, **Aquasplash** and a **new talent show** among the early highlights. You've got to be in it to win it!

Mr P Fox

## THERE'S SOMETHING COMING TO ST. MICHAEL'S...

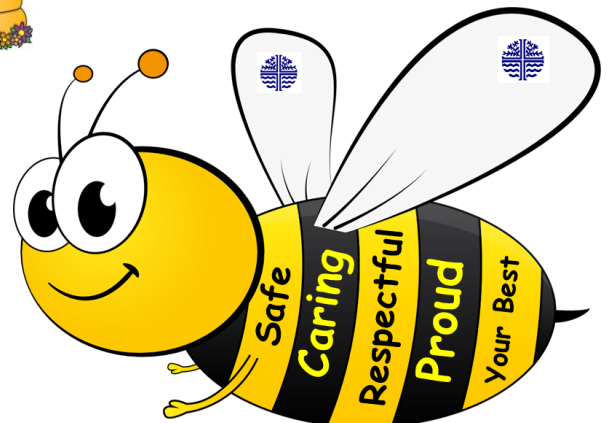
Watch this space for details of this year's main event and keep the evening free of -

**WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017**

### DO YOU SHINE???



**Are you struggling to find homes for all those wonderful new Christmas toys???**  
**We're happy to receive any used (but complete!) boxed games which can be used in school for wet play times. Many thanks in advance.**



## School Admissions for September 2017



Do you have a child who was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012 & 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013?

If so, you **must** register for them for a school place.

The closing date for all applications is 12 noon on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

Please ensure you apply for your place as soon as possible at:

[www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please note that there will be no clubs during the first week of term.

MONDAY - 3.30-4.30pm

Grimsby Town Football Club Y1-Y3

(Starting Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January) £15 for the full 5 Weeks

THURSDAY - 3.30-4.30pm

Baseline Club with Louth Generations Church Y1-Y6

(Starting Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January)

Permission slips are required for all clubs regardless of whether your child(ren) have previously attended the club and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please call into the office for a copy.

### **January dates to remember**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> - Y5/6 Trip to Young Voices at Sheffield

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> - Senco Drop-in Coffee Morning

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> - Aquasplash Event at Meridian Leisure Centre

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> - Y6 to theatre for 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'

## **Advanced Notice**

As you will have noticed, work has begun on automating our gates at school.

Please be aware that vehicular access will be prohibited unless by prior arrangement. Pedestrian access will be restricted between the hours of 9.00am and 3.20pm.

## LOST PROPERTY

There is, once again, a mountain of lost property which has been collected from around school over the Christmas holiday.

Please check the lost property store (*disabled toilet near the school office*) for any missing items or feel free to take any unlabeled items to provide the next size up for your child (and save yourself a few pounds in future!).



## **PTFA NEWS**

Next Meeting Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Please contact Charlotte for more information on 07947 825320

### **P.T.F.A CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

The School Christmas Fayre was a definite highlight of the festive period.

A huge THANK YOU to the volunteers who assisted our wonderful P.T.F.A who once again gave up their time to organise and run a fantastic event.

The Fayre, combined with the school disco, Christmas Cards and raffles raised a fantastic amount of just under

**£2094!!!!!! Well done to all!**

Details of PTFA Family Bingo on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January will be forthcoming.

**TERM 4 WILL END ON FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY AND TERM 5 WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2017**