



June NEWSLETTER 2016

The times they are a-changin'

I was only a one year old when Bob Dylan recorded this classic in 1964, but it makes a good title to our theme for our PSHEE & Worship time this term. With the passing of the legendary Muhammed Ali, the BREXIT vote on Europe and the new life (and death!) seen on Spring Watch on the television every night we have talked about how change can sometimes be a little scary, but is also necessary.

We have also talked about the changes we face as we grow another year older. Year 6 prepare to move onto new schools, the new Foundation Stage begin their visits and we all get ready to move onto our next classes. One change parents have to get used to is not being able to predict which class their child will be in next. With the change to three parallel mixed classes, children no longer move as a whole class. The infant staff must meet together to arrange the **three class groupings for Y1/2** in September. We need a **balance of ages, gender and abilities**, but we also try very hard to keep friendships together where we can. Putting all this together is not easy, but we aim to create a good balance. To change one child from one class to another might seem easy on paper, but the knock-on effects of this often mean we would be upsetting many.

We have to do the same process with the current Y2 and Y3 to create **three mixed Y3/4 classes** and, with the continuing expansion, there will be 30 children in each class next year. **The biggest change is for Year 5 and Year 6.** We know we will have to mix these year groups eventually, so governors have decided to do so from this September **creating the luxury of three smaller classes.** We are able to do this without appointing a new teacher by relocating Mrs Cass and Mrs C Wood from their current roles to create what we think is an exciting new Upper School team of staff.

Teaching staff for September:

- Foundation Stage Class 1: Mrs G Pyatt
- Foundation Stage Class 2: Miss S Bonner
- Year 1/2: Mrs J Carling
- Year 1/2: Miss Z Yeronimou
- Year 1/2: Miss C Royston-German
- Year 3/4: Mrs G Flowers
- Year 3/4: Mr J Marritt
- Year 3/4: Mr R Hodgekins
- Year 5/6: Mrs K French
- Year 5/6: Mrs V Cass & Mrs C Wood
- Year 5/6: Mrs K Wood

Mrs E Wood will continue to act as **SENCO** and named staff member for **Safeguarding & Child Protection** and **Mrs T Regler** will cover for teachers' planning and management time.

Please could parents not ask their child's current teacher where they will be in September as all will find out shortly.

Mr P Fox

After hours use of school facilities

Please can we remind everyone that once the children are released at 3.30pm, they are the responsibility of their parent/carer(s). We appreciate now that the weather has improved, some parents may wish their children to take advantage of using the playground/trim trail for a short while before going home. Children should not be returning into school for any reason.

Forthcoming Sporting Events

Multi Sports Challenge at King Edward VI School on Tuesday 14th June - Y4

Kwik Cricket at London Road on Thursday 16th June - (am - Y5, pm - Y6)

Festival of Sport at Monks Dyke Playing Field on Wednesday 6th July - Y3/4

Swimming Gala at Meridian Leisure Centre on Friday 8th July - Juniors

Details to follow to parents whose children will be attending.

Parking/School Access

Unfortunately, a small number of parents/carers continue to use the school car park to drop off/collect child(ren). **This must not continue.**

No parking is available for parents/carers on the school site at any time during the school day unless there are exceptional circumstances.

The current number of parking spaces are fully allocated for staff parking and any expected visitors we may have in school.

Will your child be a junior from September 2016?

If so, they may wish to begin to play an instrument.

St. Michael's offers tuition for the guitar, violin and cello and due to the current year 6 leaving in July, there will be some spaces available.

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis so please contact the school office if your child is interested in taking lessons.



Year 6 Leavers Disco

Thursday 14th July
7-9pm

The P.T.F.A. have arranged a special
Leaver's Disco for Y6 children only.

There will be no entrance fee, however, there
will be drinks, crisps and sweets etc. on sale.

Sports Days

This year's sports days will take place
on the following dates:

Juniors – Tuesday 5th July pm

Infants – Wednesday 13th July pm

(Subject to the weather of course!)



Parents and families most welcome!



Once again, the mountain of Lost Property has
accumulated in school.

PLEASE feel free to search for any missing
items or take spares for next year. Anything
unnamed and not claimed by the end of term 6
will be donated to charity.

Term Dates

**We break up for the Summer Holidays on
Thursday 21st July 2016**

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**Term 1 - Monday 5th September
to Friday 21st October 2016**



Due to the success of the Sports for Schools sponsored event last June with Grant Turner, St. Michael's have decided
to hold another event to support the school as well as raise money for charity.

We have been very fortunate to secure GB Olympian Joe Roebuck to attend the school on Thursday 23rd June,
letters and sponsor forms will have come home this week – please support this great cause!

Nicer Weather



Now we are having some nice days, it is really
important that your child has a named hat and
water bottle in school. Juniors can bring in named
sun cream but we ask that the Infants have it
applied before school. We want the children to be
able to go out and enjoy the sunshine when
possible and be comfortable in class.

P.T.F.A. School Summer Fayre

Thursday 30th June - 4.00-6.00pm

Come along and have some fun!

Lots of stalls to enjoy.....

More details will come home in
book bags nearer the date.

If you would like to volunteer to
help on the day, please contact
Suzy Davey on 07970045687.

