



November NEWSLETTER 2016

Governor Parent Questionnaire

Thank you so much to all those who responded to the Ofsted style Parent Questionnaire we sent out last month. Parent Governors get quite a lot of feedback on the playground and chatting to parents about the school, but asking specific questions does help us get a broader picture of how parents feel about school and the experience children receive. We sent questionnaires to all our Y1-Y6 parents and received 140 replies which is a 60% response and much higher than previous questionnaires we have sent out.

Here is a breakdown of your responses:

1. My child likes school
Agree 98% Strongly Agree 89%
2. My child feels safe at school
Agree 99% Strongly Agree 96%
3. My child makes good progress at school
Agree 99% Strongly Agree 96%
4. My child is well looked after at school
Agree 100% Strongly Agree 96%
5. My child is taught well at school
Agree 99% Strongly Agree 98%
6. My child receives appropriate homework for the age
Agree 97% Strongly Agree 86%
7. St. Michael's makes sure its pupils are well behaved
Agree 98% Strongly Agree 93%
8. St. Michael's deals effectively with bullying
Agree 92% Strongly Agree 79%
9. St. Michael's is well led and managed
Agree 99% Strongly Agree 96%
10. St. Michael's responds well to any concerns I raise
Agree 97% Strongly Agree 94%
11. I receive valuable information about my child's progress
Agree 94% Strongly Agree 85%
12. I would recommend this school to another parent
Agree 99% Strongly Agree 96%

With such a high response, we feel we have an accurate picture of parent opinion at this time. As much as we would like every single child and parent to be happy with every aspect of school, this is probably a little unrealistic and the overall picture is a very positive one. Some specific localised issues were raised about bullying, information sent to parents and homework. These have been shared with the staff at school and, working together, we will look to improve these too. *We have a school where children are happy, feel safe and are being taught well. The school is well led and parents are pleased to recommend St. Michael's to others.* Thank you again for taking the time to respond.

Mr Ian Roscoe
Chair of Governors

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATION

On **Wednesday 30th November at 2:45pm** parents of **Foundation Stage** children are invited to join them to help decorate the school tree in readiness for the Christmas festivities.

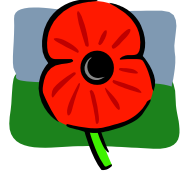
This is traditionally a very happy occasion and we especially look forward to seeing new parents.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITIES

Tuesday 6th December - 2pm (FS)
Wednesday 7th December - 10am (FS) and 2pm (KS1)
Thursday 8th December - 10am (KS1)



Remembrance Day



We will be selling Poppies on the playground before morning whistle over the next few days.

Staff will also be selling additional Poppy Day branded items in the entrance after school priced at 50p & £1.

We will also be reminding the children why we are doing this and the importance of the occasion by holding our own 'Act of Remembrance' on Friday 11th November.



Have you got any unwanted boxed board games which could be used in school for wet play times in the winter? If so, please bring them to the school office. Many thanks.

CURRICULUM SWIMMING

If your child is in Junior Curriculum Groups B & D, you will have had a letter advising that they will swim from **Friday 4th November**.

We will continue with the same format of a mixed group of Y3-Y6 children attending as one of our enrichment activities for 7 weeks.

Mrs Cunningham's Class will also swim for the same period.

The cost of the swimming instruction and the hire of the facilities is £1.90 per pupil (£13.30 for the full 7 weeks).

If possible, please pay at the beginning of your child's group.

Please make sure children have their swimming kit with them every Friday. They will also need a water proof coat and wellies or suitable footwear as they will be walking to and from the centre using the Railway Walk.

Children who have been ill with a stomach upset will not be allowed to swim until the week after their last bout.

Upcoming Events - Also on the website calendar

Wednesday 2nd November

Y5/6 High 5 Netball at Cordeaux

Monday 7th November

Y5/6 Victorian Trip to Wilderspin

Wednesday 9th November

FS World Nursery Rhyme Week

(Parents Stay & Play 9am-10am)

Class CRG Festival of Sport at MDTC

Wednesday 16th November

Y5/6 Sporthall Athletics at Meridian

Tuesday 22nd November

Y5/6 Tag Rugby at London Road

Sunday 27th November

Y3/4 Christmas Choir in the Marketplace - 3pm

Monday 12th December

Y3/4 Christmas Party

FS/KS1 Theatre Trip

Tuesday 13th December

Y1/2 Christmas Party

Y3/4 Choir to The Beeches

Wednesday 14th December

Y5/6 Christmas Party

Monday 19th December

FS Christmas Party

Tuesday 20th December

End of Term Service at St. Michael's Church - 10am



St. Michael's will be supporting Children in Need on Friday 18th November.

Children may wear non-uniform or come to school in spotty clothing/nightwear.

We suggest a £1 donation per child by sending a pound coin in on the day.

PTFA NEWS

A big thank you to everyone who attended the AGM on 29th September, it was lovely to meet you all and receive your input into the meeting. All nibbles and drinks brought and shared were very gratefully received!

Also thank you to the families who returned the PTFA questionnaires, from the feedback we have voted to hold some regular family bingo nights at school beginning in January – thank you to Mr Fox for facilitating this! Watch this space for details.

Don't forget we have a noticeboard in the foyer near the school office which we will keep updated – pop in for a look to see some glamorous (or not!) photos of the committee members voted in at the AGM.

Gary Williams is keeping our website well updated too – please feel free to check out the gallery section to see some photos of our recent events by logging onto www.st-michaels-ptfa.uk

Thank you.

ST. MICHAEL'S PTFA



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**CHRISTMAS DISCOS
ON THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER**

Infants 6.00-7.00pm

Juniors 7.15-8.30pm

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE
ON THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER 4-6PM**
including Y5 & Y6 Christmas Crafts