



NEWSLETTER 2016

Whoopsy-splunkers!

Welcome back everybody! We hope you have had a whoopsy-wiffling summer break and are all feeling phizz-whizzing! We are starting the new school year with record numbers attending St. Michael's and we are still growing! As from September, we have 284 children leaving us just one space in Year 4.

September is an exciting time and one for fresh starts and positive attitudes. A new cohort of Foundation Stage children has joined us and there are many new faces amongst the parents too and I hope we will get to know you all soon. If you look on our staff list, you will see we have a new name on our staff list as Miss Yeronimou was married in the holiday and returns as Mrs Cunningham!

2015-16 was another successful year for us at St. Michael's with a fun packed year of trips, events, excessive trophy winning in sport and good end of year assessment results for all age groups. We hope this year will bring more of the same!

The children are straight into their work starting with a big emphasis on reading for pleasure and, as part of the **Roald Dahl 100 Celebrations** all things glorumptious! We are looking forward to the **13th September** when Y1-Y6 will be dressing up as characters from his marvellous books. There will soon be 'parent pop-in' sessions which will take place in October. This will give parents a chance to meet their child's teacher, look at work and see how they are settling into their new surroundings. As usual, there will be the more traditional parent consultation evening in the hall in February.

As I explain to prospective parents on tour, I do like to think of our school as being a huge extended family and clearly we are becoming bigger! Like all families there will be times when things don't go smoothly, but what we will do, is try to sort things out. We cannot, however, solve problems that we know nothing about so **please don't wait until parent consultation to come in and talk to us**. We are always ready to listen and want parents to be fully involved in the education of their children. Your first point of call should always be your child's teacher if you wish to share or know something. If you need anything clarifying please **look on the school website or simply ring the school office**. We would much rather hear your question than read about it on social media!

Finally, a quick reminder that your child will soon be bringing home a class letter outlining the curriculum they will be following this term, a Reading Diary to record all those books your child reads and the popular Reading Logs which this year earn Roald Dahl Character Certificates!

"Jumpsquiffing" as the BFG would say!

Mr P Fox

Due to an increase in the number of children with serious nut allergies in school, we are trying to create a nut-free environment.



Please help us to do this by avoiding nuts and nut based products in packed lunches and snacks.



The School photographer will visit the school on Monday 10th October.

Individual and family photos will be taken on this day.

If you would like to include pre-school children in the pictures then please be in to the main school hall for 8.45am on the above date.

Your child will be collected by a member of staff from their classrooms after registration for individual photos.

In the middle of October you will receive a proof of the photo from which you can place an order if required.

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

Here to help!

Does your child have special educational needs? (SEN)

Do you think your child might have SEN or behaviour issues that you would like to talk about?

Do you want advice on how to contact other agencies and support groups?

Mrs E Wood (SENCO) works every Wednesday and Friday and can be contacted by telephone (603867) or email emily.wood@st-michaels.lincs.sch.uk

Please can parents be aware that the updated child safeguarding policy is now available to view on the school's website www.st-michaels.lincs.sch.uk

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We will be holding a book fair from 3.30-4pm on Thursday 29th and Friday 30th September and Monday 3rd October.

Please support us and help raise funds to buy books for school. We get commission on any sales we make!



Termtime Holidays (if you must!)

Whilst we prefer that all holidays are taken during the set holiday times, we understand that some parents, in exceptional circumstances, need to book holidays during term time. **There are, however, certain dates which MUST BE AVOIDED.**

Please do not book holidays if your child is in:

Year 1 Phonics Screen Week beginning 12th June 2017

Year 2 SATs any time in May 2017

Year 6 SATs any time in Term 5 especially the week beginning 8th May 2017

Thank you.

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 former year 6 leaving in July, there a number of 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.

Nicer Weather



As we are still 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.

Parent 'Pop-in' Consultations: Years 1-6

We will be holding informal sessions where parents can call in to meet their child's teacher and have a look at their work. Please call in on one of the following dates (no appointment necessary)

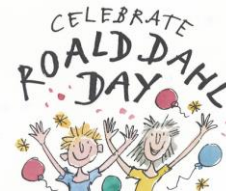
Tuesday 4th October 3.45-5.00
Wednesday 5th October 4.00-6.00

There will be the more traditional parent consultation evening in the Hall in February.

Foundation Stage Formal Consultations

Parents will be offered an appointment on the above dates - details to follow.

If you need to speak to your child's teacher, at any time, please don't wait for the set times and ring the School Office to make an appointment.



Roald Dahl themed non uniform day - 13th September

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of his birth, we are dressing up in Roald Dahl inspired costumes for the day – after all, *“a little nonsense now and then is cherished by the wisest men”!*

The new Foundation Stage children will not be asked to dress up although they will still participate by bringing in their favourite book to share.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We warmly invite parents of Foundation Stage to our Harvest Festival in the Hall on Tuesday 18th October at 10am (unfortunately we do not have the room for parents of other year groups)

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

There will be no clubs the first week of term

MONDAY

Grimsby Town Football Club for Y1 – Y3
£18 for the full 6 weeks
(Starting 12th September 3.30-4.30pm)

TUESDAY

Basketball Club with Mr Marritt for Y4-Y6
(Starting 13th September 3.30-4.30pm)

WEDNESDAY

NEW: Poppercise Club with Louth lady Lizzy for Y1-Y6
£6 for the full 6 weeks
(Starting 14th September 3.30-4.30pm)

THURSDAY

Louth Generations Church Baseline Club for Y1-Y6
(Starting 15th September 3.30-4.30pm)

After school clubs will change as the year progresses giving a wider variety to choose from for differing year groups.

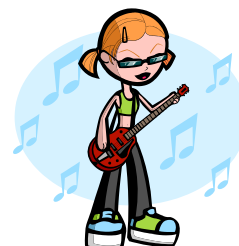
CLUBS DURING SCHOOL

MUSIC TUITION

Cello – Mondays: 10.55am – 11.55pm

Violin – Mondays: 12.00pm – 1.30pm

Guitars – Mondays: Juniors 1.30 – 3.30pm



LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY

Homework Club for Y3-Y6 12.00-12.30pm
with Mrs. K Wood

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR CHILD IF THEY WISH TO START OR CONTINUE A CLUB

CLUBS WILL BE FILLED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS SO PLEASE CALL INTO THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR A FORM, TO COMPLETE AND RETURN IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

PARENTS WILL ONLY BE NOTIFIED IF THE CLUB HAS BEEN OVERSUBSCRIBED, CHILDREN'S NAMES WILL BE ADDED TO A WAITING LIST AND PARENTS WILL BE INFORMED WHEN A SPACE BECOMES AVAILABLE.

IF YOUR CHILD IS UNABLE TO ATTEND ANY OF THE CLUB SESSIONS, PLEASE ADVISE THE SCHOOL OFFICE BEFORE THE DATE SO THAT WE CAN ACCOUNT FOR THEIR ABSENCE.