



# NEWSLETTER 2017

## Still Growing!

Welcome back everybody! We are starting the new school year with a record 300 children on roll at St. Michael's and we are still growing for one more year! 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 new staff as well so we give a warm welcome to **Miss Moor** who is teaching in Y3/4 and **Mrs Brocklebank** who is working as a Learning Support Assistant in EYFS.

2016-17 was a **highly successful year** for us at St. Michael's with a fun packed year of trips, events, trophy winning sport and good **end of year assessment** results for each Key Stage along with a **successful Ofsted!**

The children are straight into their work with Y1/2 looking for **Pirates**, Y3/4 investigating **Robots** & reading the **Iron Man** and Y5/6 are studying '**Goodnight Mr Tom**' & **WW2**. There will soon be '**parent pop-in**' sessions which will give parents a chance to meet their child's teacher, look at work and see how they are settling into their new surroundings. There will be the more traditional parent consultation evening in the hall later in the year and parents continue to have access to their child's progress through our **SPTO on line assessment system and Tapestry (EYFS only)**.

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**. 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 along with the ever popular Reading Logs which this year will earn 'Lego Superhero' Certificates!

Let Reading be our Superpower!

**Mr P Fox**

## Welcome back Jacob – (Please Read)

As well as welcoming our new children of Foundation Stage to school it is also great to welcome back Jacob J (Y4) who spent much of last year in hospital or cocooned at home. Many of us will know Jacob's story and it was wonderful that we could support the work of Sheffield Children's Hospital, most recently with a £500 thank you cheque for caring for him, raised as part of our Sponsored Triathlon. Jacob, however, is not 'out of the woods' yet and his immune system is quite low. We are reminding all children about the importance of cleanliness and clean hands, but it is of **vital importance that we are informed of any child in school who has an infectious illness; like Chicken Pox, Measles, Slapped Cheek etc. as any of these could prove serious if Jacob was to come into contact with them.**

Thank you for your co-operation with this.



**The School photographer will visit the school on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 8.30am 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.

**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.**

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We will be holding a book fair from 3.30-4pm on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

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 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Year 2 SATs any time in May 2018

Year 6 SATs any time in Term 5 especially the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Thank you.

## St. Michael's PTFA

The PTFA would like to invite all parents to their first meeting this school year which will be held at St. Michael's from 3.50pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

## 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 (3.30pm-4.30pm)  
(Starting 11<sup>th</sup> September)

### THURSDAY

Generations Baseline Club for Y1-Y6 (3.30-4.30pm)  
(Starting 14<sup>th</sup> September)

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

## **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 3<sup>rd</sup> October 3.45-5.00  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

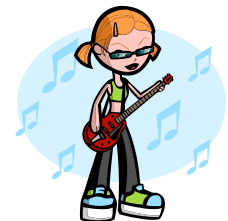
**If you need to speak to your child's teacher, at any time, please don't wait for the set times and ring the School Office to make an appointment.**

## CLUBS DURING SCHOOL

### MUSIC TUITION

Violin – Tuesdays: 12.15pm – 12.45pm

Guitars – Mondays: 1.30pm – 3.30pm



### LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES

#### TUESDAY

(Starting 12<sup>th</sup> September)

Book Club with Mrs Tacey for Y3-6 (12.15-12.45pm)

## 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 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.**