

St. Michael's Church of England Junior School

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Friday, 11th September 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back!

We all hope that you have enjoyed a relaxing summer break and that your batteries have been recharged! We were all delighted to welcome parents and children to St. Michael's on Monday morning. The children all looked very smart and seemed excited about coming back to school after the summer break. The week has been very successful with a calm and focused start to the term. The teachers are very happy with their classes and the new Year 3 children have settled in brilliantly and have already contributed much to St. Michael's. Well done children!



Secondary School Admission – Year 6

If your child is currently in Year 6, you will need to start applying for their secondary school place. This can be completed online at www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. **The closing date for receiving the application is 31st October 2015.**

Please find below too, links to the secondary admissions leaflet and secondary admissions booklet which contains all secondary school admission policies for 2016-17, as well as further details about the admissions process as a whole, including address changes, how applications are considered, home to school transport and the appeals process.

http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Admissions/Documents/Secondary_Admissions_Leaflet.pdf

http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Admissions/Documents/Secondary_Admissions_Brochure.pdf

Please find below a timetable of the events of which you need to be aware:-

Timetable – September 2016 co-ordinated admission round

w/c 24 August 2015	Application letters sent directly to known parents of Year 6 pupils attending an Essex primary, junior or independent school and, where data is provided, to Essex pupils attending primary schools in other LAs, informing of the application process
w/c 24 August 2015 – 11 September 2015	Reference copies of the <i>Secondary Education in Essex</i> booklet, including the common application form and notes of guidance, sent to all Essex primary, junior schools. Booklet also placed on the Essex County Council website.
1 September 2015	Online application facility opens.
September/October 2015	Secondary school open days/evenings. September: Selection tests taken by pupils that have registered for testing for selective school places and schools testing for aptitude. LA notifies schools at agreed intervals of all preferences expressed for the school.
31 October 2015	Statutory national closing date for all applications, including online. The online application system will be closed after this date.
w/c 2 November 2015 onwards	LA to consider all applications received after the closing date. Schools notified.
November 2015	LA send/receive files to/from co-ordinating LAs.
By 1 December 2015	LA sends lists to all secondary schools detailing applications received with the expectation they will rank every application (subject to data exchange).
1 December 2015 onwards	Admission authorities will apply their own admission criteria and rank the

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	preferences received.
15 December 2015	LA to receive lists of applications ranked in accordance with admissions criteria from admissions authorities within Essex and the Order of Merit Lists from the CSSE
January 2016	LA to process applications with reference to allocation lists and parental preference and establish an initial 'best fit' of offers.
February 2016	Essex LA will exchange offer data with other LAs and refine 'best fit'.
By 24 February 2016	LA to send 'final' allocation lists to all secondary schools in Essex, and the CSSE (subject to data exchange).
1 March 2016	National offer date. LA will send offers to relevant parents of all pupils living in Essex.
March-end of August 2016	LA maintains waiting lists for all schools and fills any places that become available.

New Staff

We would like to welcome Mrs. Lisa Dines as our new Deputy Headteacher and Miss Hannah Walker, Miss Clare Morris and Mr. Christopher Leeding as new class teachers in years 6, 3 and 4 respectively. We also welcome Miss Beth Farr who is a new LSA in Year 6 and Miss Meredith Willsher who is a student teacher who will be with Mr. Foster's class this term and in the summer term. We hope that they will all be very happy at St. Michael's. We also welcome back Miss Kirstie Palfrey who is now Mrs. Orton following her marriage in the summer holidays.

New Singing Group

A New Junior Choir is being formed by Singing Teacher Jane Parker with the aim of training children to sing and perform locally for various events. It will take place on **Mondays 4-5pm at The Millenium Community Centre in Baddow Road** starting on Monday 14th September. The cost is £55 per term. To book your child's place please register at email:

janeparkersinger@hotmail.com or Tel: 07952610223.

See www.little2bigvoices.com

Please note this is not a school club.

Sickness and Diarrhoea

This is a polite reminder that if a child or an adult working in school suffers a tummy upset then they are not allowed to return to school until they are symptom free for 48 hours, not 24 hours. This is to protect other children and adults from contracting a tummy bug.

This is the advice that we were sent this week:-

The advice in such situations should be to request that the pupil or member of staff does not attend school until completely symptom free for 48 hours.

The Public Health England guidance on infection control in schools and healthcare settings can be found at www.gov.uk/phe

Thank you for your support in this important matter.

Dinner Money

Can parents please note that all dinner money should be sent into school with your child in a named envelope. It should not be brought round to the school office by parents. This encourages independence for the children particularly as they start junior school. Thank you.

Achievers' Assemblies

These special assemblies take place every Friday morning starting at 9:05. All parents, friends and relatives are warmly invited to come and share the achievements of our children and to celebrate with them. We also share birthday greetings with children who have had a birthday that week.

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P.E. Kit

Some children have returned to school without their PE kit. It is important that children have the correct kit so that they can do PE comfortably and safely.

Joint training Day

Staff from both the infant and junior schools attended a training day on outstanding classroom practice on Friday 4th September. It was good for both schools to hear the same message and we hope to have a lot more joint staff meetings in the future.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

On **Friday, 25th September @ 9:00 am**, we will be holding our annual coffee morning to raise funds for Macmillan, a charity that supports families where someone is suffering from cancer. We would ask parents to kindly donate cakes to sell, whether home - made or bought, and to support the morning, by having a cup of tea or coffee with some cake. Your children will be able to come and join you for some squash and cake too. Mrs. Eley has kindly offered to make some of her beautiful cupcakes as well as a large cake to win. Please do come along to support this worthwhile cause. Thank you. Cakes should be delivered to school either on Friday or Thursday 24th September.

11+ Meeting

There will be an information for parents of children currently in Year 5 who may be interested in their child sitting the 11+ examination in September 2016. The meeting will be held on **Thursday, 15th October** at the school starting at 7:00 pm. It will give you all the information you need to make an informed choice as to whether you think your child would be suitable for grammar school. A letter will be sent nearer the time requesting numbers.

Assessment Meeting

There will be a meeting on **Thursday, 24th September at 7:00 pm** to discuss with parents assessment without levels and we as a school are beginning to address this issue. A letter will be sent shortly with all the details.

Menu week 2 next week - new autumn menus – on website.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday, 23rd September – Year 4 trip to British Museum, London

Thursday 24th September – Year 3 trip to Braintree Museum

Thursday, 24th September @ 7:00 pm – Meeting for parents about assessment without levels

Friday, 25th September @ 9:00 am – Macmillan Coffee Morning in the school hall

Monday, 28th – Friday 2nd October – Residential Trip to Norfolk for Year 6

Sunday, 4th October @ 10:00 am – Church service at St. Michael's to celebrate Harvest Festival

Thursday, 8th October @ 10:00 am – School Harvest Festival at St. Michael's Church

Thursday, 15th October @ 7:00 pm – 11+ meeting for parents

Monday, 19th October @ 4:00-6:30 pm – Parent Consultation Evening (letter will be sent in due course)

Wednesday, 21st October @ 4:00 – 6:30 pm – Parent Consultation Evening

Friday, 23rd October – Break up for the half term holiday

Monday, 26th October – Friday 30th October inclusive – Half term break

Monday, 2nd November – Non-Pupil Day

Friday, 11th December @ 1:30 pm – Formal Christmas Concert

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Tuesday, 15th December @ 1:30 pm and Wednesday, 16th December @ 7:00 pm – Year 3/4
Christmas Performances

Thursday, 17th December @ 10:00 am – School Carol Service at St. Michael's Church

Friday, 18th December – Break up for the Christmas holidays

Monday, 4th January 2016 – Non-Pupil Day

Tuesday, 5th January 2016 – Children return to school

Monday, 8th February @ 4:00 – 6:30 pm - Parent Consultation Evening

Wednesday, 10th February @ 4:00 – 6:30 pm - Parent Consultation Evening

Friday, 12th February – Break up for the half term holiday

Monday, 22nd February – Children return to school

Wednesday, 23rd March – The Easter service at St. Michael's Church @ 10:00 am

Thursday, 24th March – Break up for the Easter holiday

Monday, 11th April – Non-Pupil Day

Tuesday, 12th April – Children return to school

Week beginning 9th May – SATs exam week – Year 6

Friday 27th May – Break up for the half term holiday

Yours sincerely

Maria Rumsey
Headteacher

