

St. Michael's Newsletter



Friday, 26th February 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back!

It was lovely to welcome the children back to school on Monday morning after the half term break. They looked refreshed and raring to go and have made an excellent start to the new half term. There are lots of exciting things planned so please make sure that your child is in school so that they do not miss out!

Sainsbury Vouchers

We are once again collecting Sainsbury's vouchers so that we can purchase sports equipment for the children. If you shop at Sainsbury's, please collect the vouchers; the collection box is in the entrance hall. Thank you.

Marie Curie Daffodil Appeal

We are once again supporting this worthwhile cause which supports families who are facing terminal illness. We are asking if the children would like to buy a daffodil to wear for a minimum donation of £1.00. The flowers will go on sale from next Monday. Thank you for your support.



Cake Sale

On Friday, 12th February, some enterprising children from Year 3 organised a cake sale and managed to raise a magnificent £95.53! The children came in to Mrs. Rumsey's office and we completed the adoption paperwork. We are proud to say that we have adopted a penguin called Ebby. There will be a plaque going up in the penguin enclosure in about three weeks' time stating that our school has raised the money to support this exciting venture. The children in Year 3 were brilliant, knowing exactly what they wanted written on the plaque. Well done children!



Old Bicycles in School

We currently have a number of bikes that have been generously donated by parents. However, due to heavy usage on our cycle track, a number of these bikes are in need of repair. If you or anyone you know is able to help us repair these bikes, we would be extremely grateful. It would mean more children are able to access Wednesday Wheels on our fantastic cycle track. Thank you in advance for your help.

Sport Relief – 18th March!

Mr. Leeding, Miss Walker and the School Council are busy planning some exciting activities for this charity. Watch this space!!

Year 3 PSHE

A reminder that the children in Year 3 need to bring in their photos of themselves as part of their PSHE project, It's Good to be Me. It can be a baby photo or a more recent photo. Thank you.

Packed Lunch Policy

Following our two parent meetings where we discussed what should be in our Packed Lunch Policy, I am delighted to report that the policy is now complete and has been sent to Governors for ratification. As soon as the governing body have ratified the policy it will be published and sent to

parents. Many thanks to those parents who gave up their time to discuss this policy and we hope that all parents will find it useful and informative.



Autism Awareness Week (14th -18th March)

The National Autistic Society is campaigning to raise awareness of Autism during this week. In support of this our school will be promoting awareness through a number of activities:

Onesie Monday- The children are invited to wear their Onesie (or nightwear/dressing gown/PJs). A contribution of £1 will be split between the National Autistic Society and school resources for children with Autism.

Monday (pm) – The staff will be baking cakes for a **cake and hot chocolate** sale in the afternoon. Children will be asked to bring in any **second hand books** that they have, and these will be sold to add to our fundraising.

Wednesday (2.30) – Parent Information Session. This will be a friendly informative session highlighting the difficulties that young people with Autism experience, the strategies of support that we use in our school to support children, the amazingness of our children with Autism and their peers and the personal experiences of some of our staff, parents, pupils and others. **This session is for ALL parents, not just those with children on the autistic spectrum.**

The children will be taking part in various activities during Monday and Wednesday to raise their awareness of Autism through assemblies and classroom activities.

If anybody would like to contribute towards this event please contact Jo Martin (SENCo) who will be thrilled to hear from you!

Menu week 3 next week winter menus – on website.

Dates for your Diary

Monday, 29th February - Parent Consultation Learning Reviews 4:00 - 7:00 pm Years 5 and 6

Tuesday, 1st March - Parent Consultation Learning Reviews 8:30 am - 12:30 pm Years 5 and 6

Friday, 4th March @ 10:30 am - Choir to sing at St. Michael's Church

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

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

Monday, 11th April - Non-Pupil Day

Tuesday, 12th April - Children return to school

Monday, 2nd May - School closed for the May Day Bank Holiday

Week beginning 9th May – 12th May - SATs exam week – Year 6

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

Monday, 6th June - Children return to school

Saturday and Sunday, 25th/26th June – Camp - over

Friday, 1st July – School Sports Day

Saturday, 9th July – Joint Summer Fete with GIS – 12:00 midday – 3:00 pm

Friday, 22nd July - School closes for the summer holidays

Thursday, 1st September 2016 - Non-pupil day

Friday, 2nd September 2016 - Non-pupil day

Monday, 5th September 2016 - Children return to school after the summer break

Yours sincerely

Maria Rumsey
Headteacher