



St. Michael's CE Primary School Newsletter

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Issue 1

Dates

Monday 19th September

Parent Welcome evening
Year 4 (5-6pm)
Year 5&6 (6-7pm)

Tuesday 20th September

Parent welcome sessions
Year 1&2 (5-6pm)
Year 3 (6-7pm)

Friday 23rd September

Year 5&6 Football tournament at St. Thomas Moore

Saturday 24rd September

Year 3 Football Festival at Highgate

Tuesday 27th September

Reception Classes home/school conferences

Wednesday 28th September

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Thursday 29th September

9.30am Beginning of term service at St. Michael's church. Led by Year 4 (Years 1-6 attend)

Saturday 31st September

Year 4 Football Festival at Highgate

Tuesday 4th October

Year 5 & 6 Cross Country at New River

Friday 7th October

9am Year 5 Orwell family assembly and coffee morning

Friday 8th October

9am Year 5 Orwell family assembly and coffee morning

Saturday 9th October

Year 5 Football Festival at Highgate

Monday 10th October

Book Week

9am Whole school assembly

Wednesday 12th October

Children dress as a book character for the day

Thursday 13th October

7.30pm New parents welcome evening for all parents new to the school.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school. We hope you all enjoyed your holidays and we look forward to working with you this year.

Over the holidays a number of works have taken place including some general maintenance, the decoration of the Early Years and the first phase of window replacements in Key Stage two. As always the school has been prepared to a high standard; thank you to all involved, in particular Troy and the cleaning team.

I do hope that you will be able to attend the parent welcome evenings on Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th September. This is an opportunity for parents to visit their child's classroom, meet with teachers and find out about the year ahead. All families are invited to the beginning of term service on 29th September.

We extend a warm welcome to our new staff, parents and children. We hope you will soon feel very settled into our school community and that many of our new parents can join us on 13th October. This is an opportunity to meet and find out more about the community of St. Michael's; how the school, governors and SMSA work together.

Best Wishes,

Geraldine Gallagher

Head Teacher

Reporting Absence/Sickness

Please phone the office to report illness or when your child will be absent from school for any reason.

Please call the sick line on **0208 340 7441** and pick option 1 to report sickness or absence.

Leave a clear message stating;

- Your child's full name
- Their year AND class name
- The reason they are absent from school and details of their sickness

You may also send written confirmation by email to the school office on admin@stmichaelsn6.com.

Dates Continued...

Monday 17th October

Whole school assembly—Harvest

Tuesday 18th October

Year 5 & 6 Hi5 Netball

Friday 21st October

Last day of this half term school finishes at 3:30pm.

Half term: 24th –29th October

Monday 31st October—INSET DAY

No children in the school

Tuesday 1st November— INSET DAY

No children in the school

Tuesday 1st November:

Parents evening day 1: 3-6:30pm

Wednesday 2nd November

Children return to school for 8.50am

Thursday 3rd November

Parents evening day 2: 3.45-6pm

Saturday 5th November

Year 6 Football Festival at Highgate

Monday 7th November

Whole school assembly

Thursday 10th November

Tag Rugby Year 5&6—New River Centre

Friday 8th November

9am Year 4 Barnett family assembly and coffee morning

Tuesday 15th November

Individual and siblings school photographs

Friday 18th November

Recorder assembly—TBC

Thursday 24th November

Year 6 SRE meeting 2:30-3:30pm

Friday 25th November

9am Year 3 Dickens family assembly and coffee morning

Tuesday 30th November

9.30am Year 4 Trumpet / clarinet concert TBC

Thursday 30th November

9.30am Year 4 Violin / clarinet concert TBC

Friday 2nd December

9am Year 5 Marx family assembly and coffee morning

Monday 5th - Friday 9th December

Nursery & Reception Nativity
Trips to Jackson's Lane Theatre



Make everyday matter

We will be working in partnership with our Education Welfare Officer Ms. Serif Mulla-Ali to ensure that all children succeed and thrive at school. It is easy for absence to build up overtime and children will miss out on vital social interaction, lesson and playtimes. For example, if your child has been absent from school by 10% that is equivalent to 19 days of school.

The Head Teacher may authorise absence for exceptional circumstances, not for holidays. If you need to request leave from school, please submit your request using the **Term Time Exceptional Leave** form which is available from our website at least ten days in advance. Our attendance policy is also available on the website.

Reasons for exceptional leave are:

- ◆ *illness or accident*
- ◆ *death or serious illness of a close family member*
- ◆ *medical appointments.*
- ◆ *religious observance*

% attend- ance	days missed	weeks missed	KS1
90%	19 days	4 weeks	57 playtimes
80%	38 days	8 weeks	114 playtimes
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	171 playtimes

Sports Dates

Children represent our school at sporting events throughout the year. When representing the school we will ask for your permission for your child to attend.



Secondary School Transfer

Meeting with Mrs Parker

Individual meetings with Mrs Parker for Y6 parents regarding secondary school transfers will happen the week commencing the 10th October 2016. Parents will be notified by the school closer to the time when appointment times are available to book. You will need to book your appointment with Mrs Parker via Scopy.

Dates Continued...

Friday 9th December

9am Year 3 Coleridge family assembly and coffee morning

Monday 12th - Friday 16th December

KS1 Nativity

Monday 19th - Wednesday 21st December

Christmas Lunch and parties

Wednesday 21st December

Last day of term. **2pm finish**

Christmas Holidays: 21st Dec— 5th January



Friday 6th January 2017—INSET DAY

No children in the school

Monday 9th January 2017

First day back at 8:50am

School Uniform

Thank you for making such a great effort to ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform. Some parents have asked for clarification.

School uniform is: white polo shirt or shirt/blouse, navy skirt, pinafore, trousers or shorts, navy jumper, fleece or cardigan. There are photographs of children displaying the correct uniform on the school website.

For **PE** the children should wear the pale blue t-shirt with the school logo, navy shorts and black plimsolls. For **outdoor PE** black or white trainers and navy jogging pants can be worn. PE kits need to be stored in a draw string bag. Hair of shoulder length needs to be tied back.

No nail varnish. For health and safety children should not wear jewellery. Children can wear black or navy shoes please make sure they are safe for running around and playing on equipment. Navy or white socks or tights.

All items of clothing must be labelled with your child's name.

Emergency Contact Details

Please ensure that the office has your most up-to-date contact details.

We would like to remind you that dogs are not permitted on the school grounds.

If you are bringing dogs with you to drop off and collection they must be tied up outside the school and away from the entry ways so that children have a choice whether they want to come in direct contact with dogs.



Please may we remind you that the school has a no smoking policy, including electronic cigarettes.



If my child is sick what should I do ?



If your child is unwell please contact the school on the first day giving the reasons for the absence.

Whittington Health **NHS**

Guidance for Parents and Carers

Raised Temperature (fever) If your child looks or feels shivery, usually cold or hot, they may have a raised temperature. This may be due to a variety of reasons. If your child has a raised temperature (over 37.5C), they should not be in school. It is important to measure the temperature accurately with a thermometer. However, your child should be able to return to school 24 hours after they feel and look better.

Cold and Cough A child may attend school with slight cold and cough. If your child has asthma, remember they may need their blue inhaler more often. Occasionally coughs can be persistent and can last for weeks. However, children with bad or long-lasting coughs need to see their GP. Once treated or when the cough is controlled or disappearing and the child is feeling better, they need to return to school.

Chicken Pox	Children can return to school 5 days from onset of the rash.
Conjunctivitis	No need to be off school.
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	Children can return to school 48 hours from last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting. Exclude from swimming for 2 weeks.
Flu (Influenza)	Children should return to school as soon as they have recovered.
German Measles (Rubella)	Keep off school for 5 days from onset of rash.
Glandular Fever	No need to be off school.
Head Lice (Nits)	No need to be off school.
Impetigo	Keep off school until lesions are crusted or healed.
Measles	Keep off school for 5 days from onset of rash.
Mumps	Keep off school for 5 days from onset of swollen glands.
Ringworm	Keep off school only until treatment commenced.
Scabies	Child can return after first treatment.
Threadworms	Children should attend school.