



17 June 2016

Dear Parent/Carer/Governors

Another great week at St Michael's has passed with so much happening. One of the biggest things we have been looking at is the theme of 'Responsibility'. We have been covering this theme through our Collective Worship and I have been so pleased with the number of responses I have had regarding the children showing their responsibility at home. Please do send more photographs in of them being responsible or send me an email explaining what they do outside of school.

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Okay I asked for at least 80 photographs of children reading in unusual places and we currently stand at ... 17. This is a decent number but we can do so much better. This weekend, when you pop to the supermarket, park, camping in the woods, etc take their favourite reading material and take a photograph. This will be a great display and really get the children talking.

I have been so impressed with the writing which has been going on this week in lots of our classes. They have been so creative whilst also making sure that they are developing the skills of editing and improving their work. I really am very proud of the children when they show such a positive attitude and great responsibility to their learning.

### PE Kits

Please ensure your child has a PE kit, **named**, including a change of footwear in school. Their PE kit should be a plain T-shirt (no strappy or vest tops) and either shorts or tracksuit bottoms.

### School Uniform

Please ensure that your child is wearing a school uniform, **with their names in**, every day. We always have lots of jumpers and other clothes in the lost property because names are not put inside clothes.

### Toilets

Our school toilets should not be used by younger siblings, unless it is an emergency, during the school day due to child protection issues.

The school gates need to be closed at 3:30pm due to After School Club use. Again this is due to safeguarding procedures. Please ensure that you supervise your children in the Parry Garden. There must be **no unaccompanied** children in there.

Going back to the theme of Responsibility, I have been so impressed with Year 4 and Year 5 whose classrooms are so tidy. I have set a competition amongst the classes to see who shows the most

responsibility towards their learning environments. I pop in to classes all the time and have been keeping an eye out for the best rooms. Both Year 4 and Year 5 are leading the way but we have a couple of weeks left to see which the overall best one is.

Have a great weekend.  
Stuart

**R.** This week we have continued to learn the 'Three Little Pigs' story. The children have made some great story maps to help them retell it. They have also been busy making Father's day cards. In Mathematics the children have been securing their knowledge of length and height. In our Topic lesson we compared what the weather is like in the different countries the children come from. They were excited to learn about hurricanes and tornadoes! Have a great weekend.

**Y1.** This week we have been thinking some more about 'The Sweetest Song'. The children have made changes to the story to make their own version of it. In Maths we have been learning about division and exploring the fact that it is the inverse of multiplication. We also went on our trip on 'the Matthew' as part of our History Project.

**Y2.** Year 2 have continued reading the book 'Claude in the City' and have written postcards all about his adventures. In Maths the children have been using different methods to find the difference between two two-digit numbers. Today the 'Travelling Kitchen' came in and we have made lots of yummy food. I hope you will try and make some of the recipes at home too.

**Y3.** Year Three have been learning all about angles and shapes this week. We've found out about the different materials in the world around us. We know about materials you can see through, ones that conduct electricity, magnetic materials and man-made ones. In English we have been enjoying the story of the 'Iron Man'. The tale is about to come to its earth-shattering conclusion! Next week we're looking forward to lots of arts and crafts.

**Y4.** On Monday, the children did some Maths Code Cracking in the morning and started a 'Big Draw' project based on drawing birds which will lead to a model next week. The children have just about finished geometry this week in Maths and in PE they've been working on basketball skills. I was amazed by their writing this week; all of them seem to have made a jump forward in the quality of their writing.

**Y5.** We have started our new local history topic, 'Bristol River City', during which we will be learning about Bristol and its surrounding geography and how its strategic position on the river has shaped its destiny for the last 1000 years. We will be learning about tides, trade and travel and hopefully getting connected to our collective history, ancient and recent, as residents of a city on the river.

**Y6.** The class have been looking at 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' in great depth this week; examining their characters and writing the story from their perspectives. Their pieces of writing were absolutely fantastic!

In Topic, the class have continued researching their chosen holiday destinations and are beginning to write them up as a brochure - they are very impressive.

### Attendance Update

**Data: Monday 13 – Friday 17 June 2016**

<b>Rocky the Attendance Dog</b>		<b>Punctuality Polar Bear</b>	
Awarded to <b>Y6</b> who have recorded a <b>brilliant 98.99% attendance for the week!</b> 😊		Awarded to <b>Y4</b> who have recorded <b>ZERO late marks for the week – Brilliant Y4</b> 😊	
<b>Class</b>	<b>% Attendance</b>	Late marks recorded <b>Before</b> close of register ( <b>L</b> )	Late marks recorded <b>After</b> close of register ( <b>U</b> )
<b>R</b>	96.08%	4	0
<b>1</b>	91.88%	4	5
<b>2</b>	91.36%	3	1
<b>3</b>	92.72%	11	2
<b>4</b>	94.22%	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>5</b>	93.65%	9	1
<b>6</b>	<b>98.99%</b>	3	0
<b>586 minutes have been recorded this week; this is almost 10 hours of missed learning due to lateness, with the exception of our Y4 class.</b>			

### Road Closure

We have been notified of a planned road closure of Old Park and Park Lane from 18 July 2016. Pedestrian access will remain at all times to allow access to the back of the school gaining entry to both Breakfast Club and After School Club.

### Y2 Multi Sports Tournament

A text message was sent on Thursday 16 June to inform you that the event on Thursday 23 June 2016 at St. Ursula's, has unfortunately been cancelled. Please collect your child at 3:15pm.

### History Heritage Award

For the last two years St Michael's has been working with other schools and Historic England as part of a project to promote local history study. The schools have been sharing resources and planning ideas to help develop children's understanding of their local heritage. A lot of this fed into last year's fantastic local history study done by Year 5 and the school's famous Bristolians Week. St Michael's has just received a Heritage Schools award for our part in this project.

### NSPCC's Big Board Game Day

Big thank you to everyone who donated and took part in the Big Board Game Day at the end of last term. We raised the grand total of £229.94.

**Missing Coat**

We have had a plea: Please can you all check for a missing blue 'Gelart' coat aged 9-10. It appears to have been taken home by mistake as it's very similar to one that has been left in the cloakroom.

**Dates for Your Diary**

w/b Mon 20 Jun	<b>Whole School Art Week</b>
Tues 21 Jun	<b>Y5: OUT</b> – Free Cinema Trip to the Watershed. Viewing Felix back in time for lunch.
Tues 21 Jun	<b>Y4: x8 pupils: OUT</b> to Henleaze Junior School – Chess Championships Due back to St. Michael's approx. <b>4:50pm</b>
Wed 22 Jun	<b>September 2016 Reception Intake:</b> New Reception Parent/Carer meeting at 6:30pm
Thurs 23 Jun	Y6: Red Cross 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid Workshop in the classroom.
Fri 24 Jun	<b>Y1: OUT</b> Library Visit Leaving school at 9:40am, please see Dave if you are able to help
Fri 24 Jun	<b>Y5: OUT</b> Library Visit
Fri 24 Jun	<b>Y5: x 8 footballers OUT</b> to Keynsham
w/b Mon 27 Jun	<b>Whole School Being Safe Week</b>
Mon 27 Jun	<b>Y6: Jasmine: PCSO</b> in workshop
Mon 27 Jun	<b>Y6: Pyramid Transition Club: Last session. 5:15pm finish.</b>
Tues 28 Jun	<b>Y5: OUT</b> Avon Gorge Boat Trip – details to follow
Wed 29 Jun	<b>Y6: OUT</b> Avon Valley Railway – letter has gone out. <b>Consent required ASAP</b>
Fri 1 Jul	<b>Y2: OUT</b> Library Visit Leaving school at 9:40am, please see Laura if you are able to help
Fri 1 Jul	<b>Y3: OUT</b> Library Visit
Tues 5 Jul	<b>Y1 – Y6: OUT – Sports Event at Cotham Secondary School –</b> Details to follow.
Fri 8 Jul	<b>Y4: OUT</b> Library Visit
Tues 12 Jul	<b>Y6: Evening Performance at the Wickham Theatre:</b> <b>A Midsummer Night's Dream</b> – prompt 7pm start. <b>Entry with Tickets – details to follow.</b>
Wed 13 Jul	<b>Y6: Evening Performance at the Wickham Theatre:</b> <b>A Midsummer Night's Dream</b> – prompt 7pm start. <b>Entry with Tickets – details to follow.</b>