



24 March 2017

Dear Parent/Carer/Governors

We had a fantastic run on Brandon Hill today to celebrate Comic Relief. Many children completed 3 laps which is 1.8km. Have a look on our website or Twitter feed (@StMichaelsMt) for some pictures. Such events can't happen without support from our community so a big thank you to the parents, Police Community Support Officers and students from Bristol Uni Athletics club who helped out.

We also welcomed Robogals back earlier in the week. They are a student-run organisation that aims to increase female participation in engineering, science and technology through fun and educational initiatives. They ran an inspiring session and we hope to work with them again in the future.

A note regarding next week's parent / teacher consultations – **All children are required to be collected and fully supervised at 3:15pm.** Please do not arrive to collect children at your appointment time, as there are no staff members available to supervise them. Uncollected children will be sent to After School Club which will incur a £8.50 charge.

On Wednesday 5 April 2017, the whole school will be going to St. Stephen's Church to hold our assembly. Going as a whole school as we did at Christmas is really important to us as a community. We want all our children and their families to join in with school events so that we can build understanding and tolerance of all faiths and cultures. Please feel free to join us as we would love you all to be there. We will be leaving the playgrounds at 10:00am.

Have a great weekend.  
James

**R.** This week the children have been very busy inventing their own stories. After doing this they had the opportunity to act their stories out in story squares.

In Mathematics some children have begun to learn about subtraction, while others have begun to learn about addition.

As part of our topic lessons the children discussed changes they have gone through as they have grown from a baby. They also thought about how they will continue to grow, eventually into an adult.

**Y1.** In Year One we have been learning about fractions, thinking about halves and quarters. Ask your children if they can half and quarter numbers and groups of objects.

In English we have been learning the story of 'How the Tortoise Got His Shell'. Don't forget its parents evening next week, if you haven't yet signed up for an appointment, the sheet is in the classroom.

**Y2.** Chestnut Class have been out and about this week, hunting for monsters in the playground to measure. They were able to estimate and then measure the beasts in metres. We've also been looking at ways to tackle problem solving in maths.

In English, we have been writing newspaper front pages all about our book character, the Lonely Beast.

In Topic, we have looked at the work of Edward Jenner and also enjoyed listening to some Mozart compositions. We've learnt how music can capture a mood or feeling.

**Y3.** The children have really enjoyed reading more of 'Iron Man' and exploring the characters through drama and diary writing.

In Maths we have been exploring, 'equivalent fractions' and going back over our 8 times tables. Most of the class would really benefit from learning these by heart in fun ways at home. Thank you for your support with this.

**Y4.** This week we have been making story maps for 'Varjak Paw'.

In Maths, we have been working on making bar models to solve problems. We have also learnt about our teeth and how to look after them.

**Y5.** Our tadpoles are growing, their progress monitored daily by Jimmy and Nashya who are doing a great job entering vital statistics on a graph.

We have begun to make our motorised merry-go-rounds, a project which requires near military precision and concentration. We look forward to setting up our class fairground next week!

**Y6.** Year 6 have begun a new English topic on explanation texts this week, using the picture book 'Dr Xargle's Book of Earthlets' as a starting point. Dr Xargle is an alien who uses interesting descriptions for everyday objects, so it has been a challenge for the class to come up with their own descriptions and they have been brilliantly imaginative! In Maths we have been looking at time.

### Attendance Update

**Data: Monday 20 – Friday 24 March 2017**

<b>Rocky the Attendance Dog</b>		<b>Punctuality Polar Bear</b>	
Awarded to: 😊 <b>Y1 who are the first class in 2017 to record 100% attendance for the week – Absolutely Fantastic Y1 😊</b>		Awarded to: <b>Y2 who have again recorded ZERO late marks for the week – Brilliant Y2 😊</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>	80.98%	1	0
<b>1</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	7	0
<b>2</b>	92.07%	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>3</b>	96.62%	2	1
<b>4</b>	95.06%	4	0
<b>5</b>	87.65%	3	2
<b>6</b>	95.56%	6	0

150 minutes late for school has been recorded this week which equals **2.5 hours of missed learning** due solely to lateness – of course this figure does not include our Y2 class as they recorded ZERO lateness for the week.

### Attendance

Well done to our Y1 class who are the first class in 2017 to achieve the dizzy heights of 100% attendance for the week. The class have set the bar, who will be next to challenge them.....?

### The School Day

The school day begins at **8:45am** and finishes at **3:15pm**. There seems to be some confusion regarding these times.

Breakfast Club opens via the back of the school at 8:00am and closes at 8:30am as the main school gate opens. Children can be left in the playground as the playground is fully supervised at this point. The bell is rung at **8:45am** to signal the start of the school day. Children arriving at/after 9am are deemed late, and must report directly to the school office to be signed in.

The end of the school day is **3:15pm**. Please arrive to collect your child(ren) promptly. Teachers are entitled to non-contact time and are very often planning, attending meetings either on or off-site, hosting teacher led after school clubs and a host of other duties during this time.

Children who have not been collected promptly will be sent to our After School Club. After School Club is payable at £8.50 per session; there are no exceptions to this. We don't have a 'late room' and it is not appropriate for children to be left in the school office to await collection.

### Head Lice

We have received notification of head lice in KS1, several in our Y1 class. Please can **everyone** check their child(ren)'s hair and if treat if applicable. There is no need to keep children off school during treatment and please remember to treat the whole family and brushes/combs.

### Dogs

Polite reminder: please ensure all dogs are kept well away from the main school gate and tied up appropriately when collecting children at the end of the school day. Thank you for your help with this.

### Dates for Your Diary

Mon 27 Mar	<b>Deadline:</b> to receive consent for children in <b>Y3</b> and <b>Y4</b> by <b>3:30pm</b> to attend tomorrow's Sport Festival. <b>NO EXCEPTIONS</b> Notification has been given for this event since Wednesday 1 March; please ensure we receive consents by the published deadline.
Tue 28 Mar	<b>Y3 and Y4: OUT</b> – Sports Festival. Don't forget PE kit & packed lunches Consent <b>REQUIRED</b> as the classes will be transported by coach.

Tue 28 Mar	<b>Whole School:</b> Parent /Teacher Consultations <b>ALL</b> consultations to take place in the School Hall from 3:30pm
Wed 29 Mar	<b>Whole School:</b> Parent /Teacher Consultations <b>ALL</b> consultations to take place in the School Hall from 3:30pm
Wed 5 Apr	<b>Whole School Easter Service</b> – please see James' paragraph at the top of this newsletter. Leaving the playgrounds at 10am. Everyone welcome.
Thu 6 Apr	<b>Whole School OUT:</b> Pace Egging weather permitting and details to follow.
Thu 6 Apr	End of Term 4 – normal time: 3:15pm
Fri 7 Apr	<b>INSET DAY 5</b> (our <u>final</u> INSET Day of this Academic Year) School closed to <b>all</b> pupils
Mon 24 Apr	Start of Term 5 – normal time: 08:45am