

# St Michael's C of E VA Primary School

Current core Christian value:  
RESPECT



'Do unto others as you  
would have them do to you'  
(Luke 6:31)

'We believe we can achieve'

As a Church School we seek to ensure that the ethos and principles of Christianity underpin the experiences of the children in our care.

5 May 2017

Newsletter No 2

## St Albans Fun Run – Schools Challenge

This year's St Albans Half Marathon will be held on Sunday 11 June and will once again be hosting a schools' challenge. The primary school with the largest percentage of participants will receive a cash donation.

To register for this challenge, please go to [www.stalbanshalfmarathon.co.uk](http://www.stalbanshalfmarathon.co.uk). Please remember to name St Michael's in the registration process.

It is hoped that the St Michael's gazebo will be in the park along with the other primary schools taking part, opposite Westminster Lodge. We are looking for a couple of volunteers to man the gazebo as the PTA are hoping to be busy with marshalling duties this year so cannot undertake this themselves. Please contact the school office, if you can help with this. It is a useful point of reference for before and after the race, as well as a safe house for the runners' belongings.

Please don't delay – register now to ensure your participation in this fun event and help try and win the prize for St Michael's!

## Fidget Toys

It has come to our attention that many children are bringing fidget toys in to school.

Unfortunately, these toys are proving to be a distraction in the classroom, both for children who have them and for those who don't. Children should not have these toys during lesson time, unless it has been specifically agreed following a discussion with the class teacher and Mrs Crooks (SENCo).

If children choose to bring these items in school for playtimes, we cannot be held responsible if they are broken or lost.

## This newsletter covers:

- St Albans Fun Run – Schools Challenge
- Hertfordshire County Show Tickets
- Dogs to School
- Fidget Toys
- Sainsbury's Vouchers
- SW Herts Consortium Secondary Schools
- Out of School Achievements
- Dragons' Den Apprentice Challenge
- Breakfast Club
- Athletics Club
- School Meal Price Increase

## Dogs outside School

We are aware that many parents like to bring their dogs with them on the walk to school.

As we are sure you can appreciate, there are children and adults who are nervous around dogs and we therefore politely request that you adhere to the following:

Top School – dogs to be tied to the double gate so that they don't conflict with the single pedestrian gate. *However, please ensure that you tie the dog to the larger, right hand gate as the children arriving from Breakfast Club will use the padlocked pedestrian gate when they arrive for school each morning.*

Lower School – dogs to be tied to the park railings on the opposite side of the road to the school.

Many thanks for your co-operation in ensuring all our children have a happy and relaxed start to the school day.

### **Athletics Club**

Mrs Claridge will be starting her athletics clubs next week.

Tuesday's club will run from 3.30pm-4.30pm and is open to children in Cats, Dolphins and Eagles.

Wednesday's club will run from 12.00pm-12.30pm and is open to children in Ants and Bees.

Further information regarding all clubs can be found on the school website [www.stmichaels.herts.sch.uk](http://www.stmichaels.herts.sch.uk) under the parents tab, followed by the forms tab.

### **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast club has no bookings or reservations at the moment.

We are still very busy at breakfast club but can sometimes accommodate ad hoc bookings on Monday, Wednesday and Friday (ad hoc sessions cost £6.50 per session per child).

We expect to be over subscribed again in September so, if you would like to go on our waiting list, please email [denise.perchard@sky.com](mailto:denise.perchard@sky.com) as soon as possible.



### **Dragons' Den Apprentice Challenge**

Six children from Year 6 took part in this year's Dragons' Den Apprentice Challenge. Ben O, Josh, Daniel, Louisa, Trinity and Libby all worked hard to raise money, in support of the Jersey Farm Community Centre.

Representatives from the team attended an awards evening in April and were all presented with certificates, celebrating their participation in creating an overall business profit of over £11,000!

The team also received a 'Best Partnership with Charity' award.

### **School Meal Price Increase**

Following notification from Hertfordshire Catering Ltd of an increase in school meal prices, the cost for a child's school meal will be £2.40, with effect from 1 September 2017.

### **Out of School Achievements (required by end of school day on Thursdays)**

Tabby B in Cats class has been awarded 'Gymnast of the Week' by her gymnastics club.

Eva C in Cats class received a response from Buckingham Palace to her letter to the Queen enquiring about family life at the Palace.

Abbie in Ants class took part in the 5k Bubble Rush recently and raised £180 for The Hospice of St Francis.

Ella W in Bees class also took part in a running event; a 2.5 mile Kimpton Fun Run.

Emily in Eagles class recently competed in the St Albans District Schools Swimming Trials Gala, achieving personal best times in the 50m freestyle and 50m backstroke.

Toby in Cats class participated in a Herts County Tag Rugby festival with his club. The club played well which resulted in lots of tries being scored.

### **Hertfordshire County Show – Tickets**

We have been provided with some complimentary tickets to this year's Hertfordshire County Show which takes place on 27 and 28 May.

We have 35 child complimentary tickets which we can give away on a first come, first served basis. There will be one ticket available per family for whoever would like one. Please contact the school office, if you are interested.

We also have one family complimentary ticket available. Anybody interested in receiving this ticket should also contact the school office. If more than one parent applies, names will have to go in a hat and the winner drawn out on Friday 26 May.

### SW Herts Consortium Schools – September 2018

The website facility for parents to register their children to sit test for any of the SW Herts Consortium schools is now available. The schools are Parmiter's, Bushey Meads, St Clement Danes, Rickmansworth, Queens', Watford Grammar for Boys, Watford Grammar for Girls and Croxley Danes.

The test registration website is [www.swhertsschools.org.uk](http://www.swhertsschools.org.uk) and there are links to each school's website, together with a frequently asked questions section. If you are interested in applying to any of the above schools for your child's secondary school education in September 2018, please register directly on the above website. The site is open until 16 June 2017.

Should you have any queries regarding any of the school's mentioned above, please contact their school

### Sainsbury's Vouchers – Final Call

Thank you to all of you who have donated the vouchers for this year's Sainsbury's Active Kids incentive.

The closing date is nearly upon us so could we please ask for any final vouchers which may be lying around at home to be brought into the school office as soon as possible.

### Checklist of Letters sent home over the last two weeks - **PLEASE CHECK BOOKBAGS**

Title	Class	Via
Bags2School	Whole School	Paper copy
Ofsted Report and Expansion update	Whole School	Parentmail
DSPL newsletter	Whole School	Parentmail
Families in Focus information flyer	Whole School	Parentmail
Half term activities information	Whole School	Parentmail
SATs Week	Year 6	Paper copy
All Stars Cricket flyer	Whole School	Parentmail
Re:Play half term holiday club flyer	Whole School	Parentmail

**Please contact the school office if you did not receive one of the above letters.**

Date of next newsletter: 19 May 2017

## Diary Dates – Summer Term 2017

Date	Event
Monday 8 May-Friday 12 May	SATs week
Friday 12 May	Bags 2 School collection from Top School
Friday 19 May 9.00am	Dolphins sharing assembly to parents
Monday 22 May 6.00pm	Norfolk trip information evening for parents
Friday 26 May 9.00am	Eagles sharing assembly to parents
Friday 26 May (eve)	PTA Disco
Monday 29 May-Friday 2 June	Half term break
Monday 5 June	INSET day – children not in school
Tuesday 6 June	Children return to school at normal time
Thursday 8 June	Photographer in school for individual and sibling photos
Monday 12 June-Friday 16 June	Norfolk residential trip for years 5 and 6
Wednesday 14 June	Cats class to Celtic Harmony
Thursday 15 June 10.00am-11.30am	Coffee morning in Eagles class, supporting ASD
Tuesday 20 June	KNex Challenge workshop in school
Wednesday 21 June (pm)	District Sports
Thursday 22 June (pm)	District Sports
Friday 23 June 9.00am	Cats sharing assembly to parents
Friday 23 June 3.00pm	Aylmerton sharing assembly to parents (Yrs 5 and 6 only)
Saturday 24 June 12.00pm-3.00pm	Summer Fair
Thursday 29 June 9.30am-11.30am	Sports morning
Friday 30 June 9.00am	Bees sharing assembly to parents
Monday 3 July 9.30am-11.30am	Reserve sports morning
Tuesday 4 July	Creation Day
Wednesday 5 July 8.00pm	Folk Evening
Thursday 6 July	Bees class to Mountfitchet Castle
Friday 7 July 9.00am	Ants sharing assembly to parents
Tuesday 11 July 6.00pm	Dolphins and Eagles performance
Wednesday 12 July 6.00pm	Dolphins and Eagles performance
Thursday 13 July	Class swap day
Friday 14 July 9.30am-11.30am	Image Theatre in school – The Selfish Giant
Friday 14 July (eve)	PTA BBQ and camp out
Thursday 20 July 6.00pm	Leavers' Service in church
Friday 21 July	School ends at 2.00pm

- Further details regarding each event will be sent out nearer the time.
- Unless stated otherwise, all events are held at Top School.
- **Events annotated in red involve Ants and Bees children being collected from Top School.**



***Please write these dates in your diary or stick them on your fridge. School life is very busy and we don't want anybody missing out on the fun!***