



# St Michael's Newsletter



The following children have received a golden tie in assembly this morning.



F51 and F52 next week

Y1 St James the Lesser- Maya

Y1 St Simon - Tyler

Y2 St Matthew- Hayden

Y2 St Simon - Zofia

Y3 St John- Duncan

Y3 St Thomas- Mirha

Y4 St James the Greater Dua

Y4 St Matthias- Milana

Y5 St Bartholomew- Xander

Y5 St Augustine- Praise

Y6 St Peter- Jamie

Y6 St Paul- Rahele

## Friday 8th September 2017

Dear All,

Happy New Year! Welcome to our new children in Early Years and in nursery. We also have some children who have joined us in other classes as well so welcome to you all. The uniform code has been really well adhered to although I understand that there may have been a few issues purchasing it and for that we apologise. Next year we are considering moving to on line ordering from one of the national retailers which should make things easier.

You could not have failed to notice our new re vamped playground with the trim trails, fenced off area for ball games, playground markings, new tyre area and "outdoor classroom". This is giving the children a much better lunch time experience. Please do be aware though that if children play on the equipment at drop off and pick up times they will need to be supervised by an adult- we are not responsible for any accidents outside of school hours.

In our attempt to do daily exercise we have opted for skipping. The children have been so enthused by the skip2b fit challenge they had last year that we thought we would skip rather than just walk or run round the playground. The children have got a rope each and are counting up their skips trying to beat their personal best (PB). The teachers are doing it as well so we will all be super fit by Christmas.

We are changing our homework arrangements based on answers from our parent survey and responses from our Parents Forum. We still expect tables, daily reading and spelling to be complete but we will have optional tasks for the children to complete if they wish on a "dip and do" basis. These will be available on each of the class/year group pages on the website- they will all be fully updated by next Friday.

Enjoy the weekend- I think we all need it!

Mrs Kathy Sexton

The following children have celebrated a birthday since the beginning of term, or will do over the weekend:

Jamal, Zofia  
Alima, Hayden G  
Ange-Marie  
Michael C  
Samuel K  
Elsie  
Salvia



### After school clubs

All clubs including karate, pro soccer etc will resume from Monday 25th September. Letters will go out to all next Friday.

### Prayer for the new school year.

For all our children returning to school, Lord God send your Holy Spirit as your guide and protector Amen

### Summer Reading Challenge

Please do encourage your child to bring in any certificates won from this years Summer Reading challenge run by the local library. So far we have Layla, Francis, Elisha, Malachi



St. Michael's RCP School and Nursery, Hills Terrace,  
Chatham, Kent, ME46PX.



## Enjoying the new playground

### Attendance

Just a reminder that children should attend school every day unless they are ill.

We strongly advise you to avoid holidays during term time!

A Headteacher can only authorise leave of absence in **exceptional** circumstances!

A penalty notice will be issued if leave is taken without consent!

### Penalty notice

*£120 fine for each adult / carer in the household if paid within 28 days.*

*£60 fine for each adult / carer in the household if paid within 21 days.*

*If a child is off sick for longer than 3 days then medical evidence will be asked for.*



### Term 1 and 2 dates for 2017 thus far

Autumn break Mon 23rd Oct– Fri 27th Oct 2017

Term 2 Mon 30th Oct– Wednesday 20th Dec, 21st Dec inset day

### EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY:

13th September Roald Dahl day,

13th September whole School mass for the new academic year.

15th September KM in school for YR photo

20th and 21st September 11+ secondary transfer tests

21st September St Pauls class assembly

25th September clubs begin

29<sup>th</sup> September St Michael's Day

29th September Macmillan Coffee day after school

10th October St Peters class assembly

11th October St Matthews class assembly

16th October Well Being themed week

9th November St Bartholomew class assembly

13th Nov beginning of anti bullying week

13<sup>h</sup> Dec and 14<sup>th</sup> Dec infant nativity @ 2pm

12th Dec whole school trip to the Pantomime at Central theatre



### Communication

Letters will go home next Friday with all the maths and English that your child will be covering in class for the rest of the term. This will be quite detailed. There will be a slip for all parents to complete asking you for suggestions as to what areas you would like support with so that you are able to help your child at home with homework etc.

Before half term your child's teacher will organise and invite you to an open morning for you to come in, (after tea and coffee in the infant hall), to work alongside your child in the classroom -covering the aspects that you would like more input into so that you are equipped to help at home. Please do attend these– they are a great way for you to work with your child, see their classroom and the learning environment and above all should be fun! These will replace the former “housekeeping meetings” we used to have at the beginning of each year and should be more meaningful.

Every Friday you will also receive a learning bulletin via Parentpay /e mail informing you of the other topics that your child will be covering the following week as well as events, reminders, swimming etc. Again this will also support you in getting your child ready for learning for the new week.

### 13th September

We have Roald Dahl day. This is not a dress up day but will be a day for the children to study Roald Dahl in class.

13th September is also the first mass of the academic year– all are welcome

Please do let us know if your contact details have changed over the holidays so that we can easily contact you in an emergency.