

Autumn Term Newsletter 1  
8 September 2016



## Welcome!

It is lovely to see the children back in school after summer break, and we are looking forward to welcoming our new children to Early Years. We look forward to seeing the children settling into their new classes over the next few weeks.

## Meet the Teacher Y1 and Y2

As mentioned in the final newsletter last term we would like to invite parents of children now in Y1 and Y2 to a 'Meet The Teacher' evening next **Wednesday 14th September**. This event is for adults only and isn't suitable for children.

### Year One

Please will parents go initially to their child's classroom for **6pm**, where the teacher will explain the class routines with a focus on what is different for parents and children from the previous year. At **6.20** parents will be asked to go into the school hall where Mrs Mathias will give a short talk.

### Year Two

Please will parents go initially to their child's classroom for **6.30pm**, where the teacher will explain the class routines with a focus on what is different for parents and children from the previous year. At **6.50** parents will be asked to go into the school hall where Mrs Mathias will give a short talk.

## Meet The Teacher YR

Although most parents of new YR children will have had an opportunity to meet their child's class teacher, we would like to provide an additional opportunity for this after school on **Wednesday 14th September**. There is no need to book, but if your child is in YR and you would like to pop in and have a chat with teachers, they will all be available until 5pm. Please come to the main school door and buzz, and we will let you in.

## Reading at Home

We are introducing a new incentive to encourage children to read regularly at home. We request that all children read at home a minimum of 3 times a week, and ideally daily, just for a short time. Parents are asked to sign the reading diary every time children read at home. Each month a trophy will be awarded to the class where the highest percentage of children have read at home at least 3 times a week. Children in Y1 and Y2 have seen the trophy and they are very excited! The competition in September will just be for them, with YR being included as from October.



## Learning Support Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Learning Support Assistant to start as soon as possible, working term time only for 27.5 hours per week. For more information, please log on to [www3.hants.gov.uk/education/educationjobshampshire](http://www3.hants.gov.uk/education/educationjobshampshire) or call at the school office for an application pack. The closing date for applications is 12.00 noon on Wednesday 14 September.

### Important Dates

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**Weds 14 Sept:** Meet the Teacher

**Mon 26 Sept:** 9.00-11.00 FoSM & MacMillan Coffee Morning

**Tues 4 Oct:** Year 2 trip to Wisley (details to follow)

**Fri 14 Oct:** Individual school photographs

**Tues 18 Oct:** 9.15 Yr 1 Harvest Assembly

**Weds 19 Oct:** 9.15 Yr 2 Harvest Assembly

**Sat 22 Oct - Sun 30 Oct:** Half term

**Mon 14 Nov & Weds 16 Nov:** Parent/teacher meetings (all year groups)

**Fri 25 Nov:** FoSM Art Evening

**Tues 6 Dec:** 9.30 YR Nativity play

**Weds 7 Dec:** 9.30 Y1 Nativity play  
2.00 Y2 Nativity play

**Thurs 8 Dec:** 9.30 YR Nativity play  
2.00 Y2 Nativity play

**Fri 9 Dec:** 9.30 Y2 Nativity play

Please be aware that babies and pre-school children will not be admitted to the Christmas performances. They are strictly for adults only.

**Tues 13 Dec:** 2.00 Church service

**Weds 14 Dec:** Party day

**Thurs 15 Dec:** Last day of term

### Reading for YR parents

There will be a presentation for YR parents on teaching children to read, at either 9.00 or 6.00 on Tuesday 27th September in the school hall. A more detailed letter will be sent out, but this is just to give advance notice. This meeting is for adults only and not suitable for children. We look forward to seeing lots of you there.

### Communication with Parents

Our main method of communication with parents is via our website [www.st-michaels-inf.hants.sch.uk](http://www.st-michaels-inf.hants.sch.uk), where notifications about everything happening in school will be posted. In response to parental requests following last term's parent questionnaire, we will send occasional newsletters such as this. Every Monday the school office will send parents a 'Message Monday' email, with reminders of deadlines and events, including notifications to check the website for details of specific activities. If you are not receiving your 'Message Monday' email for any reason, please let the school office know as soon as possible, so that you don't miss out!

### WOW! Walk Once a Week

The school is once again participating in WOW! to encourage children to walk to school once a week.

Children who walk one day a week for a month (4 or 5 times a month) will earn a WOW badge. These badges have a different theme each month, so the children can collect the set.

We understand that walking the entire journey may not be an option for some families, so it is fine to drive part of the way and walk for the last 5-10 minutes. You can walk to school any day or days each week.

In order to record when the children have walked to school, each class will have a WOW wall chart, the day(s) that children have walked can be ticked. There will also be a trophy for the class that walks the most each month.

Taking part in this is optional, although we hope that many of our children will be able to join in.