



# St. Michael's Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents,

I write to keep you informed about school events to help make the busy end to our summer term as smooth as possible.

Sports Day

A huge thank you to our HSA, staff team, parent helpers and the Year 6 helpers for making our Sports Day a great success.

Our pupils looked fab in their new team t-shirts and proudly chanted to cheer on their house teams. Many parents gave up their time to iron the logos onto the team t-shirts – thank you very much! Mrs Morrison from 'Cake my Day' baked the delicious cupcakes which were topped by team logo rice papers. The cakes were enjoyed by all – thank you!

Every pupil took part in nine events throughout the day, with a blended style of team events and individual races. Skiddaw were often in the lead throughout the day, but were beaten to first place and the House team trophy by Catbells. We are incredibly proud of the sportsmanship shown by all of our pupils. St Michael's school values of perseverance, kindness, challenge, respect and forgiveness were definitely present on the day and these were rewarded in each race by the teachers supervising (an extra 5 points was on offer in each race to any pupil practising any of our school values. As a staff team we would like to thank all those parents who have shared such positive feedback about our sports day. The HSA raffle (with kind donations from many local businesses) and refreshments on the day raised £510 pounds – again many thanks.

HSA

Lyndsey Dalton and the fabulous team of parent volunteers in the HSA have worked incredibly hard throughout the year. Many of our extra-curricular events would not be possible without their drive to raise funds and give up their time to help support the organisation and running of these extra-curricular events.

The HSA have contributed to the purchase of the house team t-shirts (which will be used for many years to come in house team events) and the new PA sound system. Our pupils love Wednesday lunch breaks when we take the PA system across to the field and they have the opportunity to play their favourite pop songs.

If you have a spare few hours and would like to join our HSA, please contact our school office.



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## Rattlingate

Plans are underway for our whole school trip to Rattlingate on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Our pupils will work collaboratively in their house teams to access many exciting outdoor learning experiences. If you can spare a few hours to volunteer and help out, please contact the school office.

## Zog

Our Reception and Year 1 pupils are very much looking forward to their trip to see Zog by Julia Donaldson at The Sands Centre on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July. The tickets for this exciting extracurricular experience have been funded by our HSA – thank you! This is also our HSA 'sun safety' day therefore pupils do not need to wear their school uniform for this trip, but can take part in the sun safety day by wearing their favourite shorts and t-shirts.

## Brazilian Dance Workshop

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July, our Year 3,4, 5 and 6 pupils will take part in a Brazilian carnival dance workshop. This extra-curricular experience has been funded by our HSA – thank you.

## Bright Stars

Well done to our budding entrepreneurs in Year 4 who raised almost £500 through the Bright Stars project. A huge thank you to Nestle for their work with our pupils. This week our Year 4 pupils were very proud to hand over a cheque for £250 to two members of The Salvation Army. In a whole school collective worship, we learned about the work of The Salvation Army and their links with the Christian faith.

## Reports

Your child's end of year report will be sent home very soon. I am currently reading each child's report and feel very proud of our pupils' achievements and progress this year.

## Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July our Year 6 will share their memories of St Michael's school life and thoughts and aspirations as they get ready to move to their chosen secondary school. All Year 6 parents and extended family members of our leavers are very welcome to join this assembly.

## Sporting News

Our pupils have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in many football competitions, Active Cumbria golf, cricket and Bike-ability (Y5). We rely on volunteers to transport our pupils to these events. Throughout the year, Mrs Oliphant has supported Mrs Tait (our Sports Co-ordinator) to transport and supervise our pupils at these events. Our St Michael's school family would like to say a HUGE thank you to Mrs Oliphant for her time, energy and support.



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## Additional Diary Dates

HSA Sun Safety day – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July pupils can wear their favourite t-shirt and shorts to school whilst bringing a small donation to help boost our school funds for extra-curricular events in the next academic year.

Ice Cream Van – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July in the school yard. Further details of this will follow soon.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office and Miss Jonsson or Mrs Bell will make an appointment for you.

Kind Regards

*Lorna Smith*

Mrs Smith