



St Michael's CE Primary School

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Dear Families,

Well we have made it to the end of term! The incredible work that children have produced this term is really something to be proud of. Year 6 showcased how they have lived our values both academically but also at Kilvrough, during their class assembly this week. It really was lovely to be able to reinstate these after a hiatus of far too long.

Two of our very diligent Year 6s have been spending their lunchtimes litter picking around school. They have, on average, collected 56 pieces of litter after every morning break. This has consisted of crisp packets, party ring packets, chocolate bars and other bits that should not be eaten at breaktime.

Please can I remind you that break time snacks should be healthy eg fresh fruit, vegetables, crackers or breadsticks etc. Things like fruit roll ups, fruit stars and other processed fruit snacks are very high in sugar.

Staffing News



In possibly the worst kept secret ever – Mrs Richardson is having a baby! We are absolutely delighted for her and her husband and look forward to letting you know of their safe arrival in the New Year. We have begun the process of recruiting for Mrs Richardson's maternity cover and will ensure a thorough handover.

It is with the heaviest of heart that I share with you the news that Mrs Sheehan will be relocating to the coast in the coming weeks. We now begin the almost impossible task of recruiting someone to fill the enormous gap she will leave.

Mrs Sheehan began her teaching career at St Michael's in 2012 and has had such a wonderful impact on so many children's lives during that time. It has been an utter privilege to work with such a dedicated professional and I know you will join me in wishing her and her husband all the happiness on their new adventure to the sea!



Once we have more information regarding appointment and Mrs Sheehan's last day we will share with you.

Parents Evenings

Thank you to everyone who has attended Parents Evening so far. We hope that you found them useful and that you have a clearer idea of how your child is doing at school and how you can support them further at home.

If you require additional copies of your child's interim report please speak to your child's class teacher and we can ensure these are email out to you.

Attendance

As you know we will be regularly monitoring attendance at St Michael's as always. The attendance data to date is below:

	Maple	Sycamore	Rowan	Elm	Ash	Oak
Attendance – 24 th October	95.9%	97.2%	95.9%	93.1%	95.8%	92.9%
Unauthorised Absences – 24 th October	0.82%	0.65%	1.12%	0.60%	1.48%	2.92%

Our whole school attendance for children of statutory school age is 95.3%. For reference the National attendance rate for state funded primary schools is 95.6%.

Our aspiration to be higher than national – please always speak to school about any reason for absence or difficulties that you are experiencing to see how we can best support you and your family.



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SSA - Steventon School Association Update (SSA)

We are delighted to share that after a successful SSA AGM last week, Al Dewis and Sarah Snuggs have been voted as Co-Chairs of the SSA. Between them, they have experience in event management, marketing communication, working with children and leadership positions. Al and Sarah are delighted to be involved in continuing and building on the school's fundraising initiatives and have some exciting ideas to bring to the table.

Upcoming Events

Spooky Disco on Friday 8th November at St Michael's School Hall
Fancy dress, dancing, glitter tattoos, food and sweet tuck shop!

KS1 5:00 - 6:30pm

KS2 7:00 - 8:30pm

£5 per child - ticket includes hotdog, drink and biscuit

Please book here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stmichaels-ssa/?event=event&eventId=87084>

Thank you very much to the Year 5 parents who have organised this event!

Christmas Fair on Saturday 7th December at Steventon Village Hall

Festive games, Christmas shopping, raffle, tombola, lucky dip, mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies and a special visit from Father Christmas!

Free entry

1:30 - 4:30pm

All members of the community welcome so please spread the word.

SSA Opportunities

There is an opening for role as SSA Secretary. Please do get in touch if you think this is up your street.

We welcome anyone who might like to join the SSA committee team. The SSA traditionally meet (either in person or online) every quarter. This is an opportunity for you, as a parent helper, to help steer fundraising events & initiatives for the school and our children, and have a lot of fun whilst doing it - we would love to have you on the team. *"Together everyone achieves more."*

If you have any fundraising ideas and/or suggestions, Al and Sarah would love to hear from you - please chat to them in the playground or you can email them at ssa.stmichaels@gmail.com

Feedback & Future Planning

The SSA would be grateful to all parents if you could take a minute to fill in this brief questionnaire about the SSA fundraising and activities, so that events can be tailored to what you and your family would like - our aim is to cater for everyone.

<https://forms.office.com/e/8z24jjphpg>

Swap Shop Coffee Morning

In the interest of sustainability we will be holding a Coffee Morning and Swap Shop on Wednesday 6th November. This will be in the hall at 9am. We will have some second hand uniform available as well as our lost property.

If you have any Halloween costumes, dressing up clothes (eg Roman day etc) Christmas jumpers, school uniform or waterproofs and wellies that your children have grown out of that you would like to donate then please do bring them along or just come for a coffee!





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Diary Dates

Diary Dates will always be at the end of the newsletters. Newsletters can be found on the website here:

<https://www.stmichaelssteventon.co.uk/newsletters>

4th November – Term 2 starts 8:45am

6th November – Swap Shop Coffee Morning

8th November – Spooky Disco

28th November – Panto Trip!

7th December – SSA Christmas Fair

11th December – Nativity 2pm

12th December – Nativity 6:30pm

16th December – iRock Concert to Parents 2:30pm

Safeguarding

If you are worried about your own child or another child in the community, please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate people:

School Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) – Hayley Leyshon (HT)

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads – Lina Sheehan (SENCO), Chris Paynter (DHT), Emily Green (EYFS Lead)

Immediate danger

If you think a child is in immediate danger, call the police on **999**.

Immediate concern

If you have a concern about a child, please call MASH on **0345 050 7666**.

If you are a parent or carer

If you feel you are harming your child or are close to doing so please contact us on one of the following numbers:

- Office hours (8.30am – 5pm, Monday to Thursday, 8.30am – 4pm, Friday): Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub: **0345 050 7666**
- Outside office hours: Emergency Duty Team: **0800 833 408**

If you have any concerns or require any support, please do speak to us. We have access to lots of different types of support ranging from the Community Larder and parenting support right through to Social Care.

We look forward to seeing everyone back on Wednesday 4th at 8:45am!

Kind Regards

Hayley Leyshon
Headteacher