



St Michael's C of E Primary School

Realising of potential, Respect for others, Responsibility for own actions, Honesty, Co-operation

PARENT FORUM

TUESDAY 19TH APRIL 2016 No 13

DEVELOPMENTS/EVENTS SINCE THE LAST PARENT FORUM FOR DISCUSSION AND REVIEW

- The school will convert to become part of the Saints' Way MAT on 1st May. The other schools' currently in the MAT are St Petroc's, St Tudy, St Mabyn, St Winnow, Leryn and Little Saint's Pre-Schools.
- A new local governing body is being established and we require new parent governors'. As a governor you will be expected to:
 - *Support the aims and objectives of your school and promote the interests of the school and its pupils within the local community and the Academy.*
 - *Attend meetings of the local governing body who meet four times a year.*
 - *Attend the school on a regular basis through a planned programme of visits and return brief reports of your visits.*
 - *Recognise that you and the local governing body are accountable for your actions.*
 - *Act as a member of the local governing body and not as an individual with personal interests.*
 - *Keep informed about developments within the school and the Academy.*
 - *Attend training to increase your knowledge, skills and ability to deliver your duties and responsibilities.*
- Mrs Delves has started work as a new part-time teaching assistant. She works alongside Mrs Ferris supporting children with speech and language. She will also be trained as the school autism champion.
- The school held its annual book week including book fair (£1639.51) and dressing up day.
- Parent evenings took place with the majority of parents booking appointments.
- Science week involved children discovering a range of scientific ideas and concepts through fun, practical activities.
- Sport Relief raised £322.67. Sports included blindfold obstacle course, football hockey, blindfold football and crab football.
- The cross-country league has finished. A large number of children have participated this year.
- Every child in Y2-Y6 was presented with their own Bible to keep in school as part of the *Bibles for Schools* initiative.
- The whole school attendance is currently 95.2%. 42 of our pupils (10%) have attendance of less than 90%. The government regard this 10% as 'persistent absence'. All parents' received an updated, colour-coded Attendance Certificate for their child at the end of term.
- The Apprentice Challenge raised a staggering £444. The year group that raised the most money was Y5 who raised £146.56 through car washing and window cleaning. The children had an enjoyable day during which they were able to show their entrepreneurial skills.
- Our refurbished Junior school library is now open after school on a Friday for children to come and choose a book to read during the weekend.

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THE NEXT PARENT FORUM IS:

Monday 7th November 2016 – 6:00 pm

Parent Forum minutes can be found on the school website

The next coffee mornings are:

Tuesday 26th April – 8:50am

Friday 10th June – 2:45pm

Tuesday 27th September – 8:50am

Wednesday 23rd November – 8:50am

Interim Teacher Assessment Framework for 2016

Working at greater depth within the
expected standard

Working at the expected standard

Working towards the expected standard

(children who do not meet the
requirements of the Working towards
standard)

PARENT SURVEY 2016

There were 126 returns (31%)

97% of parents said their child was happy at school, making good progress, felt safe and was taught well. 95% of parents said the school dealt effectively with bullying. 96.9% of parents said the school was led well and managed. 96% of parents said the school expects and achieves good standards of behaviour. 81.8% said they felt that the school kept them fully informed about their child's progress. 94% of parents said they would recommend this school to another parent.

"Very pleased with the school, communication brilliant and any problems sorted soon"

"All teachers have been fantastic and that's all I can ask from them"

"Need an interim update of how my child is progressing"

Homework remains the most divisive question and it is interesting to compare the results to last year following changes to the Homework Policy in September 2015. This will be discussed at Forum.

Learning about ourselves week begins on Monday 16th May. This will include age-appropriate lessons regarding relationships and sexual education. There are drop-in sessions for parents and carers to view the materials that are being taught. (25th April – 6pm – KS1 parents, 3rd May – 6pm – Y3/Y4 parents, 10th May – 6pm - Y5/Y6 parents) Race for Life is on Tuesday 5th July. A new drug and alcohol week will take place during 11th July. This will consist of three age-appropriate lessons.

SAFEGUARDING

The school has to submit an annual section 175/157 self-assessment to the local authority regarding safeguarding. The questions regarding parent/carers are:

- ✓ Parents/carers are aware of the school's child protection policies and procedures
- ✓ Parents/carers are aware of the steps the school must and will take should a child protection concern regarding their child be made
- ✓ Safeguarding information is readily available for parents/carers
- ✓ Parents/carers know who to speak to regarding any concerns they may have