



## Dear Parents/Carers

Our Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) inspection will now take place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

We are very much looking forward to the inspection and promoting all the wonderful work we do in R.E. and Collective Worship in our wonderful Church of England School.

If you have any questions about the inspection please contact me. Mr Mallon.

**Our value for the month of October is "Sharing".**

"I was hungry and you fed me,  
I was thirsty and you gave me a drink,  
I was a stranger and you welcomed me into your house".

Matthew 25:35

## Harvest Festival: 11 October: St. Michael's Church

Following tradition, we look forward to welcoming all our parents to join us in Church for this happy celebration. We would be most grateful for donations of food items such as packets of tea, jam, small tins of soup, vegetables, rice puddings, sugar, flour, sweets and biscuits which are packed up in parcels to distribute throughout the village. Please deliver items to the school hall. **Please check these are in date.** Small home made items are also very welcome.

**If anyone can help with the distribution of food parcels after the service please let the office know. Thank you for your support.**

## St Michael's Church Services

Come and join us at St Michael's Church for our Sunday Services

11:15 am Parish Communion & Junior Church (except 2nd Sunday)

11.15 am Family Services (2nd Sunday)

All very welcome!

For further details contact Rev. David Munchin. Tel: 714150. Email: [teamrector@welwyn.org.uk](mailto:teamrector@welwyn.org.uk)

## School Council

Mrs Gloyn (teacher year 3) has responsibility for the School Council. The Council's aims are as follows:

- To make sure that our school is a safe and happy place for our children
- To make sure that children have a place to voice their concerns
- To encourage all children in school to suggest improvements
- To make sure that any suggestions or concerns are listened to and acted upon

The Council will meet once each half term. Their first action this year has been to put an 'Ideas Box' in each classroom where pupils may 'post' (anonymously if they wish) their concerns or ideas.

## Members 2016-17

Freddie Gregory, Josie Clifford	Year 1	Sally James, Sienna Herd	Year 4
Isla Geddes, Tim Stuart	Year 2	Izzy Whelan, Aleks Snell	Year 5
Harry Cox, Grace Rist	Year 3	William Byles, Amy Barfield	Year 6

School Council organise a lot of fund raising events including cake sales for Cancer Research, Comic/Sport Relief and other such events.

**DON'T FORGET our BOOK FAIR starts: Thursday until Wednesday**



**Our Book Fair will be in the Library each afternoon from 3.15pm until 4pm.  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September until Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.  
Come and see the fabulous range of books including lots of bargains.  
All commission goes back to school in books for our classes.**

**Parent Consultations**

Parent consultations invitations for appointments will be communicated via ParentMail so it is important that you are registered. If you do not receive ParentMail mailings please contact the office as a matter of urgency.

**The Friends of St. Michael's School AGM**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 7.45pm for 8pm  
in the school hall - please join us, we appreciate your support.  
AGM nomination form is attached.**

**'Phil' the Bag**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

**Clear your wardrobes after Summer hols.  
Please remember to bring in your bags of  
unwanted clothing, bags & shoes.**



**All bags can be left on Wednesday morning.**

**Please place the bags in the top part of the pedestrian entrance, thank you.**

**Many thanks from the Friends**

**DON'T FORGET ENERGY KIDZ After Care runs  
Monday to Thursday 3.15-6pm and operates from school. £12 per session.  
Contact 0333 577 1533 to book in advance please.**

**Operation Christmas Child**

We will be taking part in this year's collection. Flat packed boxes are available from the school office for just 40p. Please visit [www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk](http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk) for details on what to put in boxes. Filled boxes will be needed by 2<sup>nd</sup> November (the week we return from half term).



# GOVERNOR NEWS

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The Full Governing Body met for the first time this year on September 26th. As is tradition the beginning of this meeting was spent electing a Chair and Vice Chair and reviewing our committee structures and our roles and responsibilities. I agreed to act as Chair for a further year and I am very pleased to announce that Rachel Stringer agreed to act as Vice Chair.

It was with sadness that we said goodbye to Sue Roberts as outgoing Vice Chair. Sue has worked tirelessly on the Governing Body for the past fourteen years. Sue was instrumental in helping me to reorganise the Governing Body into its present form with the two Committees, Learning and Pupil Progress (LPP) and Finance and Resources (F&R). Her knowledge of the Admissions Process is second to none. Sue has always taken part in a high level of debate challenging and supporting the school in equal measure. She embraces the future (certainly something we are constantly required to do in Education), is clear thinking and is never afraid to move forward while negotiating with all parties when changes are necessary. Sue's wisdom has been appreciated by all who have worked alongside her. Our thanks go to Sue for her commitment and her contribution. She will be missed.

Matthew Barfield has agreed to continue as Chair of the F& R Committee with Emma Broughton as his Vice Chair. Stephen Long takes over as Chair for the LPP with Caroline Fincham who continues as Vice Chair. All of our Governors are linked to a specific area of school life, these roles are published on the school website.

At this meeting Mr Mallon reported to the Governors a very positive picture of progress and attainment from our outgoing Year 6 pupils. Compared with other like schools nationally we were in the top 25% which is very encouraging. Children of all abilities achieved well including those most able (a priority in the SIP 2105-16). The Draft School Improvement Plan (2016-17) was adopted by Governors.

The F&R Committee met on September 19th and approved the month end reports for June, July and August. The termly return was approved. Finances are in good shape but there is no doubt that schools will have to tighten their belts over the coming years. An analysis of the Pupil Premium and Sports Premium spending showed both making a positive impact on our pupils. These are published on the website. The Herts County Model Child Protection Policy including the Keeping Children Safe in Education was adopted.

In terms of Admissions we now have more pupils in school than last year. In total, 198 children made up of 97 boys and 101 girls. Five children were accepted as in year admissions.

A lot of work over the summer holiday has taken place on the school buildings and site. New fire doors have been fitted, a summer clean of carpets, floors and windows with refurbishments of the Ladies and Gents cloakrooms. The school looks in excellent condition. We have the 'Friends' of the school to thank for fitting an Astro turf outside the Year 3 classroom. This area can now be enjoyed by many of our children.

The school website has been updated over the summer and I encourage all of our Parents/carers to take a look at this. The end of KS results are published there.

Governors are busy planning a 'Governors Day' to be held on December 5th. This will be an opportunity for children to talk about and show their work to Governors and for us to learn more about all the exciting learning opportunities that are on offer to our children.

Governors will be in attendance at the Parents Consultation evening on 19/20th October. We hope to meet as many parents/carers as we can on that evening. Please do introduce yourself and give us feedback as to your experiences of St Michaels.

Wishing you all a good and successful year ahead at St Michaels.

Sue Gray  
Chair of Governors

## EVENTS AND DATES

29 <sup>th</sup> Sept - 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Book Fair in Library until 5 <sup>th</sup> October
11 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest at St. Michael's Church for all children. Parents welcome.
4 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Choir at St. Albans Cathedral am Year 4 class
7 <sup>th</sup> October	Tempest Photos (individual and siblings at school)
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent consultations: 4.30-7.30pm Details will follow in due course
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent consultations: 3.30-5.30pm Details will follow in due course
<b>24<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
w/c 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Assessment Week
15 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am Dress Rehearsal at Woolmer Green Village Hall for Reception, Yr 1 & 2 children
16 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm Nativity Service at Woolmer Green Village Hall for R, Yr 1 & 2 parents
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service at St. Michael's church 6.00pm for Yrs 3-6
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas lunch all years <b>End of Autumn Term School finishes at 2.15pm</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Start of Spring Term</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> February	Candlemas Service at St. Michael's Church for all children. Parents welcome.
<b>13-20 February</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day
w/c 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Assessment Week
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Parent consultations: 4.30-7.30pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parent consultations: 3.30-5.30pm
30 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Service at St. Michael's Church - whole school 9.15am
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Egg Competition Assembly <b>END OF TERM 2.15pm</b>
<b>1-17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Holidays - School Closed</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Start of Summer Term</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday - school closed</b>
w/c 15 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS week
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Pentecost Service at St. Michael's Woolmer Green school
24-26 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Residential to PGL at Caythorpe Court, Lincs. Confirmed
<b>29<sup>th</sup> May - 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
w/c 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 cycling proficiency course
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Sports Day 1.30pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Reserve Sports Day
14 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 School Performance Dress Rehearsal
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 End of Year School Performance 1.30pm Village Hall
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 End of Year School Performance 6pm Village Hall
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day - all children spend the day in their new class for Sept.
20 <sup>th</sup> July	6-7.30pm Year 6 Leavers Disco and Yr 6 Parents Buffet Village hall 5-6pm
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Leavers Assembly 9.15am <b>End of Term - finishes 2.15pm</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>INSET Day - Staff Training</b>