



Governor News Letter Autumn/Winter 2015



What a busy term it has been since our return from the summer holidays back in September. The Academy has been bursting with many activities, including educational visits, workshops further developing learning within the school environment and many events organised by our thriving PTA.

It has also been an extremely busy term for governors, with lots of visits taking place. It's always a pleasure visiting the academy, with children and staff never failing to make us feel welcome. Please take a look at what we have been doing in our role supporting the academy making St Michaels the best it can be.

If you wish to discuss any issues or concerns you may have with us, we can be contacted on governors@stmichaelsacademy.org.uk

Mr John McLeod	Chair of Governors
Mr Faz Islam	Head Teacher Standards/Resources Committee
Mrs Gemma Stringer	Vice Chair of Governors Parent Governor Training Link Governor Resources/Standards Committee Governor for SEN
Mrs Natalie Cooper	Diocesan Governor Resources Committee Chair Standards Committee Governor for Pupil Premium
Mrs Susie Murphy	Diocesan Governor Standards Committee
Mrs Michelle Woodward	Parent Governor Resources Committee
Mrs Bridgette Woods	Parent Governor Resources Committee Governor for Safeguarding
Mrs Lynn Cowling	Parent Governor Standards Committee Chair
Miss Laura Gorman	Staff Governor
Mr Stuart Cruickshank	Staff Governor

Governor Visits

Year 3 welcome meeting - Mrs Singh and Mr Brookes	Gemma Stringer Bridgette Woods Susie Murphy
Learning walk observing the school working environment - Miss Gorman and Miss Wicks	Gemma Stringer Natalie Cooper Lynn Cowling Susie Murphy
School Library - Mrs Murphy	Gemma Stringer Natalie Cooper Michelle Woodward Lynn Cowling
Guided Reading - Miss Parkin	Gemma Stringer Natalie Cooper Michelle Woodward Lynn Cowling
Year 3 trip to the National Coal Mining Museum - Mrs Singh and Mr Brookes	Michelle Woodward Lynn Cowling
Remembrance Service year 5 and 6 - Miss Brook, Mr Tattersfield, Miss Smith and Miss Parkin.	Susie Murphy Lynn Cowling
Marks Magic Kingdom - Magic Show	Gemma Stringer Susie Murphy Lynn Cowling
Marking policy - Miss Smith	Gemma Stringer Natalie Cooper
Internet Safety	Michelle Woodward Susie Murphy
Pantomime - Dick Whittington	Susie Murphy Lynn Cowling
Religious Education - Mrs Czajko	Gemma Stringer Natalie Cooper Michelle Woodward
Foundation Stage Nativity - Miss Bryan and Miss Furness	Gemma Stringer Natalie Cooper Michelle Woodward

Training Courses Attended

Being a Church School (INSET day)	John McLeod Natalie Cooper Gemma Stringer
Finance	Gemma Stringer Michelle Woodward

Uniform

Can I please remind you of our School uniforms and ask that children arrive at school with everything they need to keep them warm and dry throughout the cold months.

School uniform can be ordered via the school office from our preferred supplier "Coptrin". The uniform consists of:-

- Grey trousers/shorts/skirts
- Grey Pinafore dress or red and white checked summer dress
- Red jumper/cardigan **must be complete with academy logo**
- White/red polo shirt (Logo optional but preferred)
- **Black shoes** (No black trainers)

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that school will be closing at 1.15pm on Thursday 17th December 2015. We will then be celebrating Christmas at The Cathedral at 2.15pm - 3pm with refreshments being served afterwards. Children, family and friends of the academy are all welcome and we look forward to seeing you all there.

Gemma Stringer
Vice Chair of Governors

Anyone who visits St Michaels is very quickly made aware of the level of commitment and effort that goes into meeting our improvement targets, and into ensuring that the next time OFSTED visits the Academy is clearly seen as "good". All this is to deliver the best possible education for all our children, all 474 of them, and Governors are grateful to all of the staff for their consistent hard work and determination to keep on raising standards. You will see in this newsletter how active Governors have been on your behalf: I don't think any school in Wakefield can surpass this level of engagement.

All of us at St Michaels hope that you will have a very happy Christmas, and I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Carol Service in the Cathedral on 17th December.

John McLeod
Chair of Governors.