



Governor Newsletter Summer 2016



As the summer holiday approaches, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank parents for the support offered to the academy, staff, governors and more importantly your children over the past year. It's been an exciting year full of trips, sporting events, productions, workshops and lots of hard work and dedication.

You may be aware that Susie Murphy is no longer a member of the governing body. She is still very much part of the academy and will be focusing on her role as part of the office team. Governors would like to thank Susie for her commitment and dedication to the governing body over the past two years and wish her every success in the future.

I would also like to inform you that as of September 2016, Mr John McLeod will be leaving our governing body to pursue other things. John has been a massive support to the academy through a very challenging period, over coming difficulties and converting into an academy. We would all like to thank John for his constant commitment and wish him health and happiness for the future. Elections for a new chair of governors will take place early next year.

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 Bridgette Woods	Parent Governor Resources Committee Governor for Safeguarding / Health and Safety
Mrs Michelle Woodward	Parent Governor Resources Committee
Mrs Lynn Cowling	Parent Governor Standards Committee Chair
Mrs Laura Copley	Staff Governor
Mr Stuart Cruickshank	Staff Governor
Father Gerry Sykes	Parish Vicar

Governor Visits

Please take a look at what we have been focusing on throughout the final term of the year and remember we are here if you wish to discuss any issues or concerns you may have, we can be contacted on governors@stmichaelsceacademy.org.uk

Health and Safety Walk - Mr Cruikshank	Gemma Stringer Natalie Cooper Lynn Cowling
Early Years - Miss Barraclough	Gemma Stringer Natalie Cooper Lynn Cowling
Special Educational Needs - Mrs Morgan	Gemma Stringer
Safeguarding - Miss Jones and Mrs Bedford	Gemma Stringer
Learning Walk focus on learning environment- Miss Wicks and Mr Islam	Gemma Stringer Natalie Cooper Father Gerry Sykes Lynn Cowling
Children's University Graduation Ceremony - Miss Jones and Mrs Bedford	Gemma Stringer
Sports Day	Gemma Stringer Michelle Woodward Bridgette Woods Lynn Cowling
Year Three Scarborough Sea life Centre Visit - Mrs Singh	Lynn Cowling Michelle Woodward

Training Courses Attended

Parental Voice - Workshop	Gemma Stringer Bridgette Woods
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Uniform

Year five parents will be aware of the efforts the School Council made to introduce a Blazer into the school uniform for year six pupils only. They thought that this would give year six a sense of responsibility and enable them to be positive role-models to the rest of the school. Unfortunately, on this occasion, the school council were unsuccessful and could not gain the support of parents. However, governors would like to thank the school council for their efforts and work throughout the year and wish them luck and success in their future endeavours.

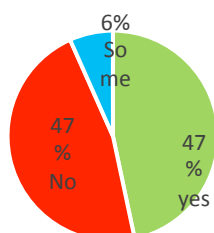
School uniform can be ordered via the school office. The uniform consists of: -

- Grey trousers/shorts/skirts
- Grey Pinafore dress or red and white checked summer dress
- Red jumper/cardigan **must be complete with academy logo**

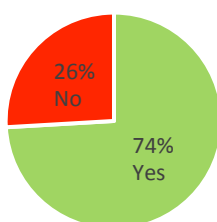
- White/red polo shirt (**Logo preferred**)
- **Black shoes** (No black trainers)

Thank you so much to all parents who took the time and opportunity to complete the Parent Survey sent home with your children. We had a total of 34 returned survey's and although this number is slightly disappointing, the exercise offered a lot of valuable opinions and comments. Please be assured that governors will take your opinions into consideration when planning our monitoring schedule and action plan for the coming year. Also in completion of our self-evaluation for this year. Here are the results...

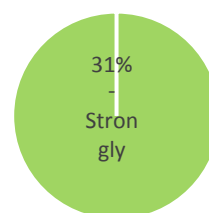
Do you know who your Academy governors are?



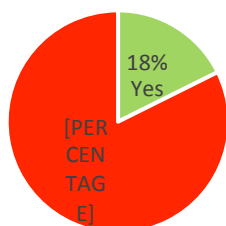
If not, do you know where this information can be found?



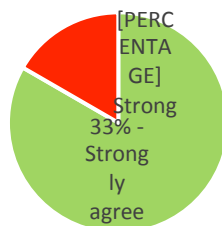
The governor newsletter is a good resource?



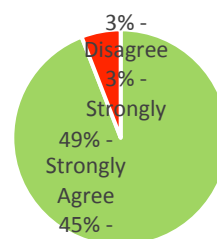
Has your child had any issue regarding Bullying?



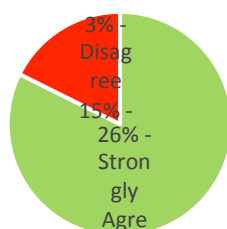
If yes, did the academy deal with the issue effectively? (6 answered)



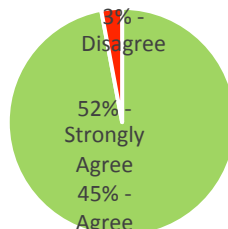
Do you believe your child receives a good education at St Michaels?



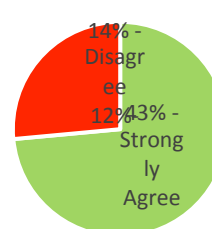
Do you feel well informed regarding your child's progress?



Do you believe your child is safe and cared for at St Michaels?



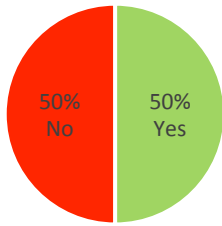
Do you believe general communication is effective regarding trips, events etc?



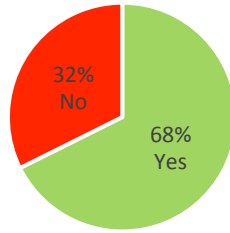
Would you benefit from receiving letters via email?

Do you feel that current systems for making payments are effective?

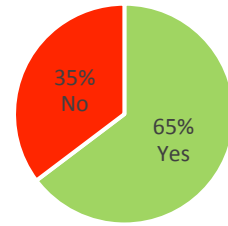
Would you benefit from making payments via bank transfer?



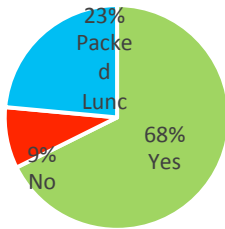
Do you feel your child has
A good choice for lunch?



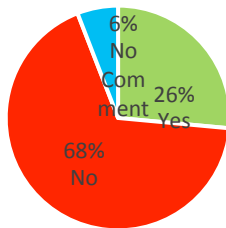
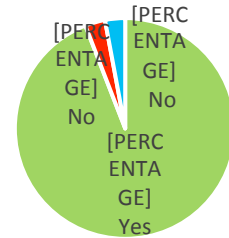
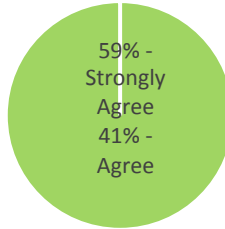
Overall are you happy your
child is happy at St Michaels?



Overall would you
recommend St Michaels
to others?



Would you be interested in
informal meetings with governors?



The outcomes, as a whole are very positive but it concerns me that 47% of parents don't know who we are. Here are a few photographs of governors attending events with their families. I hope these help...

Michelle Woodward
Wakefield Hospice
"10k Run"

Bridgette Woods with
Ex-Pupils Jess and Madison
Cancer Research
"Pretty Muddy"

Natalie Cooper with
Ex-pupils George and Harvey
St Gemma's Hospice
"Bubble Run"



And finally I would like to congratulate each and every one of our children for their truly inspiring approach and commitment to learning. This year the children have had to adapt to a much tougher curriculum and have done so with conviction and with huge smiles on their faces (mostly!). We are all incredibly proud of the progress they have made and we have every confidence they will continue to make good progress in the future.

A special thank you goes to our year six children who are coming to the end of their time at St Michaels. We congratulate them on a successful year full of hard work, dedication and (we hope) lots of fun too!! Good luck to each and every one of you in the next chapter of your lives and know that we are all incredibly proud of what you have achieved!

We hope you all have a happy and safe summer holidays with your families and we look forward to welcoming you all back in September for another year of progress.

Warmest regards

Gemma Stringer
Vice Chair of Governors