



Governor Newsletter Winter 2016



During the last term, the governing body have been extremely active and have been present in school on many occasions for monitoring and evaluation visits. Children at St Michaels are always happy to chat to us and tell us what they've been doing during lessons times. They always make us feel welcome and part of their school. Christmas is a very busy period in any school and St Michaels is no exception. It's been great seeing so many of our parents joining in Christmas activities and we hope to see you all at the Cathedral Service at 2pm on Friday 16th December 2016. Please remember if parents wish to contact governors we are always available on governors@stmichaelsceacademy.org.uk

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| Mrs Gemma Stringer | Chair of Governors Governor for SEN / Child Protection Standards / Resources Committee |
| Mr Faz Islam | Head Teacher Standards / Resources Committee |
| Mrs Natalie Cooper | Diocesan Governor Resources Committee Chair Standards Committee Governor for Pupil Premium |
| Mrs Bridgette Woods | Parent Governor Resources Committee Governor for 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 Standards Committee |
| Liz Bradley | Foundation Governor Standards Committee |

Governor Visits

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| Learning Walk, observing the learning environment - Mrs Copley | Gemma Stringer Natalie Cooper Michelle Woodward |
| Special Educational Needs - Mrs Boutle | Gemma Stringer Natalie Cooper |
| Attendance - Mrs Czajko & Educational Welfare Officer | Gemma Stringer Natalie Cooper |
| Lunchtime observing behaviour | Gemma Stringer Natalie Cooper |
| Art - Jennyanne Smith (Artist in residence) | Gemma Stringer |
| Music - Mr Tattersfield | Gemma Stringer |
| Remembrance Service - Years 5 & 6 | Gemma Stringer |
| Pantomime | Lynn Cowling |
| Nursery - Early Years Assessments | Bridgette Woods |

Training Courses Attended

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| Safer Recruitment | Gemma Stringer |
| Governor Briefing | Father Gerry Sykes |

Uniform

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)
- **PE Kit - White T-Shirt, black shorts / tracksuit and trainers**

School Council

This term also see's the launch of the new St Michaels school council. Myself and Mr Islam have been working very closely with them and after only three meetings, they have introduced themselves to the school in a special assembly. Elected their chair and vice chair and produced pages upon pages of interesting and wonderful ideas for school improvement. Everything from a "soft play area" to "teacher of the week!" Next on the agenda is debating ideas that will truly enhance their learning experience. I am more than confident that they have excellent reasons ready for each and every idea!

Your school council are; -

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| Reception Class | Mason Wright & SJ Davison |
| Year 1 | Max Whitehead & Matilda Furzer (Chair Person) |
| Year 2 | Renee Duncan & Zak Land |
| Year 3 | Lilyrae Jaques & Callum Carr |
| Year 4 | Ashton Brookes & Amy Cowling |
| Year 5 | Grace Barratt & Bethany McGuire |
| Year 6 | Daniel Brooke & Jack Stringer (Vice Chair Person) |

Well done to them all and congratulations to their peers for electing a fantastic group of confident and inspiring, young politicians.

All that is left to say is we wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and look forward to your return in the New Year. We hope to see you all at the Cathedral Service on Friday 16th December 2016 at 2pm.

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to you all!

Gemma Stringer
Chair of Governors