

# St Michael's School



5 November, 2014

Newsletter No: 8

## Themed Week: World War One

Everybody seems to be having a great time learning about World War 1, this week. Our WW1 Museum is taking shape and Year Four's models of trenches and Year Six's soldier statuettes are adding an artistic strand to the whole occasion! You may remember on the 'Dates for the Year' list (given out in September), I issued a Dressing Up Warning  for this week. Well ... the time has come..... **this Friday - 7<sup>th</sup> November** is the big day. The theme of the week is WW1 and any clothing from around that period (1914 – 18) will be fine. If in doubt, go for the old rolled up trousers, white shirt with optional waistcoat and/or cloth cap. Of course children can come as soldiers, nurses, sailors, rich folk, poor folk or in-between folk if they want to.

## Themed Week: World War One – A Message from Mrs Rolland

We have been gathering together artefacts and any other information that you have kindly given us for our Museum. On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November, we invite you to look at these, as well as the work that children have done during the week, as we remember all who fought, supported at home and those who lost their lives during the First World War, including the 66 members of staff and ex-pupils of St Michael's.

Father Stephen will lead a special Assembly at 3pm, to which you are all invited. After children have been dismissed from class at 3.30pm, please do take the opportunity to look around the Museum, which is in the classroom next to Year 6.

## Goodbye Mrs Dew-Jones

Mrs Dew-Jones will be leaving us soon to enter the world of sleepless nights, nappies and burping babies. We wish her, and Mr Dew-Jones, every blessing at this exciting time in their lives. Watch this space for news of the new arrival!

## Welcome Mrs Awolola

As Mrs Dew-Jones leaves us for exciting, baby filled times, Mrs Awolola joins us. Mrs Awolola will be Yellow Class's new class teacher until the end of the year. She has met the children and has been working with the Reception team to ensure a smooth time of transition. Parents of Reception children met her last night, or will do so tonight, during Reception Parents' Evening.

## Macbeth

Next Wednesday, Years Four and Six will be heading off to Wylyotts Theatre to see a performance of Macbeth. Let's hope there is no fog on the way to Potters Bar and that they meet no witches along the way!

## Parents' Evening

If you have not already done so, please ensure you make an appointment to see your child's teacher next week. The sign-up sheets are now in the office. If you bring your children with you, please ensure they stay with you. As we now have an after-school childcare club, the children of Sherpa kids should have exclusive and secure use of the back playground. Children MAY NOT help themselves to footballs etc. from the sheds.

## Winter Nights and Mornings

As the days grow shorter, now is the time to take some sensible safety precautions.

- Make sure your children can be seen by using fluorescent strips on their bags, jackets and/or hats. They are easily available in many local shops.

- Talk to your children about the importance of being seen by drivers and cyclists who, although they should not be, may be riding on the pavement.
- Ensure your older children have working lights on their bikes.
- If you have older children who walk home alone – discuss the importance of staying in well-lit areas; plan their routes with them and ensure they know the **Community Help Point places (CHPs) along their route**. These are premises where there are vetted, trained premises staff where young people can go in to ask for help i.e. asking for parents, school or Police to be called. These are identifiable by the blue H on a white circular background.

### **Learn About**

Thank you to the many parents that have come to say they enjoy the ‘Learn About ...’ slots in the newsletter. Because of time constraints there is no ‘Learn About ...’ item this week, but it will be back next week.

### **Children in Need – PYJAMA DAY!**

Next Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> November, is Children in Need Day. Your children can come to school in pyjamas for a donation of £1 for Children in Need. The children will still be playing outside and having a normal school day, so please ensure that they are dressed warmly enough.

### **Remembrance Day – Uniformed Organisations**

Children who are members of the uniformed organisations may wear their Scouts/Guides/Cubs/Brownies Rainbows and Beavers etc. uniforms to school on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> November for Remembrance Day.

### **Governors’ Maintenance Fund**

Maintenance Fund payments are now due. A governor will be available to take your payment on both parents’ evenings. Please remember that the Maintenance Fund payment is important, as it covers the cost of any emergency maintenance repairs required and, as a Voluntary Aided School, it is part of our Home School Agreement. If you have any difficulty paying this, please speak to an available governor. All conversations will be treated in strictest confidence.

### **Hockey Club – Message from Mr Floyd**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November will be the last Club before our Winter break (missing next week due to parent consultations). The Club will start again in the New Year, as soon as there is enough light. Everyone has made great progress and there are three more spaces if any Yrs 3-6 are interested.

### **Running Club – Message from Mr Floyd**

We will run (excuse the pun!) the Club for two more weeks, finishing on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November. You may need gloves and a hat for the last two runs (oh, and a love of mud!).

### **Netball Club**

Netball Club will finish at 4:15pm for the next two weeks (last session, Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> November) and will start again when the evenings get lighter in the New Year.

### **Christmas Story Competition (Mrs Brooks)**

A Christmas story competition is being run for the Juniors. Details are on the back of the disco form you should receive with the newsletter today (in an attempt to try to save paper!)

### **PE Kits and Borrowed School Uniform – A Message from Mrs Ahmed**

Please remember to get your PE kits back into school for the first day of each term. Please also return all borrowed school uniform back to Mrs Ahmed as soon as possible (once washed!), many thanks.

### **Tescos – Stork Margarine - Tubs4Tablets Tokens**

We would like to collect enough of the above tokens to get another tablet for our school. Please pass any tokens you may have from tubs of Stork margarine to Mrs Hergenhan in the office.

### **Morrisons Gardening Vouchers**

Please remember that we need the above tokens in as soon as possible, many thanks.

**Operation Christmas Child - Shoeboxes**

Don't forget, any shoeboxes need to be in school by this Friday, many thanks.

**Poppies and "Pocket Money Items" for Sale**

There are poppies and "pocket money items" for sale in the office. If you would like a poppy, please send a donation in an envelope with your child's name on it. If your child would like to purchase any of the poppy themed items, please come to the office after school for a browse!

**PTA News**

**Jumble Sale – Saturday 8 November 2014, 10am to midday**

It is still not too late to leave any jumble at school this week and we'll gladly sell it with pride at our jumble sale. And why not come along on the day and grab yourself a bargain or two – or start that Christmas shopping early.

**Children's Disco – 21 November 2014**

Please see the sheet sent out with this newsletter for ticket information. Please note, **tickets are on sale until 14<sup>th</sup> November only.**

**Christmas Fayre, Saturday 6 December 2014, midday to 4pm**

Just one month to go to the Christmas Fayre! Get the date in your diary now to make sure you don't miss out on this wonderful day. Even better, get involved by agreeing to help on a stall for an hour. Please email [rachael.ryan.ryan@btinternet.com](mailto:rachael.ryan.ryan@btinternet.com) if you'd like to help out on the day. Thanks.

**Christmas Fayre Advertising**

James Hayward Estate Agents have kindly agreed to sponsor our Christmas Fayre again. This means there's a really easy way you can make £5 for our school. All you need to do is complete the tear off slip below and a board will be put up outside your property two weeks before the Fayre and removed one week afterwards. James Hayward then pay us £5 per board. If you live in a flat or a house, you can put your name down for a board. You can even nominate friends and family as long as you have their permission. Please help us by completing the tear off slip below.

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**Summer Fayre Estate Agent Boards**

I agree to have a board outside my property / another property\* Address(es) inc. postcode :

1.....

2. ....

3.....

My name is .....

Child's name and class .....

I have homeowner's permission

I understand the board will be erected prior to the Fayre and removed afterwards

Signed .....