

# St Michael's School



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Newsletter No: 2



## **You are NOT Cruella De Ville!**

Remember: Encouraging your Infant child to line up, with their friends, whilst carrying their own book bag and water bottle does NOT mean that you have turned into Cruella De Ville (or any other evil Disney character!)



## **Meet The Teacher**

Don't forget the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions tomorrow (Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> September) at 3:45pm and 4:15pm. Come along to find out about life in your child's new class and / or ask about those burning issues such as "I've heard that children in Year Two are never allowed to go to the toilet ever again" or "Do Year Fives really get eight hours of homework every day?" Or even, "Is it true that Miss McGunnigle, who lives in a dragon cave in the forest of doom, eats any child that gets a spelling wrong?"

## **1M Meet the Teacher**

As most of you already know, Miss Malyan has been involved in an accident and has damaged her shoulder. Although she was keen to do so, she is unable to come in to talk to parents on Thursday. Mrs Doswell has bravely volunteered to step in and take the meeting for her even though she may not be able to answer everything asked.

## **Mr Pickford**

Some of you have already met Mr Pickford who has been covering for Miss Malyan. He gets on very well with 1M and we will do everything in our power to ensure that Mr Pickford is the one to cover whilst Miss Malyan is recovering. Although he is teaching in Barnet tomorrow, Mr Pickford has agreed to come over as quickly as he can in order to meet some of our 1M parents.



## **Dates for the Year**

Our office staff are busy, beavering away, putting the final details onto the diary dates sheet. It should be in your child's book bag tomorrow. Please check.

## **Year Six Transfer to Secondary School**

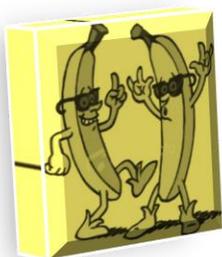
If you have been around our playground over the last week or two, you will have noticed some extremely mature and smartly dressed young people visiting from a range of secondary schools. It seems hard to believe that, in just a year's time, our current Year Sixes will be in that same position. In order to facilitate a smooth transition, we are holding a Secondary Transfer meeting on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September, at 7pm in 6M's classroom. The content of this presentation will be the same as the sessions being held by the Local Authority so, if you can't make it, don't panic – you can get the same information at another time. You can find out the what, when and where by following this link:

[http://www.enfield.gov.uk/info/705/school\\_admissions/2511/primary\\_to\\_secondary\\_transfer\\_2016](http://www.enfield.gov.uk/info/705/school_admissions/2511/primary_to_secondary_transfer_2016)

### **Playtime Snacks: A Plea from a Pestered Parent**

*'...some children take out fruit bars (disguised to parents as being healthy!... but in fact they are full of fruit sugar and stick round kids teeth all day....dentists would like to see them banned as they are as sticky as glue!) Is it possible that the pupils could only be allowed to have real fruit (an apple/banana/pear) at playtimes? It would really help not only the pupils to be healthier, but also the rest of the parents not to be put under pressure by their children saying, "But all my friends bring in fruit bars."*

At this time, I am not intending to ban such fruit bars but rather ask that parents view the nutritional values of these bars and consider the comment about sugars on young teeth before making an informed decision about whether these bars are suitable for a playground snack. Infant children receive free fruit snacks and should not be bringing in snacks from home.....As for 'pester power' – that is for to parents to work together to foil the plots of even the most persistent naggers!



### **Suitable playtime snacks**

**Infants** receive free fruit as part of a government scheme therefore they do not need a snack.

**Juniors:** The purpose of a playtime snack is to provide energy for the next couple of hours. A high sugar snack does give a quick burst of energy at playtime but is likely to have drained away by the end of the first maths 'warm-up game' leaving children tired and lethargic for most of the next lesson. Slow release fuel i.e. banana, plain biscuits, cereal bar, fruit is more likely to keep them going until lunch.

### **Scooters**

Please do NOT let children whizz down the paths on their scooters or bikes. If children are found riding scooters on school premises, scooters will be removed and parents asked to collect them and carry them until they are off the premises.

### **Enfield Music Service - Instrument Lessons**

We have now been able to finalise the EMS lesson timetables as far as days/times are concerned and there are no changes to last week's newsletter apart from clarinet/sax/recorder lessons will be held on Fridays, starting this Friday. The children are all given their individual times by the tutor on the day of their first lesson.

Please note that for children in Year 2 onwards who would like to start music lessons from next term, we have now received the forms from the EMS so please pick one up from the office if you are interested. You will need to return these forms to the EMS by Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> November. If you are already having lessons, the EMS will contact you directly for renewal for next term, you do not have to fill in any forms from the office.

### **Reception – Secondhand Uniform**

Donations of any secondhand uniform to the Reception classes would be very welcome. We are particularly short of larger sizes for spares. Also any boys/girls larger size spare pants and socks for Reception would be great, many thanks.

Typical			
<b>Calories</b>	67	<b>Sodium</b>	0 mg
<b>Total Fat</b>	2 g	<b>Potassium</b>	0 mg
Saturated	1 g	<b>Total Carbs</b>	13 g
Polyunsaturated	0 g	<b>Dietary Fiber</b>	0 g
Monounsaturated	0 g	<b>Sugars</b>	6 g
Trans	0 g	<b>Protein</b>	0 g
<b>Cholesterol</b>	0 mg		
<b>Vitamin A</b>	0%	<b>Calcium</b>	0%
<b>Vitamin C</b>	0%	<b>Iron</b>	0%

### **Inclusion Team Coffee Mornings – a Message from the Inclusion Team**

We are currently planning our information sharing coffee mornings for this term. In order to make them as useful as possible, we are interested in knowing which topics you would find most beneficial. Some of the topics we are considering are:

- homework
- behaviour
- bedtime routines
- reading with your child
- computer games/internet safety
- co-parenting

We welcome any other ideas that you may have!

We would be really grateful if you could complete the tear off slip below and return it to the office as soon as possible.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact number \_\_\_\_\_

I am able to attend coffee mornings and would be interested in the following topics:

- homework
- behaviour
- bedtime routines
- reading with your child
- computer games/internet safety
- co-parenting

I would also be interested in \_\_\_\_\_

### **PTA News**

#### **COFFEE FOR MACMILLAN**

**YOU ARE INVITED to The WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING for coffee, tea and cakes, on Friday, 25th September, 9.15 to 10.15am in the Dining Hall.** Go on, you deserve it ... do bring some cash as we are supporting a really worthy cause - MACMILLAN! Also, if you would like to donate a cake or gingerbread men or ladies or whatever, you can leave them in the School Office on Thursday 24th September. We would especially like to welcome all new parents or carers so hope you can make it! *\*\* Pre-school children are welcome but will need to be supervised by their adult \*\**

#### **St Michael's Free Family Treasure Hunt, Saturday 19th September 2015, 2:30pm onwards.**

The Treasure Hunt will start outside school at 2:30pm and will finish at St Michael's Church. Come along to enjoy the thrill of the hunt and why not bring a picnic to enjoy once you've completed the route. (Inside picnic if the sun lets us down). Tea/coffee will also be available at the end.

#### **PTA Quiz Night, Saturday 10 October 2015.**

Back by popular demand, the usual format of quiz, fish and chip supper and finely stocked bar. Get the date in your diary now and watch out for our separate flyer/ticket form appearing in a book bag near you very soon!

### **Community News**

#### **Enfield Children's Centre**

We have copies of the new timetable for the Enfield Children's Centre activities and information sessions based at Brigadier Hall/Lavender School/Chase Side School. Please see the office if you would like a copy.