



Friends of St Michael's School

Dear Parents and Carers

As you may be aware, a group of parents from the school have been working towards reforming the PTA (parent & teacher association) at St Michael's. Following on from the initial meeting on Thursday 17th January 2019, we held a further meeting on Monday 11th February 2019 to form the committee and appoint specific roles. We have an encouraging number of members but are always happy to welcome any new members. Specific roles are listed below, details of the wider committee to follow.

Chairs: Sarah Dodd & Pippa Vallance

Treasurers: Emily Taylor & Katie Thorne

Secretary: VACANT (Currently being covered by staff representatives)

Press Officers: Sally Clapp & Hannah Couch

We agreed the two main purposes of our PTA is to advance the education of pupils in the school by:

1. Developing effective relationships between staff, parents and others associated with the school
2. Engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the school and advance the education of the pupils.

We plan to achieve this through running regular fundraising events throughout the year. We will hold regular committee meetings to lead the organisation of these events. Anyone is always welcome to join us at any of our meetings. We all lead busy lives so come along when you can, we love to see new faces! If you cannot make our meetings, and would like to share your thoughts or volunteer to help out, then grab one of us in the playground or email us on

friends@stmichaels.education

Next Meeting: Monday 11th March @ 7pm (Venue to be confirmed)

Events in the Pipeline

Cake Days



We plan to hold a cake sale the first Friday of every month. We will ask for cake donations from different classes each time. Cake days will be an important regular way that we raise money so please do support us by bringing in yummy cakes (home-made or shop bought are fine!) and remembering that all important money to buy a cake or two! Cakes will be sold outside the Year 6 classrooms (in case of bad weather the cakes will be sold in Chestnut class) at the end of the school day. Cakes will be sold for **30p each** or **4 for £1**.

The first cake day will be on **Friday 1st March**. Please see details below for when it is your child's turn to bring in cakes.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Cake Donations</u>
Friday 1 st March	Froglets & Year 6
Friday 5 th April	Reception & Year 5
Friday 3 rd May	Year 1 & Year 4
Friday 7 th June	Year 2 & Year 3
Friday 5 th July	Froglets & Year 6
Friday 6 th September	Reception & Year 5
Friday 4 th October	Year 1 & Year 4
Friday 1 st November	Year 2 & Year 3
Friday 6 th December	Froglets & Year 6

World Book Day

As part of the World Book Day celebrations at school on **Thursday 7th March** we are asking each child to bring in a donation of one book. Please help your child to choose a book of theirs that they no longer read that is in good condition to donate. Books to be brought into school with them on the morning of Thursday 7th March. We will then hold a book sale at the end of the day on Thursday 7th March in **Chestnut Class. Books will be sold for no more than 50p each.** Not only will this raise money for the PTA but your child could also go home with a new favourite book!



Mother's Day Gift Sale



On the afternoon of **Friday 29th March** we will be holding a Mother's Day gift sale in the school hall. Each class will be given time to come to the hall during the afternoon to buy a gift of their choice. All gifts will be wrapped for the children. In order to run this we are asking for donations of unopened, unwanted gifts (e.g. smelly sets, candles, photo frames etc.) to be sent in. Please send in any items that you think may be suitable for this in a carrier bag (so that we have bags to send the gifts home in!) and hand to your child's teacher. Donations can be sent in from Monday 25th February. **Prices will range from 50p to £2 depending on the gift.** This is a lovely opportunity for your child to hand pick a gift of their choice 😊

School Disco

We will hold our first school disco on **Wednesday 24th April** – YAY!!! We will split the children into three groups according to classes so timings will be staggered. More info to follow.



Stay in Touch

We now have a page on the school website so please do look here for more information.



We also have a **Facebook** page.

Friends of St Michael's C of E Nursery and Primary School

So please like and follow the page as we will post regular updates and reminders on here. No photos of children will be posted.

Our Fundraising Goal

The school is always in need of new resources, however we are currently talking with the staff and children about specific items that they would like in order to enhance their education, but which may not be possible to purchase within the current school budget. We will agree our initial fundraising goal at our next meeting on Monday 11th March and communicate this with you soon after.

Thank you in advance for all of your help and support.

Sarah & Pippa

