



# Friends of St Michael's

St Michael's C of E Nursery & Primary School  
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Dear Parents & Carers,

First of all thank you for continuing to support the Friends of St Michael's this year. We know everyone has really missed the cake and ice lolly sales, the discos and events like the World Book Day sale but we're hoping that from September we might be able to get back to doing some more things that are fun, get people together and raise vital funds for the school.

We thought it would be a good idea for a quick catch up on what's been going on recently and to let you know about our last few fundraising plans for the year.

## **Changes to the Team:**

In April our Chair Pip Vallance stepped down and Hannah Couch and Kate Arnold became Co-Chairs. Pip got us all started two years ago and has been the driving force behind our success so far. Thank you for all your hard work Pip you are an extremely tough act to follow!

Dates for your Diary:

**8th July - Bag2School Collection** - Perfect timing for a pre-summer clear out. Bags to fill will be coming home from w/c 21st June and we'll be taking full bags in the mornings and putting them in the box trailer by the Main Entrance from the 1st of July.

**Deadline for bringing bags in will be 9am on the 8th July.**

Next week all the children will be drawing a self portrait of themselves which will be compiled into designs for Year Group Tea Towels which you will be able to order and pay for using the form at the bottom of this letter. You may remember doing these at school yourself, they are a really super keepsake of your child's time at school and also make lovely gifts. Early Christmas shopping idea?!

Tea Towels will be ordered and paid for via your child's teacher and cost £5 each. More info on the form below. Spare forms will also be available from reception if you need them.

**Deadline for sending in Orders - Friday 2nd July.**

## **Break The Rules - Nearly End of Term Edition!**

We're bringing back the Break The Rules day for **Friday the 23rd of July**. Wear Fancy Dress, colour or sparkles in your hair, bring juice in your water bottle, wear odd socks or even odd shoes! Have fun breaking those school uniform rules!

Suggested Donation £1 on the day to Class Teacher

**Recent Fundraising Totals:**

Wacky Hair Day raised a super £230.82

Pre-Loved Uniform Sales (available to buy in the main school reception area) £94.25

**Froglets Garden Makeover:**

Mrs Knight, the Froglets team and some volunteers from the Friends are getting together to clear the weeds and makeover the Froglets garden and create a Grow Your Own Garden for the children to sow and grow fruit, veg and herbs. If you have any garden bits and bobs that you are able to donate we'd be most grateful, take a look at our Facebook post for the items we're in need of.

We know that everyone is very busy and this year has been very stressful and tiring and we are so very grateful for all the help and support you've all given. **Thank you x**

**Future Fundraising Plans:**

Alongside the things that we always support like buying all the Year 6's a Leavers Hoodie each and making small pots of funding available for each class to help buy fun and exciting learning kit and experiences, we've also got some bigger plans brewing.

Going forwards we're going to be helping Mrs Arnold and the team with raising funds to create a useful and beautiful outdoor/garden classroom. Something that will resemble a garden office, with heating and lighting but also have the option to open the doors to fresh air and natural light in the Spring, Summer and Autumn.

Having this space will add so many benefits to the school and can be an additional learning space, a breakout room and also a place for chilling out, thinking, reading...the list is endless.

OK, that's probably enough to be going on with. Don't forget please email with any feedback or ideas, we'd love to hear from you and don't be shy about coming along to a future meeting - we're all pretty nice and normal and quite fun.

Next PTA meeting will be **7.30pm 7th July** - either on Zoom or in the Pub!

Kind Regards,  
The Friends Team

**Co-Chairs:** Hannah Couch & Kate Arnold **Secretary:** Lucy White **Treasurer:** Emily Taylor

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# Year Group - Self Portrait Tea Towel Order Form

Please print and return in an envelope with correct money to your child's teacher.

Tea Towels cost £5 each

ORDER FORM - FOR YEAR GROUP TEA TOWELS

Please print clearly to avoid mix-ups!

Child's Name:

Class:

Year Group:

Number of Tea Towels you'd like to Order:

Money enclosed: £

Info:

Tea Towels will be Royal Blue Print on White

School Logo in the centre