## St Michael's R.C. Primary School

## Parent Newsletter Number 4, 28th September 2012

Dear parents

A final reminder: If you wish to receive your **newsletter via e mail** please let me have your address. Please e mail the school - <u>stmichaels@bury.gov.uk</u> - saying who you are and the name of your child / children.

Our first **PTA meeting** took place last Monday. We will again be organising some family events during the year (family dance, film night) and we will give you good warning. Do try and support. Our PTA exists for two reasons; one is to provide an opportunity for parents to meet in a social context. The other is to raise funds for the school. Funds raised is spent directly on pupils; we use the money toward our ongoing events (pantomime, Christmas and Easter treats for the children, Y6 day of reflection, Communion breakfast, etc), and also on larger projects; recently the school bought 36 new netbooks (small computers) and a large range of KS2 reading books. This week, our PTA presented a cheque for £3000 towards these costs which was a very welcome boost!

Last year we took part in a scheme to promote school meals. Children in the Reception class all received a **free school meal** for one week. We are going to take part again. Each child will receive a <u>free meal at lunch-time for the week 8th to 12th October</u>. Children who normally pay do not have to do so that week and children who normally have a packed lunch can have a free meal also. If your child normally brings a packed lunch and you would like him / her to have a free school meal that week, please complete the reply slip below and return to school next Monday.

Please note one change from the dates I sent you last week; Mrs Howe has an important meeting on the night of parent's evening (16<sup>th</sup> October); **Year 5 parent's evening** will now be on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

Parents of children in Y1 upwards who need a new item of **uniform** for their child should call at the office on Monday  $1^{st}$  October to collect an order form; please complete it with the items required and return to school on Tuesday  $2^{nd}$ ; Tuesday is the day the order will be sent off so please do not delay.

Please note the following information about local **sports' clubs** which your child may be interested in;

Netball at Castlebrook; Y3 – Y5 aged children 10:00 – 11:30 am Sundays

Y6 aged children 11:30 - 1:00 Sundays

<u>Hockey</u> at Castlebrook: 4:00 – 6:00 pm on Fridays

Athletics, Bury track: 7:00 – 8:00 pm on Tuesday and Thursday.

I don't know the exact charge but I believe it is around £2 - £3 per session.

## Besses Children's Centre News

We are pleased to announce that our new 'Jobs Club' service will open its doors next week at the Centre. It will run on Thursday afternoons from 2-4pm. We can offer the use of internet and help with compiling a CV. Booking is essential – please ring or call in for more details.

Please look out for Besses Children's Centre staff walking the streets of our reach area. This work will help us to make contact with the public and ensure everybody is aware of the services we have on offer at the Children's Centre and our outreach venues. Please give them a cheery hello. Contact details:

Tel No: 0161 766 9807 Mobile: 07876 038 755 Email: <u>bessescc@bury.gov.uk</u> Remember all email addresses given to the Centre are entered into a £10 monthly draw.

Yours sincerely,

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I would like my child to receive a free school meal from 8 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> October:	
Name of child	Signed