



St. Michael's HSA Newsletter

St. Michael's Home & School Association



Hi everyone - we hope this finds you happy and well. As we tip toe gingerly through this term not daring to plan too far ahead, we must appreciate these last few weeks that our children have enjoyed. Getting in to the school routine (for the first time for some), being together with their friends and teachers, will not be taken for granted for a while to come.

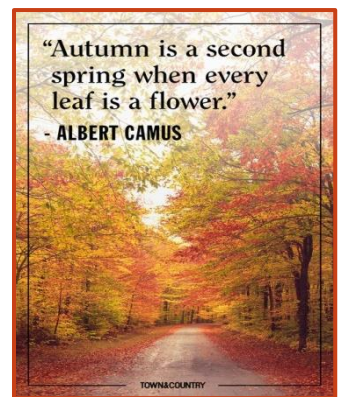
For those parents new to the school, hello and welcome. A little background: the Home and School Association or HSA was set up in September 2018. Our aim is to raise much needed funds and to help provide additional resources required to make the learning and social activities experienced by our children as rewarding as possible.

We are a friendly, enthusiastic team determined to support the great work of our brilliant school. Events we have organised to date were designed with fun in mind and the involvement of the children, parents, families and wider community are very important to us.

Childrens' events have included: non-uniform days; a super Sport-a-thon; a cinema evening (complete with popcorn!) plus amazing Christmas parties and discos to name but a few. And not to leave the adults out, we have hosted a wonderful Christmas shopping evening, a fabulous Fashion show, a stunning Art exhibition and several Lucky Squares games and raffles.

The money raised, including some very generous donations from local businesses, has paid for equipment including a digital data logger, a green screen and over 100 new books for the school library. With funds raised through the last academic year, we had 100 square grids professionally painted on the infant and junior yards during lockdown, which the children are now having great fun playing on. Our current plans are to update school sports strips and P.E. equipment and to setup of a 'Forest School' area (a very exciting project!) with money pledged through the Co-op Community Fund (details overleaf). Together we ARE making a difference.

Autumn 2020



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Enjoy Christmas shopping from the comfort of your own home whilst supporting and raising much needed funds for school, local crafters and small businesses at our

Virtual Christmas Market

live now on Facebook
www.facebook.com/stmichaelsrsa

Please like, share and join NOW!

Stallholders so far include:
Tropic, Usbourne Books, Partylite, Sentsy, Body Shop, Betsyville, Sweet as Kandy and Lucy Locket.

If you would like a stall for a small virtual table fee, please contact secretary.homeschool@gmail.com

Another event, currently live on Facebook, is an online virtual Christmas Market – please see attached poster – which we would be delighted if you could support. Future planning and events will take place as soon as it is safe and appropriate. HSA news is regularly updated on the noticeboard on the infant yard wall (directly in front of you as you enter via the gate) and via the link on the school website, so please have a read when you can. As a parent, your support and input is vital to our success, and we are always delighted to welcome new members: if you would like to join one of our friendly meetings or sign up to our WhatsApp group chat, please contact a committee member (details overleaf) – we would love to meet you!

Thank you so much to everyone who supported us back in March and bought a whole school tea towel. We still have some left, so please make contact through school if you would like one. There may be some face masks available in the near future in material you might recognise so watch this space!! and to all parents of children new to the school this term, we will definitely produce something similar in the future on which your children will appear.

The current Co-op local community giving period for our Forest School project has come to an end. Thank you to everyone who chose us as their cause, together we have raised over £1,400 which is incredible under the circumstances, and will go a long way towards the initial set up of this area.



As you will see below we have been successful in applying again. The school garden area has been an inspiring space which all the children have enjoyed exploring, tasting, feeling, listening, watching, learning, growing and weeding in over the years but it has become overgrown and unloved. So, together we would like to develop the space to extend our new forest school provision and transform it into a space where the children can thrive and be nurtured by nature once again. Please log in to Co-op using the link below and choose us as your local cause once more. Thank you.



Meet the HSA team



Chair: Hello I'm Rachel, mum of Annie in year 5 and previous St Michael's pupils Ben and Mia, now at Nelson Thomlinson School.

Vice Chair: Hi I'm Lyndsey, I am Keira and Mia's mum. Keira is in year 4 and Mia is in year 2.



Secretary: I am Sarah Caulfield, I have two children, Zac is in year 3 and Edie, is in Reception.

Treasurer: Hi I'm Leanne, I have two boys at St Michael's. Oliver is in year 6 and Samuel in year 3.



Contact the committee

Chair-Rachel Richards-homeschoolchair@gmail.com

Secretary-Sarah Caulfield-secretary.homeschool@gmail.com

Treasurer-Leanne Dinning-homeschooltreasurer@gmail.com



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We would like raise funds to develop the school garden area for our school children and local community to enjoy.

If you don't already have one, please register for a Co-op membership card either in store or online at www.coop.co.uk then assign your membership number against our local cause:-

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/54514>

It only takes a moment to do and for every £1 we spend in-store or online on selected Co-op branded products and services from Co-op Group businesses, we will receive 2p towards our garden development project. Together we can make a difference.

Thank you in advance for your support.





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