



## Governors' Newsletter 13

Autumn Term 2019

### London and the Lion King

Your children will have told you about seeing the sights of London from the coach and the excitement of being in a grand London theatre to see an awesome production of the Lion King. Such memories live in young minds to excite and enthuse for a long time and this is the reason why the staff put so much time and energy into arranging such a memorable day for the children.

Previous trips to the Lyceum Theatre have loomed so large in the minds of leavers since the last trip four years ago that The Headteacher and her staff knew that the daunting task of repeating the trip with the whole school at St Michael's was worthwhile.

What you may not know is that the cost of the trip was in part, met from money raised by the children during the previous year from sales, fetes and cinema evenings. We must also thank Norwich Consolidated Charities for a grant which covered more than half the cost of the trip.

This trip was not just about happy memories, it has taught the children so much about working towards a common goal, widening their horizons, appreciating different cultures and awareness of the live arts. The follow up work they have completed in school since has embellished their reading, writing and other areas of the curriculum.

For the younger children in Clover Hill there is a planned trip into Norwich to see the pantomime at the Theatre Royal after Christmas.

### Parent Governor

The Governors are eager to appoint another parent governor to add their voice to the other volunteers who take care of the schools in All Angels' Federation.

If you think that you have some time to give to two successful schools, please contact the Chair of Governors through the schools' offices.

There is further information about becoming a Governor on both schools' websites:

<http://www.stmichaelsjuniorschool.co.uk/governors/becoming-a-governor/>

<http://www.cloverhillschool.co.uk/governors/becoming-a-governor/>

All Angels' Governors are unpaid volunteers who have wide ranging backgrounds and experience to help the school with advice and represent the wide variety of different groups in the federation's community. A full list of Governors is overleaf.



**Our Five Key Values:**

**Respect      Trust      Perseverance**  
**Hope              Success**

## Continuing Professional Development

In every profession keeping up with the latest techniques and honing your skills is essential to progress and maintain interest.

All staff are given the opportunity to follow their specific talents and to study for advancement. In this way they can become more proficient at their jobs and more invested in the educational outcomes for the children.

We would like to congratulate four teachers working at St Michael's have successfully undertaken the National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH). This course is designed to prepare teachers for leadership roles in education and is a step towards headship. We also celebrate 3 teachers in the Federation gaining the National Professional Qualification for Senior Leadership (NPQSL). We feel that this greatly strengthens our teaching team.

Governors also undergo training in the latest OfSTED guidelines and legal requirements so we can monitor the federation more knowledgeably. Governor training undertaken this year has covered Finance, Health and Safety, Safeguarding and understanding school data. The Diocese of Norwich also runs courses for Governors on school ethos and religious education.

## County Lines

At the heart of the work we do with our children and their families is our responsibility for ensuring that our children are safe to learn. We have systems for safeguarding in place that make sure that everything that is possible is done to carry out this high-level priority.

One of the areas of deep concern that we have is the troubling activity across the country that exploits children and uses them as drug runners by County Lines perpetrators. It is crucial that we are all fully informed about this and that we work together to protect our children at all times.

Norfolk Constabulary are dealing with this on a daily basis and want to ensure that we all understand that County Lines are operating in our city and county communities.

In St Michael's, workshops have been run for children by experts in the field and have also been put on for parents. It is something that none of us wants to see happen to our children. One way that we can protect them is to be fully

informed and to have opportunities to discuss what this means for us as schools and families.

We will continue to ensure that we are doing everything that is possible to ensure that everyone in our school communities understand the horror and implications of County Lines and welcome your co-operation in this work.

## Attendance

Anyone who visits the schools in the federation are impressed with the atmosphere and how the children enjoy learning. Research has shown that full attendance at school is essential for children to reach their full potential.

Children's attendance at the schools across the Federation continues to improve and is around the national average. This term has been encouraging with attendance above national average. Even in Nursery and Reception the attendance has been excellent where usually the first term can be beset with absence through illness. Thank you for your support.



Wishing  
Everyone in the  
All Angels'  
Family  
an  
Enjoyable  
Christmas and  
a Peaceful  
New Year

### All Angels' Governors

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**Feedback** - Governors can be contacted by writing or emailing either of the schools in All Angels' Federation, please mark your communication for the attention of the Chair of Governors.

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