

# St Michael's Newsletter

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Mrs Smith's bit....

## Welcome back!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school after the Summer Holidays and a special welcome to all our new children in Reception.

Although I plan to meet as many of you as I can on the gate in the mornings, I appreciate this may take some time to meet you all so I thought a brief letter of introduction might be useful!

I live near Cambridge with my husband Tim (also a Headteacher) and my three children. Joe works in the Media industry, Olivia has just begun her teaching career as a secondary teacher of English in London and Alex is in his final year at York University. I have lived in Cambridgeshire since graduating from Homerton College, in 1987.

In my spare time I enjoy walking my golden retrievers, Barney and Purdie...they enjoy this too! I like going to the theatre, spending time with family and friends, researching my family tree and reading. I also enjoy travel and have just returned from visiting Singapore and Australia. Here I had the opportunity to visit schools to establish links for future shared curriculum work. I am a member of Kingsgate church in Cambridge.

I have been working in Primary Education for 31 years, working with children aged 3-11. I consider myself to be respectful of all individuals, fair, honest, approachable and I hope that you will find this so too! Children come first in all that I do. I set high standards for achievement, generating aspiration through creative, innovative and fun activities. If children are happy and motivated, they will achieve well.

I am very excited about my new post at St Michael's. It is clearly a unique school and I will be very keen not to lose this important aspect of the school's ethos. I am very much a team person and I aim to improve on the school's existing strengths and will not make changes just for the sake of it. I intend to spend the first few weeks getting to know the school, its children, staff and families. It is possible that we will be visited by Ofsted in the near future and I will be addressing areas of development highlighted in their previous report as well as some areas identified by Staff and Governors. As a Headteacher, I take the views of the school community very seriously and I will be looking at ways to continue regular opportunities to meet with you and seek your views on school issues.

I look forward to a happy and productive relationship with the whole school community over the coming years and am confident that we will work together well to provide the best educational opportunities possible for the children at St Michael's Church School.

Kind regards

Mrs Becky Smith

