

St Michael's

Church of England Infant School



Newsletter December 2017

This half-term's value
is Thankfulness.

Dear Parents and Carers

What a fabulous half term we have had! We have been getting into the festive spirit by making Christmas biscuits and decorations, writing Santa letters as well as many arts and crafts and Christmas cards too. We had a special tree decorating assembly in the hall where each child came up to the tree to add their decoration whilst we sang Christmas classics.



We are very much enjoyed our Christmas production and were delighted to see so many of you there! Year 2 will be telling the Christmas story in Church on the last day of term, written in their own words, followed by tea and mince pies. A big thank you to 'The Friends' for a fantastic story telling evening on Friday 8th, it was a great success and we had lots of very happy children.



YEAR R OUTSIDE AREA PROJECT

We are very excited about revamping our outside area in Reception. On Saturday 20th January 11-2pm we will be painting fence panels, benches and planters to brighten it up. We are also having a road track painted onto the ground where the children will have permanent access to trikes. A huge thank you to Mr Smith for volunteering to make a sand pit for us and to Mr Townrow for volunteering to make a mud kitchen for us. If you would like to come along to help on the day, please let Mrs Piggott know!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

A big thank you for all of the donations of shoe boxes for 'Operation Christmas child'. We had 24 boxes all together which will make a great difference. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to show God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world. Since 1990, more than 146 million children in over 150 countries have experienced God's love through the power of simple shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas Child.



HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

The following children received a Headteacher's award for the quality of their work, effort or attitude to learning. Otters class (Year R) is now joining us for Celebration assembly on a Friday.

<u>Otters Class</u>	<u>Owls Class</u>	<u>Woodpeckers Class</u>
Jude	Dylan	Romilly
Beau	Sebastian	Riley
Theodore	Joshua	Sam
Lexie	Flora	Oliver
Scarlett	Year 1	Mia
	Zach	William O



WALL OF FAME

- Romilly Pitman for representing Walton on the Hill Rainbows and winning the District Swimming Gala.
- Dylan Monkman for earning a certificate for swimming 10m on his front.
- Charlie Standley for staying calm when his mum was burnt, looking after his sister and calling his dad for help on the iPad.
- Mia Rose Chapman for her Rainbows certificate and making her Rainbows Promise.
- Mack Perkins for his 10m swimming certificate.
- Lucy Deguara for her Stage 2 swimming certificate and her Level 5 gymnastics certificate.
- Isobel Coates for her 25m swimming certificate.

VALUES LEAVES

Our value this half term is Thankfulness. Our assemblies have focused on looking to the future and the upcoming changes in our lives. We have looked at the story of Noah and the Ark and we are thinking about our hope and dreams for ourselves, others, the school and the wider world.

Values leaves are presented in our Tuesday assembly and displayed in the entrance. Children can be nominated by a member of the class, a member of staff or a parent/relative for any of our school values (friendship, forgiveness, respect, thankfulness, perseverance and hope). The following children have received values leaves:



- Mia Always trying her best with reading.
- Scarlett Being respectful at carpet time.
- Charlie Marks Being a really good friend.
- Lucy Persevering with a walk to the top of Box Hill.
- Sam Persevering with forming the letter 'l'.
- Valentina Persevering in all her tasks.
- Freddie Always being respectful of others.
- Flora Always being kind to others.
- Holly Persevering with division.
- Henry F Persevering when he was finding something tricky.
- Gabriella Concentrating on her maths.
- Grace Being a really good friend.
- Tyler For persevering with his long book (reading).
- Scarlett For persevering even when the learning was tricky.

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**Sandra Peers
Head of School**

HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2017-2018

Autumn Term 2017		
Start of term	Half term	End of term
INSET DAY Monday 4 September START – 5 September 2017	23 October - 27 October 2016 INSET DAY 20 October 2017	Wednesday 20 December 2017 Early finish 2.15pm
Spring Term 2018		
Start of term	Half term	End of term
INSET DAY Wednesday 3 January 2018 START Thursday 4 January 2018	12 - 16 February 2018	Thursday 29 March 2018 Early finish 2.15pm
Summer Term 2018		
Start of term	Half term	End of term
Monday 16 April INSET Day START 17 April CLOSED Bank Holiday Monday 7 May	28 May -1 June 2018	20 July 2018 Early finish 2.15pm INSET DAY 23 July 2018

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

New items added since the previous newsletter are shown in bold. We try not to change dates already published. However, sometimes we need to change them so please check below. Any amendments are shown in red.

December 2017	
20	End of Term Service at 1.30pm at the church followed by tea and mince pies. Early finish.
21 December - 4 January	Christmas Holidays – No School.
January 2018	
03	INSET day.
04	Back to School.
08	School assembly at church for all years at 9.15am.
20	YR Revamp Project 11-2pm

February 2018	
05	School assembly at church for all years at 9.15am.
06	Pancake Café in school for children 1.15pm.
07	Year 1 Trip to Chertsey Museum
12 - 16	Half Term Holiday – School Closed.
19	Back to School.
20	Year 2 Trip to the Natural History Museum
March 2018	
09	Mother's and Grandmother's Day Assembly and Tea at 1.45pm (Assembly starts at 2.15pm).
11	Community Event – Mother's and Grandmother's Day Workshop at school from 9.45 – 10.45 followed by Mother's Day and Grandmother's Family Service at St Michael's Church 11am. All family and friends welcome (the children will perform a Mother's Day song). All children and siblings past and present welcome for craft events.
20	Easter Pause Day in school. Children stop to reflect on the meaning of Easter and participate in activities together
29	Easter Bonnet Parade. Children make a special Easter hat for homework in the previous week and bring it to school on this day
29	End of Term Easter Service at 1.30pm at the church followed by tea. Early finish
30 March – 13 April	Easter Holidays – School Closed
April 2018	
16	INSET training – school closed
17	Back to School
May 2018	
07	BANK HOLIDAY – school closed
08	Back to School
12	Spring Fair
14	School assembly in church at 9.15am. All family and friends are welcome to join us at the church for the service
15	Open Class 2.30pm – an opportunity to look at your child's work and review their progress
28 May – 1 June	Half Term Holiday – School Closed
June 2018	
11	School assembly in church at 9.15am. All family and friends are welcome to join us at the church for the service
22	Sports Day 1.30pm
29	Reserve Sports Day 1.30pm.

July 2018

03	Moving Morning for Year R and Year 1 children to visit their new classes and teachers. Transition Day for Year 2 children.
11	Whole School Summer Production 1.45pm.
12	Whole School Summer Production 1.45pm.
20	End of Term Service and Leavers Assembly 1.30pm. Early finish.
23	INSET Day – School Closed.