

St Michael's

Church of England Infant School



March 2018 Newsletter

This half-term's value
is Forgiveness.

Dear Parents and Carers

Another fantastic half term! The children enjoyed performing at the Mothers' and Grandmothers' assembly, it brought a tear to my eye as well as many others. Thank you to the Friends for organising a successful Mothering Sunday workshop. The quiz night also sounded like a great success!



For Easter Pause Day, the children had the opportunity to work in mixed year groups and move round 5 activities throughout the day. They took part in cooking biscuits, making Easter sun catchers and Easter gardens, having the last Supper and their feet washed and making palm leaves as well as singing traditional Easter songs. The children also got to meet Oakley and Flopsy, Mrs Peers' rabbits. Our Easter bonnet parade topped off the half term!

Our sponsored bike or scooter for Sports Relief was a great success. The children really enjoyed the opportunity to ride around the playground for an hour and they raised a wonderful £535.50 in sponsorship money! Thank you very much to the children and their sponsors. We also raised £80.45 by selling Sport Relief wristbands, thank you again for your support.

Friends of St Michael's – half year summary

As we approach Easter we thought we'd update you on what we've achieved so far, and our plans for the remainder of this academic year.

We have made a £1000 donation for new library books, bought a range of Small World play equipment, provided materials for the Reception area revamp and paid for the Espresso interactive learning system for the classrooms.

We've hosted an amazing range of events – the welcome party; school disco; Christmas story telling night; pancake café; Mother's Day gifts/tea; quiz night; Easter trail and hot chocolate café.

There's still plenty more to come:

Tuck shop – Fridays, spring term

Summer fete – 12th May

Gourmet night – 9th June

Mum's film night – 6th July (details coming after Easter)

THANK YOU for your continued support – we couldn't do it without you!

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 Wednesday.

| <u>Otters Class</u> | <u>Owls Class</u> | <u>Woodpeckers Class</u> |
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| Henry Frost Jack Mellegard Anthony Deeks Harmarni Thomas Flora Standley Hollie Duffell | Gabriella Florides Dylan Monkman Gus Guegan Henry Turner Year 1 Cassie Smith | Louise Clark Monte Carter Lucy Deguara Riley Curran Isobel Coates Alfie Bacon |

WALL OF FAME

Alice Cowling for her Stage 4 Swimming Certificate.
Rory Thomas for his Ski School Medal Level 3.
Flora Hicks for her Stage 4 Swimming Certificate.
Logan Townrow for completing the Bambino Modules at Daytona Sandown.
Sam for his Learn to Swim Stage 1 Certificate.
Ben Hine for his Thank You certificate from the Metropolitan Police.
Ben Hine for his Stage 5 Swimming Award and swimming 100m.
Freddie for his Rugby Club Tournament Medal.
Zoe for swimming 25m and being awarded a 25m certificate.
Freddie for his Rugby Club Medal.

VALUES LEAVES

Our value this half term is Forgiveness. Our assemblies have focused on how important it is to be ready to forgive and 'wipe away' from our hearts the wrongs that have been done to us so that we can find our own peace.

Values leaves are presented in our Monday assembly by Mrs. Bliss 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:



- Flora H** Persevering with her maths.
Theodore Persevering to make a Chinese lantern.
Abi Showing respect to her teachers.
Alice Perseverance with her bike riding (riding 6 ½ miles on Sunday with her Daddy!)
Clara Always showing respect to her teachers.
Riley Being super helpful when tidying the classroom.
Sebastian Persevering with his writing.
Henry Always trying his best.
Theodore Persevering with the buttons on his shirt.
Mack Respecting others in the class.

From all at St Michael's, we hope you have a lovely Easter break!

Sandra Peers
Head of School

HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2017-2018

| Autumn Term 2017 | | |
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| 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.

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| April 2018 | |
| 16 | INSET training – school closed |
| 17 | Back to School |
| May 2018 | |
| 07 | BANK HOLIDAY – school closed |
| 08 | Back to School |
| 12 | Summer Fete 11-1pm |
| 14 | School assembly in church at 9.15am. All family and friends are welcome to join us at the church for the service |
| 28 May – 1 June | Half Term Holiday – School Closed |
| June 2018 | |
| 9 | Gourmet Night |

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| 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. |
| 30 | Village Strawberry Tea |
| 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. |
| 06 | Mums' film night – 6th July (details coming after Easter) |
| 10 | Early Parent Consultations 3:30-6:00pm |
| 11 | Whole School Summer Production 1.45pm. |
| 12 | Whole School Summer Production 1.45pm. |
| 12 | Late Parent Consultations 4:30-7:00 |
| 20 | End of Term Service and Leavers Assembly 1.30pm. Early finish. |
| 23 | INSET Day – School Closed. |
| September 2018 | |
| 4 | INSET DAY - School Closed |
| 5 | INSET DAY - School Closed |
| 6 | Start of school for Years 1 and 2 |