

St Michael's

Church of England Infant School



Newsletter October 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

What a fantastic start to the year! The children have settled brilliantly and it is wonderful to see lots of happy children and parents. We have had very positive feedback regarding the daily whiteboards for each classroom and the weekly newsletter which is great! We will continue with the weekly newsletter and then send this one out each half term.

This half-term's value
is Friendship.

Harvest workshop

On Sunday we held the Harvest workshop led by the Friends and supported by many local community members as well as some students from Box hill. It was a great success! Thank you to all of the families who attended.



Our new whole school prayer

The children have worked with Mrs Dickinson to create a new whole school prayer. We used our 6 values to help us. We will say this prayer every day in assembly.

Father God,

Help us to be friendly and encourage others,

Help us to be forgiving and thankful for all we have.

Give us the strength to persevere in all we do,

Lord, make this school your home too.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Polite reminders

Please could I remind you to keep your child with you until they reach the classroom in the mornings and to keep them in your eye sight at all times even once you are through the school gate. There have been a few occasions over the last couple of weeks where the children have been running ahead and arriving at the classrooms on their own. As we do not have staff members on the school gates before and after school, we cannot ensure the children are safe if they are not with you. Also a gentle reminder to not park on school lane - please use the village hall or the public parking spaces next to Frascati. Thank you for your support with this.

Revd Malcolm Raby

Malcolm is retiring at the end of October and we would like to say a huge thank you to him for his service to the school over his time at St Michael and All Angels. This includes school services and assemblies at church, weekly children's assemblies here at St Michael's, our joint workshops and his work as a governor. He has been a valued member of our school community; we will miss him greatly! Thursday will be Malcolm's last assembly with us. We wish Malcolm and Sue a long and happy retirement.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

The following children received a Headteacher's award for the quality of their work, effort or attitude to learning.

<u>Otters</u> Grace		<u>Owls</u> Henry Mack Ely Joe		<u>Woodpeckers</u> Scarlett Charlie Tyler	
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WALL OF FAME

Sam Abbott for taking part in the Animal Agent Library Reading Challenge in the summer.

Ben for his Player of the Course Trophy at Chelsea Summer Soccer School.

Freddie for his Best Overall Player and Best Team Player awards from Dorking Rugby Club and for his medals awarded for taking part in a rugby tournament.

Scarlett for her Silver Athletics Certificate.

Rory for taking part in the Animal Agent Library Reading Challenge in the summer.

Charlie Standley for his 25m swimming certificate and for completing Stage 3.

Alice for her Level 4 Top Gym Award

VALUES LEAVES

Our value this half term is Friendship. Our assemblies have focused on the qualities a good friend would show and how we can be friendly to each other and people that we meet. We have also thought about what the Bible tells us about being friendly and how important it is to treat others the way we would want to be treated ourselves and love our neighbours.



Values leaves are presented in our Monday 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:

Cassie for **persevering** at drawing a fish.

Noah for **being respectful** by listening during carpet time.

Dylan for always being a **friend**.

William O for showing **kindness** by helping a new Year R child.

Isobel for always **being respectful** to the grown-ups.



Sandra Peers
Head of School



Paula Bliss
Executive Head

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.

October 2017	
13	Open morning for prospective Year R parents.
16	Open afternoon for prospective Year R parents.
17	Open Class 2.45pm – an opportunity to look at your child's work so far this term.
20	INSET training – school closed.
23-27	Half Term Holiday – School Closed.
30	Back to School.
November 2017	
03	Glow Disco 3:15-5:00 organised by the Friends
08	Late Parents' Evening 4 to 7pm.
13	School assembly (Remembrance) in church for <u>all years</u> at 9.15am. All family and friends are welcome to join us at the church for the service.

13	Flu immunisation day
16	Early Parents' Evening from 3.30 to 5.30pm
December 2017	
03	Start of Advent – children do jobs at home to raise money for our Christmas charity (sponsoring Llakiya at the Kathryn's Mercy Home in India).
03	Christingle Workshop at school from 9.45am to 10.45am and followed by a Christingle Family Service at St Michael's Church 11 - 12noon. All children and siblings welcome. Children will sing in church.
08	Friends' Event - 'Night Before Christmas' Story Reading 5.30-6.30pm.
12	Christmas Production 1.45pm.
13	Christmas Production 1.45pm.
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.
February 2018	
05	School assembly at church for all years at 9.15am. All family and friends are welcome to join us at the church for the service.
06	Pancake Café in school for children 1.15pm.
12 - 16	Half Term Holiday – School Closed.
19	Back to School.
21	Late Parents' Evening from 4 to 7pm.
March 2018	
01	Early Parents' Evening from 3.30 to 5.30pm.
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
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.