

St Michael's

Church of England Infant School



16th July 2021 Newsletter

Our value this half term has been
HOPE

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of the school year, it's been fantastic to see the children rehearse songs, finish off pieces of work, enjoy their final forest school moments and play (finally!) in the sunshine! There is a sense of real pride from them at what they have been able to achieve this year. This time of year is particularly important for our Year 2 leavers as they say goodbye to their time at St Michael's and think about the new journey they are about to embark upon.

As we dare to look forward with hope that next year we can celebrate plays and other whole school events in person, it is helping give me and the rest of the staff that extra bit of energy needed at the end of a challenging year.

Sports Day

We had a lovely day for our Sports Day! Even though things were a little different this year, everyone tried their best, worked their hardest and did themselves proud. Well done.

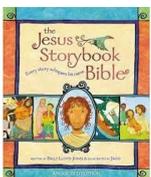
All the children competed in teams to gain points, whether it was target throwing, distance throwing, standing long jump or speed bounce, everyone worked well as a team to increase their chances of winning!

We finished off with traditional running races. Well done St. Michaels School and well done to Fire team -you won with 490 points!



Leavers' Service

The Year 2's said a formal goodbye today at their Leavers' Service. We were delighted that we were able to invite parents on site as part of this key transition moment and I think the whole school community felt a sense of togetherness and joy that we could hold the event safely. Thank you to the sunshine! We were incredibly proud of the children this afternoon. They certainly showed their 'St Michael's manners' and sang and spoke with pride and enthusiasm about their time here. As a gesture of their time here the Friends of St Michael's kindly supported the purchasing of a Children's Bible for each child. We hope the children enjoy this reminder of their time at 'the small school with the **BIG** heart' . We wish our Year 2 leavers the very best of luck and love on their new journey to junior school. Please keep in touch!



Vision testing

The school nurse team have asked us to let you know that free vision checks are offered by high street opticians to all children under the age of 16. They advise that your child is seen by an optician to rule out the possibility of any abnormal development resulting in poor vision if not corrected at a young age.

Thank you!

A huge thank you to all the staff here at St Michael's. You have worked tirelessly this year to make sure that the children had a stable and happy school year and you must now enjoy a very well earned break. A special thank you to our regular volunteer Mrs Travers. Mrs Travers has been working on her teaching assistant qualification and has offered us a great deal of her time. She will fortunately be staying on with us in September for one afternoon per week and we feel very lucky to have her as part of the St Michael's team.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the Governors for their ongoing support to the school, the children, our St Michael's families and all the staff.

A huge thank you to the Friends of St Michael's for all your help this term. The ice creams have gone down a treat! Even better now that the weather has improved! We would like to thank you for your fundraising efforts and for providing financial support this year.

A big thank you to Ben Tatham and Tony Butler for your help, support and guidance with the maintenance of the school premises.

A Fond farewell.....

As well as our Year 2 leavers, we also say good bye to Mrs Peers, Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Dickenson, Miss Ball and Mrs Wadey. Mrs Peers will be very much missed. She was a much loved Head of School for three years here at St Michael's. Mrs Peers has embarked on a new venture as an educational consultant. Look out for more information on what she has to offer in the new academic year!

Mrs Lloyd joined us in January to cover Miss Fox's maternity leave. She quickly became a member of the team and a real asset to St Michael's. Mrs Lloyd will be taking up an early years position at Newdigate Infant School from September. We collaborate with Newdigate School on a regular basis so we look forward to seeing Mrs Lloyd again very soon.

Mrs Dickenson has made the difficult decision not to return after her maternity leave. With two small children to take care of, she is going to take some time out of teaching to stay at home with her boys. We welcome Mrs Staples to the Year 1 team! After a successful maternity cover, Mrs Staples has decided to join us on a permanent basis.

We say goodbye to Miss Ball and to Mrs Wadey. Both ladies have worked with our SEND children who are now leaving St Michael's. We wish them the very best of luck in their new endeavours and would like to thank them for their hard work this year.

The Start of the New Academic Year

New guidance has recently been sent to schools in relation to the Covid 19 restrictions. We will continue with our current protective measures until the end of the summer term, including wearing face masks on site. We will send out more details soon about the protective measures that will be in place from the autumn term at St Michael's. The only change that you need to be aware of now, is the issue of contact-tracing. Schools will only be responsible for contact tracing until Sunday, 18th July 2021.

Dear Families,

*May the long-time sun shine
upon you,*

All love surround you,

*And the pure light within you
guide your way.*



We hope you all have a restful and pleasant summer
and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on

Thursday, 2nd September

God Bless

Nicola Cleather
Head of School



Term dates

Autumn Term Starts	01/09/2021
Inset Day (School Closed)	01/09/2021
1st Day of Autumn Term (Back to School)	02/09/2021
Last Day of Half Term	22/10/2021
Inset Day (School Closed)	22/10/2021
Autumn Term Half Term	25/10/2021-29/10/2021
Back to School	01/11/2021
Last day of Autumn Term	17/12/2021
Christmas Holiday	20/12/2021-03/01/2022

Inset dates

1 INSET day left for this academic year 21st July 2021 School

INSET Days for 2021/22:

1st September 2021

22nd October 2021

4th January 2022

21st February 2022

22nd July 2022