



St. Michael's CE (VC) First School Newsletter

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A Note from the Headteacher

It has been a very busy few weeks in school with the children happily spending time once again with their friends and enjoying their learning.

Lots of exciting learning opportunities have been taking place with a few of these described on page 2 including outside learning and Year 3 learning the violin.

Have a wonderful weekend, hopefully the sun will continue to shine.

Mrs J Wass

Staff Changes

At the end of last term we said a fond farewell to Mrs S Gamble and Mrs I Knight.

This term we welcomed Miss C Hale, Mr J Priestley and Mrs A Wright.

Certificates and Special Awards

Nursery

Louie Harry Jayden

Early Years

Lucy Toby Ralphie Alexis

Year 1

Elijah Leah Luca Scarlett L

Year 2

Oliver Isaac Fergus Ruby Isabelle

Year 3

Tommy Oliver

Year 4

Isabel H Oliver Harry W Charlie

Reception have had a wonderful start at school and come in every day with a big smile! We have been learning about ourselves and families, going on Autumn walks in Forest School and beginning to learn phonics letters for reading.



Thank you for the lovely pictures added to Tapestry from parents so far. We have lots more exciting learning ahead so keep an eye on Tapestry to see what your child is getting up to each day.

Nursery have been learning about Autumn and reading the story 'Oliver's Vegetables'.

We have been busy investigating different vegetables: looking at how they grow and we even printed using some of the different vegetables.



Year 1 have been exploring

their senses. This week they have used their sense of sight to complete a scavenger hunt in the forest.



Year 4

We've been really impressed with Year 4's work on dragons and Vikings so far - both indoors and outside. All of the children have been working on building their writing stamina and we are seeing lots of positive results - well done Year 4! This half-term, the children are also enjoying Athletics outside with Kerri.



Year 3 have had a busy start to the term finding out about Prehistoric Britain. We have been learning about the Stone Age, finding out about why people were hunter gatherers and discovering how they used natural materials to make tools and weapons. We have also been having lots of fun in science, finding out how rocks are formed and carrying out an investigation to see how hard different types of rock are. In the last few weeks we have received our violins and have begun to learn how to play them!

Year 2

As part of our 'Toys Old and New' Topic for History the Year 2 children have made Thaumatropes.



PE Days

We are currently asking children to come to school on PE days dressed in their PE kit.

PE days are as follows:

Monday—Year 1

Tuesday—Year 2

Wednesday—Year 3

Thursday—Year 4

Friday—Nursery and Early Years

Please make sure that your child brings a bottle to school each day to ensure that they keep well hydrated. Could we kindly ask that you send only water in your child's bottle.



Diary Dates

Thursday 1 st October	Themed Lunch	All Day Breakfast
Monday 12 th October	Year 3	Stone Age Workshop
Monday 19 th October	Year 4	Viking Workshop
Wed 21 st October	EY, 1,2,3,4	Flu Vaccinations

Monday 26th to Friday 30th October

School Closed for Half Term

Thursday 5 th November	Themed Lunch	Bonfire Menu
Monday 14 th December		Christmas Lunch

Friday 18th December

School Closes at 3.30 for Christmas Holidays

We already have lots of lost property. Please make sure that all items are named so that they can be returned to you.



Thank you for your support with the new system at the beginning and end of the day.

Please remember to maintain a social distance of 2m when dropping off and collecting your children.

Census Day

Next Thursday (1st October 2020) is School Census Day.

As a school our annual funding for Universal Free School Meals is based upon the number of meals taken on this day. We would therefore like as many children as possible to have a school lunch on this day so everyone who has an all day breakfast, jacket potato or school packed lunch will have the chance to win a prize.

There will be a prize for each year group (including Nursery, Year 3 & Year 4).

Prize winners will be picked at random.

