



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

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Dear Parents and Carers

Despite the mixed weather recently spring is very much in the air at St Michael's with our chicken eggs hatching in the Early Years classrooms and our tadpoles growing bigger in Nursery. There are lots of signs of spring in our forest areas with the bluebells in bloom and a wide variety of birds, animals and insects making it their home. We look forward to continuing our outside learning in the weeks to come.

Make sure you have a look at our new painted stones pathway. All of the children have painted a stone to celebrate how everyone is unique and special but we are all part of one school community. Well done everyone—it looks fantastic.

Mrs J Wass, Headteacher

School Photographs



Everyone looked very smart today and we are looking forward to seeing their smiley faces on the photographs.

We hope to have the proofs sent to us in the next two weeks.

Certificates and Special Awards

Nursery

Enfys Megan Alfie Ivy Sid

Early Years

Jenson Penelope Toby Daniel

Year 1

Scarlett Pippa Millie Elizabeth

Year 2

Isabel Ida Ruby

Year 3

Oliver Joshua Emily

Year 4

Isabel Grace Callum Nina Cora

Nursery

In Nursery, this half term we have started our Fizzytotz P.E. sessions. So far, we have focused on throwing and catching, balancing and aiming beanbags. The children have loved these outdoor lessons and we even have time to play on the trim trail and Tyre Park practising our climbing and jumping skills.



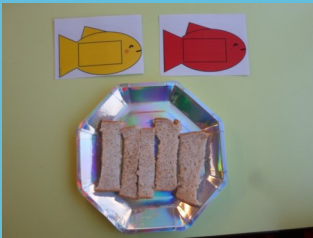
Early Years

Early Years are really enjoying our work on life cycles as part of our 'Growing and Hatching' topic. This week we have had some special visitors arrive to stay with us in the classroom. We have been learning all about chickens, ready to look after our own baby chicks as they hatch from their eggs.



Year 1

Year 1 have listened to the story of 'The Feeding of the 5000' this week in our R.E. lesson. From 2 fish and 5 loaves there were lots left over, just like in the story.



Year 2

Year 2 have been acting out their new endings for 'The Enormous Crocodile'.



They have also been adding their painted stones to our path.

Year 3

Year 3 have been conducting an investigation to examine the factors that affect plant growth. We have been finding out if a plant needs water, heat, air and light, and how removing these will affect how tall and healthy the plant will be.



Year 4

This week, we have been working with different types of clocks to help us feel more confident with understanding

how to read the time.



We have also been exploring the playfulness and joy when reading and performing poetry to an audience! Alongside this, we have been continuing to debate as a class a very important and pressing issue – the deforestation of our rainforests! This has led to us finding new and creative ideas to help everyone look after our precious planet.

Lunches

The new lunches from City Catering are a huge hit with both pupils and staff.

Here are just a few of the comments that we have had:

I love the cake with the icing and sprinkles. It is very tasty—Isabel

I enjoy the jacket potatoes because they are perfectly cooked especially with cheese and peas—Henry

I love the cheesy oatcake on the cooked breakfast, it's yummy—Esme

I've definitely had more hot dinners because there's more choice now—Oliver

I love cheese sandwiches, sometimes on bread or wraps or a long roll—Lexie

The pudding is the best bit. I have lots of types of fruit in a pot, peaches and the kiwi fruit are my favourite—Chester

Friday 20th May is School Census Day. Our annual funding for Universal Free School Meals is based upon the number of meals taken on this day so we have a special menu:

Southern Fried Chicken Goujons or Quorn Nuggets with Curly Fries, Baked Beans and Sweetcorn. Filled Jacket potatoes and Bap of the Day are also available followed by Chocolate Doughnuts.

Diary Dates

Thursday 20th May
Friday 21st May

Census Day—Special Lunch
NSPCC Number Day- non uniform (number theme), donations via SchoolMoney

Monday 31st May—Friday 4th June

Half Term—School Closed

House Points

Week Ending 7th May

Week Ending 14th May

493

575

578

509

650

728

738

688