



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

Number 9

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*Dear Parents and Carers*

*The children have settled in very well after the Easter break and have been busy learning in their classrooms and the school grounds.*

*Have a wonderful bank holiday weekend—fingers crossed the sun will continue to shine.*

*Mrs J Wass,  
Headteacher*

## Wraparound

This week we welcomed Gail Gaskin to St Michael's as our new before and after school club supervisor.

Please email Gail if you would like provision for your child:  
[wraparound@st-michaels-stone.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:wraparound@st-michaels-stone.staffs.sch.uk)

## Nursery

Our Governor Led Nursery has places available in September for children aged 3 up to Reception age.

If you would like more information please contact Mrs Switzer:  
[finance@st-michaels-stone.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:finance@st-michaels-stone.staffs.sch.uk)

## Certificates and Special Awards

### *Nursery*

*Toby      Connie      Ivy      Esme*

### *Early Years*

*Rosie      Harley      Isaac*

### *Year 1*

*Abigail      Harvey      Alexander      Emily*

### *Year 2*

*Samuel      Ginny      Stephanie      Adi      Oliver*

### *Year 3*

*Noah      Harry      Logan*

### *Year 4*

*Matthew      Milo      Dolly      Megan      Grace      Amelia      Oscar*

## Nursery

In Nursery, this half term we are learning about Fairy Tales. This week we have focused on the story of the 3 little pigs. The children had lots of fun building houses using different construction materials and pretending to be the big bad wolf and blowing them down again!



## Early Years



As part of our new topic of 'Growing and Hatching', Early Years have planted our own sunflower seeds. We have learnt about the lifecycle of a sunflower and about what a seed needs to help it to grow. This week we will also be creating our own Van Gogh sunflower paintings.

## Year 1

As part of their English work about Handa's Surprise, Year 1 have been designing and making a delicious fruit smoothie!

The reviews on the smoothies were mixed but they had lots of fun!



## Year 2



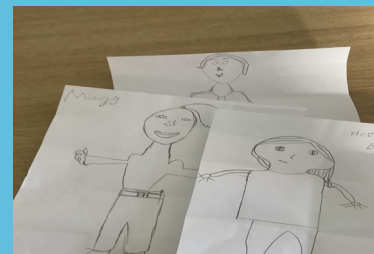
Year 2 have been making a square weaving frame to ready to weave elements of nature into it. They have learnt to lash the string around two sticks to attach them together.

## Year 3

This half term Year 3 are learning all about plants in science. Last week we learnt about the different parts of a plant and what each part does. This week we have been examining how plants transport water, conducting an investigation using food colouring to show the movement of water.



## Year 4



As part of our PSHE lessons, Year 4 have been learning about what makes us all unique. We played a game where we each drew part of a person and then folded the paper over, then the next person added another body part until the picture was complete. We then revealed our final picture.

We had fun creating unique people.

### Lunches

We have been enjoying the new options on the lunch menu from our provider City Catering. Meals cost £2.34 (main meal, dessert and a drink) for children in Nursery and Years 3 and 4.

Universal Free School Meals are available for Reception and Years 1 and 2.

If you think you could be entitled to Free School Meals due to your income/benefits please apply online:

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-online.aspx>



### School Uniform

As the weather is getting warmer, we are receiving a few requests to search for lost jumpers and cardigans but cannot return lost property if it is not named. Please check that your child's uniform is clearly named as some of the writing may have washed off.

Stikins name labels are available from [www.stikins.co.uk](http://www.stikins.co.uk). We receive commission on orders if you quote 21173 on your order.

### Diary Dates

Monday 3rd May	May Day—School Closed
Friday 14th May	Academy Photography—details to follow
Friday 21st May	NSPCC Number Day- non uniform (number theme), donations via SchoolMoney
Monday 31st May—Friday 4th June	Half Term—School Closed

### House Points

Week Ending 23rd April

Week Ending 30th April

160	169
171	149

309	341
355	288