



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

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21st October 2021

It has been a very busy end to our half term in school this week. The children have all enjoyed our 'WOW Mystery Egg Week' and have had great fun in their learning thinking about who has hatched out. The children also looked wonderful dressed up as something that could have hatched from an egg.

Today we have said a sad goodbye to Mrs Wise who is leaving us after 24 years at St Michael's. I am sure that you join me in wishing her all the best for her retirement.

On behalf of myself and all the staff at St Michael's I wish you a happy half term holiday and look forward to seeing the children again on Monday 1st November.

Mrs J Wass, Headteacher

Stone Community Hub



Making Lives Better

Many thanks this term for your support sending in harvest donations, we were able to send many boxes of food to the Community Hub for use within our community. Year 1 have enjoyed a visit to the Food Hub today to see where our Harvest donations have gone and how they will be used.



Thank you also for joining in with our tap twinning day - we have raised enough money to twin 4 taps in developing countries.

Certificates and Special Awards

Nursery

Nia Bea Alfie Bonnie

Early Years

Harry Dexter Theo Zoja

Year 1

Alice Rouke Sophia Ted

Year 2

Bella Scarlett Chloe Evilyn

Year 3

Isabel Ida

Year 4

Jasmine Jake

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Christian Values Certificates

This half term we are focusing on the Christian Value of *Generosity* in our worship time.
The following children have been presented with a Christian Values Certificate
for showing generosity towards others.

Nursery

Zack Bonnie

Reception

Clara Eden Hattie

Year 1

Hugo Sebastian Teddy Ellie

Year 2

Kaitlyn Abigail Finlay Emily

Year 3

Mya Chloe

Year 4

Tommy Tobias



Admission to Reception

Staffordshire County Council online applications for admission to Reception 2022 are open from
1st November to 15th January:

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Admissions-primary/Apply/Overview.aspx>

For more information or to book a tour of the school please contact Mrs Moore in the office.

Nursery Places

We have places available in our Governor Led Nursery for 3-4 year olds.

For details please contact Mrs Switzer
nursery@st-michaels-stone.staffs.sch.uk

Staff Vacancies

We have vacancies for a lunchtime supervisor and a catering assistant.

For further information please contact
Mrs Switzer

finance@st-michaels-stone.staffs.sch.uk

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Nursery

During our 'WOW' week in Nursery we have had lots of fun reading stories about eggs and the animals which hatch from them. When we realised on Wednesday that the eggs in our school grounds had hatched the children had lots of ideas as to which creatures had emerged, such as penguins, dragons, crocodiles and peacocks! The pupils enjoyed ending the week by dressing-up and making their own headbands.



Early Years



Early Years have had an 'egg citing' time this week learning all about eggs! We have found out what animals lay eggs, we have predicted what might come out of our school eggs and we have been getting creative with lots of egg activities. Our favourites

have been making chocolate nests, building walls for Humpty and having an egg and spoon race in PE.

Year 1



Year 1 thought the eggs might be alien eggs, so we have been making alien head bands, creating our own aliens and rockets. We also had a visit from some owls.

Year 2

During this week's WOW week Year 2 have been learning facts about the platypus. We have created a platypus dance as well as a clay platypus. We have discovered who lives in Australia and learnt about aboriginal art work and created our own platypus patterns.



Year 3



Year 3 have enjoyed reading the book "Pip and Egg" as part of our WOW Week. We then recreated the scene of the forest using pencil crayons and pastels.

Year 4



Year 4 have had fun making doves and headaddresses during our WOW Week.

We learnt lots of facts about owls when they made a surprise visit to school this week.

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UNICEF Ambassadors Update

The school raised enough money for four taps. This means that we have helped less fortunate children to get clean water. This links with Article 24 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. The school's UNICEF ambassadors have been learning all about Article 24.

ARTICLE 24 (health and health services)
Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.



To help the children understand the problem that some people in the world have of no clean water the children were set a challenge. They had a box full of water which was placed in one area of the school and they were given one small cup to transport the water to another box elsewhere in the school. When the other box was filled we explored what it felt like to complete the challenge. From this the children discussed how dirty the water was, how much effort it took to get such a little amount of water and they also realised that they couldn't do much with the amount of water they had. Overall the children felt extremely lucky to have access to so much clean water.



Diary Dates

Friday 22nd October

Inset Day School Closed to Pupils

Monday 25th October—Friday 29th October

Half Term

Thursday 4th November

Flu Vaccinations

Bonfire Lunch

Monday 8th November

Photograph Order Deadline

Thursday 2nd December

Reception (EYF and EYJ) Height and Weight Measurement Programme

Friday 17th December

Christmas Jumper Day

School Closes at 3.30 for Christmas Holidays

Wednesday 5th January

School Opens for Spring Term

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