



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

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As the weather is starting to get warmer our school grounds are starting to bloom, children have been enjoying their learning in our outdoor areas and our beautiful forest school space.

Our school council have received two visits this term from Frankie Harlow, one of our school governors, who has been very impressed with their confidence and discussion skills when debating ideas raised by their classes.

We have a number of preloved school uniform items available. As part of our schools commitment to helping the environment if you have any items that your child has outgrown and you wish to donate to support the reuse and recycle objective please drop them in to the school office. If you would like any items for a small donation please email the office with your size requirements and we will see what we have available.

Mrs J Wass, Headteacher

## Certificates and Special Awards

### Nursery

Alfie Haydee Mabli Megan Chloe Olivia

### Early Years

Harriet Amelia Jayden Harrison

### Year 1

Alexis Jack Travis Tristan

### Year 2

Freddie Eva Poppy Niamh Joel April Isobel

### Year 3

Eryn Isabelle

### Year 4

Lottie Noah All of Year 4

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## Nursery



Our current focus is on fairy tales. Our role play area has been turned into a construction site and the children have been building houses linked to the story of 'The Three Little Pigs'.

We have also learnt about the festival of Eid and read a Muslim story, '7 new kittens'.

## Early Years

We have been learning all about the story of Noah's Ark in RE. We have retold the story using our own ark and thought about what we would want to save. We have made doves and talked about God leading Noah, his family and all the animals safely back to land. We have also been creating rainbows to show God's promise to us that he will guide us through every storm and will always love and forgive us.



## Year 1

We had a fantastic day at Stafford Castle before the holidays.



We have been busy planning and writing our own stories, based on the story of 'Handa's Surprise'. We have been making our stories interesting by using some excellent adjectives to describe the fruit and the animals in our sentences.

We have some authors in the making!

We have also been looking at halving and quartering in maths.

## Year 2



In our guided reading sessions we have learnt about Amelia Earhart and have had great fun predicting what we thought would happen in our new class book 'The Disgusting Sandwich'.

In Maths we have been learning all about fractions.

## Year 3



Over the last two weeks, we have enjoyed starting our Lego projects.

We look forward to sharing these later in the year.

## Year 4

In Year 4 English lessons, we have been focusing on 'The Great Kapok Tree' by Lynne Cherry. We have been exploring different aspects of the text to help us further develop our writing skills. As well as looking at vocabulary and sentence structure, we have also taken part in some drama. We split into groups of villagers to debate if cutting down the Kapok tree should go ahead!



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### Values in Action

Please go on to our website (<https://stmichaelsstone.org.uk>) and look at our new tab 'Values in Action'.

Values in Action is a new blog where we will be keeping you informed of how our school values have been demonstrated in the school and local community! If you would like to share something fantastic with us to add to the blog, please email this in to the school office!

We can't wait to hear how you have been showing your school values at home.

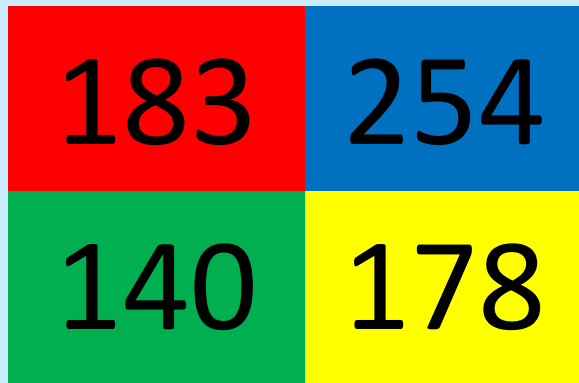
### Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor.

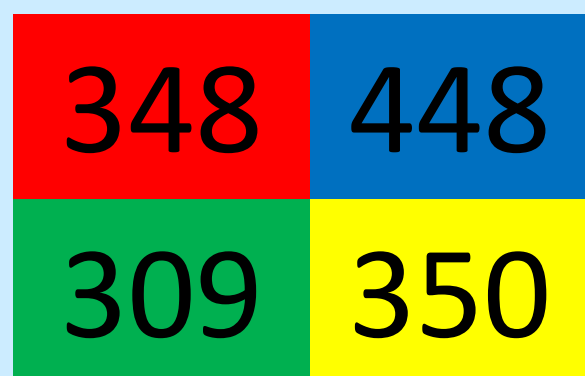
If you know anyone who would be interested please ask them to get in touch.

### House Points

Week Ending 29th April



Week Ending 6th May



### Diary Dates

Monday 9th May

Tuesday 10th May

Thursday 12th May

Friday 20th May

Thursday 26th May

Friday 27th May

Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June

Monday 6th June

Early Years trip to Wolseley Centre

PTA Film Club (pre-ordered tickets only)

Year 3 to Church

Class and Year 4 leavers photographs

Year 3 to the Open Door Project

Jubilee picnic lunch

Break up for half-term

School closed

School opens

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# Christian Values Certificates

The following children have been presented with a Christian Values Certificate for demonstrating our school value of Friendship.

## Nursery

Nia Lilly

## Reception

Sienna Alice Amelia Harry

## Year 1

Esmee Elijah Penelope Izaak

## Year 2

Kaitlyn Beth Will All of 2S

## Year 3

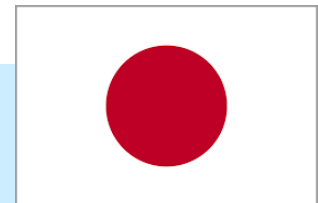
Isabel Jackson

## Year 4

Josh Lauren



## Geography



Just a reminder that we are currently visiting Japan on our Journey around the world.

Japan has 108 active volcanoes and is situated on the 'Ring of Fire' in the Pacific ocean. For your home learning activity we would like you to find out more about volcanoes. Are there any famous volcanoes in Japan? Can you find the 'Ring of Fire' on a map? What is a volcano and why can they be dangerous?



We can't wait to see and hear what you learn about at home. If you're feeling very adventurous you might even decide to make your own exploding volcano!

Have fun, Mrs James

Year 1

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