

St Michael's C of E VA Primary School

Current core Christian value:
RESPECT



'Do unto others as you
would have them do to you'
(Luke 6:31)

'We believe we can achieve'

As a Church School we seek to ensure that the ethos and principles of Christianity underpin the experiences of the children in our care.

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Sport Success

Just before Easter, we took part in some sporting activities; two football matches and a dodgeball tournament.

Playing football against Margaret Wix Primary, our year 5/6 team won 9-0 and our year 3/4 team lost 1-6. Against Camp Primary, our year 5/6 team lost 0-6. Everybody really enjoyed themselves and Mrs Claridge was particularly pleased with the team spirit shown by our children, even when the score hadn't been what they had hoped for.

We also entered teams into a dodgeball tournament. Two teams progressed to the semi-finals and one team came 6th out of 7 teams.

Well done everybody!

Attendance

We are continually striving to achieve an attendance level of over 97%, as research tells us that attendance has a direct impact on progress. During the second half of the spring term we achieved an attendance of 96.8%.

All children across the school who achieved 100% attendance have been given a Head Teacher's sticker for their reward card.

Cats, Dolphins and Eagles classes achieved a particularly high level of attendance last half term.

Well done everybody!

This newsletter covers:

- Sport success
- Attendance
- Out of school achievements
- End of spring term awards
- Breakfast club

Out of School Achievements (required by end of school day on Thursdays)

Harry in Eagles class recently won the British U10 Sabre Championship. His brother George in Cats class also won a medal in the British team event, being part of Harry's team that won silver. Harry was also invited to compete in Poland where he was placed 33rd out of 82 competitors.

Laura in Cats class was admitted to receive Holy Communion at St Michael's Church on 26 March.

Isabelle A in Bees class has achieved her Stage 2 'Learn to Swim' award, Bronwyn in Cats class has achieved her Stage 4 and Theo S in Dolphins class has achieved his Stage 6. Alex in Cats class also moved up to stage 6 in his swimming lessons.

Jake in Dolphins class has achieved his Grade 1 certificate in ice skating.

End of Spring Term Awards

Citizenship - This award goes to a child who always plays a key role in our community. He has participated in Dragons' Den to raise money for charity and showed his valuable quality of team work during this process. He always sets a good example to others and uses his initiative to support adults and children in our school. He is a very conscientious and hardworking young man and thoroughly deserves recognition for his worthy contribution. Well done Ben O.

Performing Arts – These children have both worked very hard to learn all their lines, movements and stage directions, delivering them confidently and with enthusiasm. Both have supported their friends and showed great commitment to the roles they played. Well done Laura and Tabby B.

Swimming Award – This award is being presented to Molly-Mae for the huge amount of confidence that she has gained during the last half term of swimming. She is happy to be in the water and always looks as though she is having a brilliant time.

Raxworthy Award - This award is being presented to Lexie for the great determination and perseverance she always demonstrates towards her school work at St. Michael's. Lexie always tries her hardest and her hard work is really paying dividends. Very well done Lexi for the huge effort you always put into your learning

Growth Mindset Award – The idea of this award is that every child learns to work outside their comfort zone and challenge themselves, believing that they can do it. Antoine has a positive approach to his learning. He always tries his very best in all aspects of his work, and is never afraid to take a risk. If he finds something difficult he knows that although he can't do it yet, with perseverance he will reach his goal. This has been especially evident during our maths meetings. Well done Antoine, your growth mindset attitude will prove to be invaluable in your learning for many years to come.

House Points

Michael	195
Alban	190
Kingsbury	190
Verulam	180

Breakfast Club



It doesn't seem possible that we have already reached the summer term! Looking ahead, we have had to set up a waiting list for breakfast club places in September so, if you would like to be added to the list, please contact denise.perchard@sky.com.

We are still looking for a new member of staff to join the breakfast club team. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please contact Denise as above.

Checklist of Letters sent home over the last two weeks - PLEASE CHECK BOOKBAGS

Title	Class	Via
SATs Information Evening	Year 6	Parentmail and paper copy
Research Project	Cats and Dolphins	Paper copy
Athletics Club	Ants and Bees	Paper copy
Athletics Club	Cats, Dolphins and Eagles	Paper copy
Tri Golf	Years 2, 3 and 4	Paper copy
Research Project	Cats and Dolphins	Paper copy
Cycling Proficiency booklets	Year 6	Paper copy
School meal invoices	School meal children	Paper copy

Please contact the school office if you did not receive one of the above letters.

Date of next newsletter: 5 May 2017

Diary Dates – Summer Term 2017

Date	Event
Tuesday 18 April-Friday 21 April	Cycling proficiency Level 3 course for Year 6
Friday 28 April 3.30pm	Bees class cake sale
Tuesday 2 May 2.30pm-3.30pm	Maypole dancing on Top School playground
Friday 5 May 12.45pm-4.30pm	Tri golf tournament
Monday 8 May-Friday 12 May	SATs week
Friday 12 May	Bags 2 School collection from Top School
Friday 19 May 9.00am	Dolphins sharing assembly to parents
Monday 22 May 6.00pm	Norfolk trip information evening for parents
Friday 26 May 9.00am	Eagles sharing assembly to parents
Friday 26 May (eve)	PTA Disco
Monday 29 May-Friday 2 June	Half term break
Monday 5 June	INSET day – children not in school
Tuesday 6 June	Children return to school at normal time
Thursday 8 June	Photographer in school for individual and sibling photos
Monday 12 June-Friday 16 June	Norfolk residential trip for years 5 and 6
Wednesday 14 June	Cats class to Celtic Harmony
Thursday 15 June 10.00am-11.30am	Coffee morning in Eagles class, supporting ASD
Tuesday 20 June	KNex Challenge workshop in school
Wednesday 21 June (pm)	District Sports
Thursday 22 June (pm)	District Sports
Friday 23 June 9.00am	Cats sharing assembly to parents
Friday 23 June 3.00pm	Aylmerton sharing assembly to parents (Yrs 5 and 6 only)
Saturday 24 June 12.00pm-3.00pm	Summer Fair
Thursday 29 June 9.30am-11.30am	Sports morning
Friday 30 June 9.00am	Bees sharing assembly to parents
Monday 3 July 9.30am-11.30am	Reserve sports morning
Tuesday 4 July	Creation Day
Thursday 6 July	Bees class to Mountfitchet Castle
Friday 7 July 9.00am	Ants sharing assembly to parents
Tuesday 11 July 6.00pm	Dolphins and Eagles performance
Wednesday 12 July 6.00pm	Dolphins and Eagles performance
Thursday 13 July	Class swap day
Friday 14 July 9.30am-11.30am	Image Theatre in school – The Selfish Giant
Friday 14 July (eve)	PTA BBQ and camp out
Thursday 20 July 6.00pm	Leavers' Service in church
Friday 21 July	School ends at 2.00pm

- Further details regarding each event will be sent out nearer the time.
- Unless stated otherwise, all events are held at Top School.
- Events annotated in red involve Ants and Bees children being collected from Top School.



Please write these dates in your diary or stick them on your fridge. School life is very busy and we don't want anybody missing out on the fun!