

St Michael's C of E VA Primary School

Current core Christian value:
FRIENDSHIP



'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.

23 September 2016

Newsletter No 2

Universal Free School Meals

Whilst the introduction of the Universal Infant Free School Meal initiative has been a success since its introduction in September 2014, it has had a negative impact on the amount of additional funding schools have been able to claim from the Government for low-income families.

In an attempt to rectify this problem, Hertfordshire County Council ask that every new child joining the school up to and including Year 2 should be registered, irrespective of the family income or whether the child has a packed lunch from home.

A letter has gone home to every child in Reception and every new child joining us in Years 1 and 2, asking that all parents either register their child from home or provide the school with the parent's name, date of birth and NI number, so that the school can register the child directly.

We obviously do not want to miss out on the funding available to the school so we need to get every child registered as a matter of urgency, so that any children from low income families can be supported.

If you have received one of these registration letters, please return it to the school office by Wednesday 28 September as all registrations have to be completed by the end of September.

Thank you for helping us support our children.

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

Heidi in Bees class has achieved her Stage 4 Learn to Swim award.

This newsletter covers:

- Playground safety
- Medical appointments
- Parent Governor nominations
- Out of School achievements
- Foreign Language/Young Carers
- PTA AGM
- Universal Free School Meals
- Breakfast Club

Playground Safety

As part of our commitment to keeping children safe, may we politely request that all pre-school siblings are supervised at all times when they are on the school playground.

We have been advised that some young children are playing on the school equipment at Lower School. As tempting as this is for small children, this equipment is for the sole use of the St Michael's pupils for insurance purposes.

Scooters and bicycles should also remain off of the playground at all times, unless being wheeled to and from the bike racks.

Breakfast Club



Just a reminder that we are very full at the moment and can only accept ad hoc bookings for Fridays.

Please contact denise.perchard@sky.com for further information.

Foreign Language at Home and Young Carers

Thank you to all those parents who have responded to our request for information, to enable us to update our records.

To confirm, we need to hear from any family whose children speak a language other than English in the home.

We also need to know if any child from St Michael's has a young carer responsibility in the home.

We should be grateful to receive this information either by letter or email by Friday 30 September.

Medical appointments

We should be grateful if any non-urgent medical appointments could be made out of school hours, to reduce the amount of disruption to the classes when children are arriving and leaving during lessons.

We do understand that these appointments can be difficult to obtain. If this is the case, an early morning or later afternoon appointment would be preferable, to minimise this disruption as much as possible.

Parents are also requested to put any appointment dates in writing, prior to the event, either by letter or email.

Parent Governor Nominations

Any nominations for the parent governor vacancy must be in school by 9.30am next Wednesday 28 September.

The ballot papers will then be sent out for voting. Voting will then close on Friday 7 October at 9.30am and the successful candidate will be informed, once the count has taken place.

PTA AGM

The Annual PTA AGM will be held at Top School on Wednesday 28 September at 6.15pm. This meeting is open to all parents who wish to attend.

Members of the school Expansion Working Party will be in attendance, to share the plans of the proposed expansion of the school.

We look forward to welcoming you all there.

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

Title	Class	Via
Parent Governor election forms	Whole School	Paper copy
Choir	Years 4, 5 and 6	Parentmail
Norfolk trip 2016-17	Years 5 and 6	Paper copy

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

Date of next newsletter: 7 October 2016

Diary Dates – Autumn Term 2016

Date	Event
Monday 12 September 1.00pm	Meet the Teacher – Ants parents
Monday 12 September 3.00pm	Meet the Teacher – Bees parents
Wednesday 14 September 3.00pm	Meet the Teacher – Cats parents
Thursday 15 September 3.00pm	Meet the Teacher – Dolphins parents
Thursday 15 September 8.45am	Second hand uniform sale – Lower School playground
Thursday 15 September 3.30pm	Second hand uniform sale – Top School playground
Friday 16 September 3.00pm	Meet the Teacher – Eagles parents
Wednesday 21 September 2.30pm	Meet the Governors in the Parish Centre
Thursday 22 September (eve)	Welcome drinks for new parents with the PTA
Friday 23 September 9.00am	Ants assembly to parents
Wednesday 28 September 6.15pm	PTA AGM
Friday 30 September 9.00am	Bees assembly to parents
Tuesday 4 October 2.00pm	Abbey Harvest Celebration
Wednesday 5 October 9.00am	Harvest festival in church
Thursday 6 October	Photographer in School for class photos
Friday 7 October 9.00am	Eagles assembly to parents
Friday 21 October 9.00am	Dolphins assembly to parents
Monday 24 October-Friday 28 October	Half term break
Tuesday 1 November 4.00pm-7.00pm	Parent consultation evening
Wednesday 2 November 4.00pm-7.00pm	Parent consultation evening
Thursday 3 November	Around the World workshops for Ants, Bees and Cats
Friday 11 November	Nasal flu vaccinations for Years 1, 2 and 3
Friday 18 November	Cats assembly to parents
Monday 12 December (pm)	Nativity dress rehearsal
Tuesday 13 December 9.30am	Nativity
Wednesday 14 December 2.30pm	Nativity
Thursday 15 December	Theatre group in school
Tuesday 20 December	Children's Christmas dinner in school
Wednesday 21 December 9.00am	Christmas service in church
Wednesday 21 December 2.00pm	School Ends

- 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!