

St Michael's C of E VA Primary School

Current core Christian value:
RESPONSIBILITY



'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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Newsletter No 3

Snow closure

As we could still experience snow this winter, we do need to remind parents of the procedures in place, in the event of snow causing the school to be closed.

Should we need to close the school, we will:

- Notify parents via Everbridge (the school notification system). Parents are able to register with Everbridge, in order to receive direct notification from them regarding the closure of St Michael's, as well as any other schools relating to their children by following the link:

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489>

- Notify parents via BBC Three Counties Radio (103.8 FM / 95.5 FM or 630 MW / 1161 MW) so please tune in to hear regular bulletins.
- Use Parentmail to send a very short email message, informing you of the schools closure. Should anyone still need to sign up to Parentmail, please contact the school office.
- Put a message on the home page of the school website.

Should you have any queries regarding the Everbridge registration process, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

As our hot lunch service is delivered from another school, in the event of **severe snow** we will also be asking all children to come to school with a packed lunch as the hot lunch service may not be available. We have done this in the past and it worked a treat!

This newsletter covers:

- Snow closure
- Parent consultation evenings
- Out of school achievements
- Breakfast Club
- School Meal Changes
- Term Dates

Parent Consultation Evenings

Parent consultation evenings will be held on 21 and 22 February. These meetings normally take place in the school hall. However, we would like the dodgeball club to be able to take place so we have made alternative arrangements for the meeting on **Wednesday 22 February only**, as follows:

Ants and Bees – meetings will be held in Eagles class
Cats and Dolphins – meetings will be held in Cats class
Eagles – meetings will be held in Mrs Rafferty's office.

The children's books will still be available for you to look at.

Staff will be available on the evenings themselves, to help you find the right room for your meetings.

Please don't forget to bring your children with you (except Ants children) so that they can be present at the meetings.

Parentview

As mentioned in our earlier parentmail, laptops will be available on both consultation evenings for any parents who wish to use them to access Parentview. All you will need is your email address to register.

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

Megan and Tabitha B in Cats class have achieved their Level 1 awards in ballet. Tabitha has also achieved her 'Gymnast of the Week' award.

James and Oliver, both in Bees class were awarded joint Player of the Day by their football club.

School Meal Changes

We have been receiving numerous requests for children to change between school meals and packed lunches, earlier than the required half term notice period.

We have spoken to the school who provide our lunches and asked them if we can change back to the two week notice period and monitor how this works. (We previously had a two week notice period but this had to be extended as children were asking to change between school meals and home packed lunches far more frequently than could be managed).

The school have agreed to trial a two week period notice again, starting after half term. This will be monitored and reviewed if it becomes too difficult to manage again.

Therefore, if your child does want to change between the two options, two weeks' notice will be required before the change can happen.

Breakfast Club



We continue to be very busy but can sometimes offer ad hoc sessions on Mondays and always on Fridays.

We are still looking for a new staff member to join our team. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please ask them to contact denise.perchard@sky.com.

In the meantime, we hope you all enjoy the half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 20 February.

Term Dates

We have now published the term dates for the 2017-18 academic year on the school website.

These have been set as far as possible with other local schools, to try and avoid any difficulties for families with children at different schools. Whilst this proved to be a challenge, we are confident that our dates match the majority of other schools so any clash of dates should be at a minimum.

We politely request that any absences are planned within the school holidays.

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

Title	Class	Via
Home Learning – Spelling Practice	Years 1-6	Parentmail
Half term activities – Chris Colman	Whole School	Parentmail
Home Learning Information Evening	Whole School	Parentmail
Height and Weight permission	Year 6	Paper copy
Information Flyer – ASC support group	Whole School	Parentmail
School meal invoices	School meal children	Paper copy
Information Flyer – Handling Anger in the Home	Whole School	Parentmail

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

Date of next newsletter: 24 February 2017

Diary Dates – Spring Term 2017

Date	Event
Monday 13-Friday 17 February	Half term break
Week commencing 20 February	Parent consultation evenings – exact dates and times to be confirmed
Friday 24 February	'Just Joshing' Anti-bullying Workshop in school
Saturday 25 February 2.00pm-4.00pm	PTA jumble sale in the school hall at Top School
Friday 3 March 9.00am	Cats assembly to parents
Friday 3 March	Skip to be Fit workshop in school
Tuesday 7 March 11.45am-3.00pm	Tag rugby tournament
Wednesday 8 March	Book fair arrives in school and book fair open
Friday 10 March	Dolphins assembly to parents
Monday 13 March	Level 2 cycling proficiency week (year 5 children)
Tuesday 14 March	Last day for book fair
Friday 17 March (eve)	PTA Quiz Night at Branch Road Memorial Hall
Friday 24 March 9.00am	Eagles assembly to parents
Tuesday 28 March	Year 6 Crucial Crew visit
Tuesday 28 March 2.00pm	Dress rehearsal for Cats performance
Wednesday 29 March 2.00pm and 6.00pm	Cats class performance
Friday 31 March 2.00pm	End of term

- 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!