

St Michael's C of E VA Primary School

Current core Christian value:
LOVE



'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.

6 October 2017

Newsletter No 3

Harvest

As you will have noticed from our newsletters, our Harvest service will be in Church on Wednesday 11 October at 9.00am. You are warmly invited to attend

As in previous years, the produce collected for this service will be distributed amongst more senior members of our local community. Each class makes up a box of produce and, accompanied by a member of staff, small groups of children then go and deliver their boxes to the recipients in the village. These boxes are always well received and we often receive letters of thanks which are shared with the children.

To support this very worthwhile cause, could all children please bring in one or two items of produce which could be used in church for our harvest display before being put into the distribution boxes. Ideally, items should be non-perishable (tins, packets) and should be brought into school on Monday 9 October.

Thank you for your support.

Parent Tours for September 2018 Reception Class

We have now set the dates for our new parent tours and these are on the school website. All tours will begin at our Lower School site.

The dates are:

Thursday 16 November from 9.15am-10.15am
Monday 27 November from 10.45am-11.45am
Monday 4 December from 10.45am-11.45am

If you have a child who is due to join our Reception cohort next September, please call the school office to book a place on one of the tours. Please also complete the Supplementary Information Form and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

This newsletter covers:

- Harvest
- Parent Consultation Evenings
- Parent Tours for September 2018
- Christmas Card Project
- Out of School Achievements
- Church Bonfire and BBQ
- Breakfast Club
- Lost Property
- School Meals – new menus

Parent Consultation Evenings

The parent consultation evenings have now been confirmed as follows:

Tuesday 17 October: 4.00pm-7.00pm

Wednesday 18 October: 4.00pm-7.00pm

You are invited to sign up for a 10 minute consultation with your child's teacher. These sheets will be available on the Top School playground from 8.45am on Monday 9 October. If you are unable to attend the school to sign up for a slot, you can ring or email the school office who will secure a slot for you.

Parents of Reception children do not need to attend these consultations, having had meetings with Mrs Claridge this week.

As last year, we would encourage you to bring your child with you to be a part of the consultation. However, if you prefer not to do this, we will respect your wishes.

Christmas Card Project

We are running our Christmas card designing project again this year.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with this project, your child will be designing their own Christmas card here in school over the next few days. This design will then be sent to the organisers who will produce prototype cards. These will then be sent home for you to look at.

If you wish to order any of your child's cards, these orders will need to be given to the school by 17 November so that we can get them sent off in time for a delivery before the end of the term.

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

Alexandra in Cats class has achieved her 'Learn to Swim' level 4 certificate.

Olly in Bees class has just started playing football at a local venue and won 'Player of the Week' after his first session!

School Meals – New Menus

The new school meal menus will be sent home next week and come into effect after half term.

Please spend some time going through the menu with the children (particularly our younger children in Ants and Bees) as this will help them when they come to make their choices each day with their class teacher.

If your child wishes to change their current meal pattern after half term, ie to or from school dinners, please let the office know on Monday 9 October, to ensure that the required two week notice period is complied with.

Church Bonfire and BBQ

Further to the information flyer already sent via parentmail, tickets for the event will be on sale on both school playgrounds either side of half term by Isabella M's mum (Cats class) and Freddie B's and Toby G's mums (Bees class).

The Church are also asking for donations of untreated wood which can be used for the bonfire. Any wood would be welcome but particularly old pallets and planks and this can be piled neatly in the churchyard next to the fence into the Pleasance. Alternatively, donations can be brought to the Pleasance on Saturday 4 November when the fire will be built.

Breakfast Club

We are continuing to have a settled and happy time at breakfast club.



We can sometimes accept ad hoc bookings on most days except Tuesdays when we are full. Ad hoc bookings cost £6.50 per child per session. Please contact denise.perchard@sky.com if you need further information.

Lost Property

We are receiving quite a few telephone calls regarding lost property, particularly in Ants and Bees.

We would ask that all parents please check their child's school uniform this weekend, to make sure that they have not inadvertently put on another child's item of clothing.

Please ensure that all items of clothing are named, to help us match the clothes to the right child.

Thank you for your assistance with this.

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

Title	Class	Via
Review of Medicines	Individual children	Paper copy
Christmas Treesy information	Whole school	Parentmail
Autumn Celebration Party (formerly known as Pumpkin party)	Whole school	Parentmail
Church Bonfire Party	Whole school	Parentmail
Just Play UK sports and activity club	Whole school	Parentmail

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

Date of next newsletter: 20 October 2017

Diary Dates – Autumn Term 2017

Date	Event
Wednesday 11 October 9.00am	Harvest celebration in church
Thursday 12 October 7.30pm	PTA AGM in hall at Top School
Friday 13 October 9.00am	Bees parent sharing assembly
Tuesday 17 October 4.00pm-7.00pm	Parent consultation evening
Wednesday 18 October 4.00pm-7.00pm	Parent consultation evening
Monday 23 October-Friday 27 October	Half term break
Monday 30 October	Staff INSET day – No children in school
Friday 3 November 9.00am	Eagles parent sharing assembly
Friday 10 November 9.00am	Ants parent sharing assembly
Friday 24 November 9.00am	Dolphins parent sharing assembly
Wednesday 29 November	Flu vaccination programme (Reception-Year 4)
Tuesday 12 December 9.30am	Ants and Bees production
Thursday 14 December 2.30pm	Ants and Bees production
Monday 18 December	Children's Christmas lunch
Monday 18 December	Children's Theatre company in school – Treasure Island
Tuesday 19 December 9.00am	Christmas church service
Tuesday 19 December 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.**