

St Michael's C of E VA Primary School

Current core Christian value:
PERSEVERANCE



'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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Safeguarding at Lower School

As part of our regular review of safeguarding at school, we are looking into ways to avoid the Teachers and Teaching Assistants at Lower School having to open the door to unscheduled visitors.

The adults at Lower School will not answer the door to parents, once the school day has started unless they have been contacted by the Top School office. Therefore, if you expect to arrive at Lower School after the doors are closed, please telephone the school office, so that Lower School staff can be notified and will therefore be expecting you. May I politely remind you to bolt the Lower School gate as you enter and leave the playground, if you are using the gate outside normal school hours.

We understand that there will be times when children forget items such as water bottles, reading books etc. However, if you need to bring such items to the children, please bring them to Top School where Mrs Rigby or Mrs Frost will be able to receive them and deliver them onto the children.

The adults at Lower School will only respond to the door when they have been informed by the Top School office staff that a visitor, who has signed in at Top School, will be coming to Lower School.

If your child has to be picked up before the end of the day for any reason, please ensure the staff at Lower School have been informed at the start of the day, so that they know when to expect you. Alternatively you can email the office staff on admin@stmichaels.herts.sch.uk who will then inform the Lower School staff.

I am sure that you will support us in putting these extra precautions in place, even if this means some inconvenience. In this way we will not only ensure the safety of both pupils and staff but also minimise any loss of learning time due to staff having to answer the door so frequently.

This newsletter covers:

- Safeguarding at Lower School
- Book fair
- Tag Rugby – Tuesday 14 March
- Top School Front Door
- Breakfast Club
- Out of School Achievements
- Use of Mobile Phones whilst Driving

Top School Front Door

The entry system on the main door at Top School has now been repaired.

This means that, to gain access to the school, visitors will need to press the buzzer to the right of the main door. A member of the school office will then open the door, once the identity of the visitor has been established via the intercom.

Thank you all for your patience whilst we dealt with this matter.

Breakfast Club



The breakfast club is full every day except Friday, which is the only day we can accept ad hoc bookings (£6.50 per child) at the moment.

We are urgently looking for a new staff member to join our team. If you know of anyone who might be interested and is available to work between 7.30am and 9.00am on school days, please ask them to contact denise.perchard@sky.com

Law change for using your mobile phone whilst driving

We have been contacted by the Senior Officer of Hertfordshire County Council's Road Safety Partnership. They have asked all schools to publish the following advice to all parents:

'It is illegal to use a hand-held phone or similar device while driving, or riding a motorcycle - this is still the case stopped at traffic lights or queuing in traffic.

Did you know? It is also illegal to use a hand-held mobile when supervising a learner driver or rider.

New penalties now mean that motorists and motorcyclists caught using a phone while driving and riding will receive six penalty points on their licence and a £200 fine. This means that new drivers, within two years of passing their test, run the risk of losing their licence for a single offence.

Keep safe – put your phone away in the glove compartment.'

Book Fair

The book fair is currently in school and will be open until next Tuesday 14 March.

If you and your children would like to visit the fair, please come to Top School from 3.30pm-4.00pm either today, Monday or Tuesday. The children can choose from a wonderful range of titles and spend their book token at the same time.

Tag Rugby – Tuesday 14 March

Due to another commitment after school next Tuesday, Mrs Claridge is unable to run the tag rugby club.

Could all parents please make a note of this and collect children at the normal time of 3.30pm.

The club will recommence the following week, Tuesday 21 March.

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

Tippi in Cats class received her 'gymnast of the week' certificate for persevering with her 'W' jumps!

Finn in Dolphins class came runner up in a Grade 4, Boys Under 10 Green tournament in tennis.

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

Title	Class	Via
PTA Quiz Night	Whole School	Paper copy
Safeguarding at Lower School	Ants and Bees	Parentmail
Mini Tennis – Summer Term	Ants, Bees and Cats	Paper copy
Summer Term Lunch Menu	School Meal children	Paper copy

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

Date of next newsletter: 24 March 2017

Diary Dates – Spring Term 2017

Date	Event
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!