

St Michael's C of E VA Primary School

Current core Christian value:
HUMILITY



'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.

3 November 2017

Newsletter No 5

Lower School Opening Ceremony

Thank you to everybody who attended the opening ceremony for our new dining room at Lower School this week.

I think you will agree that it was a wonderful way to mark the event. The children sang beautifully and were very excited to hear the school bell ring for the first time in almost 10 years.

Particular thanks go to Stephanie Trowell who took some amazing photographs for us.



This newsletter covers:

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- Attendance
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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 first half of the autumn term we achieved an attendance of 97.5%.

We are pleased to announce that Bees class achieved the highest attendance for last half term. Well done everybody!

Ants – 96.6%
Bees – 98.5%
Cats – 96.5%
Dolphins – 97.6%
Eagles – 97.6%

I should like to thank everybody for working hard to achieve this figure and look forward to an even higher number next half term.

Building Works – Update

Further to the last update, we are still unable to give any indications of time scales due to the archaeological investigations that need to take place, before any work can begin.

We are currently trying to ensure we obtain the best price for the archaeological work.

We hope to be able to display the plans for the Top School development in the Reception area at Top School next week.

Christmas Cards

Your child will have brought home their Christmas Card design this week.

If you would like to order any cards for friends and family, please make sure that your order is received back at school no later than **Friday 17 November**.

This will give us enough time to get the orders placed with the printers and the cards returned back into school before Christmas.

Poppies

We will be selling poppies next week.

If your child would like to purchase a poppy, please send your donation in with your child and they can purchase their poppy in school.

Parents of children in Ants and Bees classes, please send your donations in a named envelope and hand these to the member of staff on the door at Lower School. We will then ensure that a poppy is put in your child's book bag to bring home.

All donations will be sent to The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Thank you for your support.

Operation Christmas Child/Samaritan's Purse

We are taking part in Operation Christmas Child again this year and your child will have recently brought home a leaflet, explaining the scheme. We should like to thank Mrs McCullen for offering to co-ordinate it all for us.

The children are invited to prepare boxes of toys, clothes and gifts which are then flown thousands of miles away to children who never get to experience the luxury of such gifts.

Last year we sent over 40 boxes and this year we hope to donate even more.

If you would like to take part, please return your filled box with completed form and money donation to the school office no later than Tuesday 14 November.

Dressing up Days - Reminder

The School Council would like to support two national charities during the next half term.

Children in Need – Friday 17 November: children can come to school in non-uniform, adding something spotty (hair band, socks etc) in exchange for a donation towards the charity.

Save the Children – Friday 15 December: children can come to school wearing a Christmas jumper instead of their school sweatshirt or cardigan in exchange for a donation towards the charity.

Please send your donation in a named envelope on the relevant days (as above) and hand these to the member of staff on the door of each school.

Thank you for your support.

St Michael's Church Choir

Children who like singing and who want to explore joining St Michael's Church choir are invited to attend a special practice this evening, Friday 3 November from 6.15pm-7.15pm.

If you are interested, you can just turn up at the church or contact the Director of Music, Colin Hamling on 07860 362173 for further information.

Breakfast Club



The children have settled in well after their half term break and we all look forward to the next half term, taking us up to Christmas.

We remain full on Tuesdays but can sometimes accept ad hoc bookings on the other days. Ad hoc bookings cost £6.50 per child per session. Please contact denise.perchard@sky.com if you need further information.

Head Lice

We are continuing to be made aware of cases of head lice. Please take time this weekend to check your children's hair and treat as soon as possible, should this be necessary.

Viewing of Lower School Dining Room - Reminder

There are still two remaining opportunities for parents to view the new Lower School dining room.

A member of staff will be available at Lower School from 1.30pm-2.00pm on Monday 6 November and Friday 10 November. If you would like to attend either of these viewings, please contact the school office.

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

Title	Class	Via
Christmas Card Designs	Whole School	Paper copy
Dinner bills for new half term	School meal children	Paper copy
Deadline for Flu Vaccines	Reception-Year 4	Parentmail

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

Date of next newsletter: 17 November 2017

Diary Dates – Autumn Term 2017

Date	Event
Friday 17 November	Children in Need: wear something spotty
Friday 24 November 9.00am	Dolphins parent sharing assembly
Wednesday 29 November	Flu vaccination programme (Reception-Year 4)
Saturday 9 December 12.00pm-3.00pm	PTA Christmas Fair at Top School
Tuesday 12 December 9.30am	Ants and Bees production
Thursday 14 December 2.30pm	Ants and Bees production
Friday 15 December	Save the Children: wear Christmas jumpers over school uniform
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 – PLEASE NOTE 2.00PM END TIME

- 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.**