

# St Michael's C of E VA Primary School

Current core Christian value:  
PEACE



'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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## Coats

Please could all children bring a coat into school, suitable for the winter months, clearly labelled with their name.

## Flu Vaccinations

The children in Years 1, 2 and 3 will be vaccinated against the flu virus on Friday 11 November (unless parents have specifically asked for their children not to take part).

You may wish to show the video in this link to your children before next week. This video link has been sent to us specifically for parents to watch with the children:

<http://www.nhs.uk/video/pages/flu-heroes-nasal-flu-spray-for-kids.aspx>

## Christmas Card Project

The children will have brought home their Christmas card designs this week.

If you wish to order any of these cards, please return the order form (on the reverse of the card) to the school office no later than Monday 21 November.

All orders will then be sent to the printers so that the finished cards can be returned to school, in time for Christmas.

## This newsletter covers:

- Coats
- Attendance
- Flu Vaccinations
- Christmas Card Project
- Out of School Achievements
- Children in Need Reminder
- Samaritan's Purse
- Breakfast Club

## 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 97.4%.

We are pleased to announce that Bees and Cats classes achieved the highest attendance for last half term and every child has received a sticker for their reward card. Well done everybody!

Ants – 97.3%  
Bees – 97.7%  
Cats – 97.7%  
Dolphins – 97.2%  
Eagles – 97.4%

I should like to thank everybody for working hard to achieve this figure and look forward to an even higher number at the end of this term.

### Samaritan's Purse

We are delighted to be supporting the Samaritan's Purse/Operation Christmas Child appeal again this year and the children have brought home a leaflet, together with explanatory notes.

It would be lovely if the children could spend some time gathering together some items for their shoebox. These boxes can then be filled and wrapped ready for collection from both Top and Lower School on **Thursday 17 November**.

I think you will agree this is a very worthwhile project and we should like to thank Mrs McCullen for co-ordinating this on our behalf.

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

Finn in Dolphins class was runner up in two Under 9 tennis tournaments over the half term break.

### Children in Need - Reminder

Our School Council has decided that they would like to support this year's national Children in Need charity on Friday 18 November.

Therefore, we will be holding a non-uniform day on that day when every child can come into school dressed in something spotty, if they so wish, in return for a donation of your choice to the charity.

Please send any donations into school and hand this to the staff member on either door in the morning or give it to your child to hand in to their teacher.

### Breakfast Club



The breakfast club needs new staff! If you know of anyone who is free early in the morning (such as a gap year student or retired person) who might like to work at the breakfast club, please ask them to contact [denise.perchard@sky.com](mailto:denise.perchard@sky.com).

We are still full on most mornings, but can now offer ad hoc places on Mondays and Fridays. Contact Denise as above.

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

Title	Class	Via
Invoices for school dinners	School meal children	Paper copy
Samaritan's Purse	Whole school	Paper copy
Food Tasting	Cats class	Parentmail

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

Date of next newsletter: 18 November 2016

## Diary Dates – Autumn Term 2016

Date	Event
Wednesday 9 November 6.30pm-7.30pm	Parent meeting regarding possible expansion of the school
Thursday 10 November 9.00am-10.00am	Prospective parent tour for Reception 2017
Friday 11 November	Nasal flu vaccinations for Years 1, 2 and 3
Thursday 17 November 9.00am-10.00am	Prospective parent tour for Reception 2017
Friday 18 November 9.00am	Cats assembly to parents
Friday 18 November	Children in Need – Dress up in spots day
Monday 21 November 11.00am-11.45am	Prospective parent tour for Reception 2017
Saturday 3 December 12.00pm-3.00pm	Christmas Fair
Monday 12 December 2.00pm	Nativity dress rehearsal
Tuesday 13 December 9.30am	Nativity (Ants and Bees children)
Wednesday 14 December 2.30pm	<b>Nativity (Ants and Bees children)</b>
Thursday 15 December	Theatre group in school
Tuesday 20 December	Children's Christmas dinner in school
Wednesday 21 December 9.00am-10.00am	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!***