

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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Christmas card reminder

Just a quick reminder that Monday 21 November is the final day we can receive orders for your children's Christmas cards.

If you wish to order either cards or mugs displaying your child's individual design, please bring your order form and money into the school office by the end of the day on Monday, so that your order can be included.

St Albans Plus – Vista

Vista St Albans (also referred to as St Albans Plus) is a team of School Family Workers in Hatfield and St Albans who support children and help remove barriers to learning. They provide access to emotional wellbeing, early intervention and extended services for any child or family.

We have agreed to publicise their course information flyers via Parentmail. These will be sent out generally without any intention to target individual children or families.

Should you wish to attend any of the courses advertised, you will need to contact the provider direct as the school is not directly involved in the co-ordination or delivery.

September 2017 Reception

If you have a sibling of a current St Michael's pupil who is due to join our Reception cohort next September, please do complete our Supplementary Information Form under the admissions tab on the school website and return it as soon as possible to the school office.

Applications for Reception places next September must be made before 15 January 2017.

This newsletter covers:

- Christmas card reminder
- St Albans Plus – Vista
- Childcare survey
- Head lice
- Out of school achievements
- Breakfast club
- PTA members
- September 2017 Reception
- Children in Need

Childcare survey

Hertfordshire County Council has a statutory duty to ensure there are sufficient childcare places for children of all ages.

They are seeking parental feedback on the childcare options available for children and have asked us to forward a survey to all our parents, to obtain this feedback.

To complete the survey, please follow the link below:

<https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/Sufficiencyparentsurvey/>

Head Lice

We are aware of cases of head lice in school again.

Could we politely request all parents thoroughly check their children's hair this weekend and treat any cases immediately.

If you discover head lice in your child's hair, the child can still attend school, as long as their hair has been treated.

Breakfast Club



We are still very busy, but can usually take ad hoc bookings on Mondays and Fridays.

We are still looking for a new member of staff to join us in January (or before). If you know of anyone who might be interested, please ask them to contact denise.perchard@sky.com.

PTA members

Our wonderful PTA committee have handed over the reins to new members and we are delighted to welcome these new members on board!

Please visit the school website to find out who the new committee members are and also who your new PTA class representatives are.

Details of forthcoming events will be posted onto the site shortly and will also be added to the diary dates in the next newsletter.

The whole school community wishes to thank the previous PTA for their tireless work, in particular Jo and Juliet. Without your hard work and dedication, the children would not enjoy the extra activities and resources that you have helped us to provide.

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

Tabby B in Cats class has been awarded 'Gymnast of the Week' by her local club. Tippi, also in Cats class, got her 'Gymnast of the Week' award for mastering the kick-over movement, after lots of perseverance!

Flynnt in Dolphins class and Bramley in Bees class both received certificates in recognition of completing the David Shepherd 'Mammal' project at their art club.

Laura in Cats class has achieved 'Emerald' level at her gymnastics club.

Poppy in Dolphins class has achieved her Stage 4 'Learn to Swim' award.

Zenith in Dolphins class achieved her yellow belt in judo at a recent grading.

Agnes in Bees class and Clara in Ants class have both been awarded certificates from St Michael's Church for attending 75 Children's Church sessions.

Finn in Dolphins class came first in a recent Under 9s tennis tournament.

Children in Need

It has been lovely to see all the children (and staff) coming to school today dressed in spots!

We are delighted to announce that £150 has been raised towards the Children in Need charity.

Thank you to everybody for helping us support this very worthy charity.

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

Title	Class	Via
Admissions Policy 2018-19	Whole School	Parentmail
Christmas Fair information	Whole School	Paper copy
Phonics Information Evening	Reception, Years 1 and 2	Paper copy

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

Date of next newsletter: 2 December 2016

Diary Dates – Autumn Term 2016

Date	Event
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	Nativity (Ants and Bees children)
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!