

# 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.

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## Governor Day

The school governors enjoyed a morning in school recently and Mrs Wiley, our Chair of Governors, wrote the children the following message:

'I would like to thank you all for making us so welcome, allowing us to join your inspiring literacy lessons, watch you confidently lead collective worship and talk so eloquently about your maths work.

I hope you all appreciate how fantastic your teachers are, what amazingly fun lessons you have with such creative teaching. As governors we all commented after the lessons that we wished we had been so fortunate as to have your teachers when we were at school.

You obviously all enjoy maths, rising to the challenges which your teachers set for you, using all the different methods available to achieve success. We really enjoyed talking to so many of you, it was very encouraging to hear how you try so hard to always improve and move to the next stage in your learning journeys.

Thank you for your part in making Thursday morning so enjoyable for all the governors, you should all be very proud of your achievements and mature attitude to your work.

Well done all of you.

Pauline Wiley (on behalf of the governors)

## This newsletter covers:

- Governor Day
- Mufti Day and Christmas Jumper Day
- Out of School Achievements
- Building Works – Update
- Breakfast Club
- Samaritan's Purse
- Everbridge Snow Closure Notification System
- Win a Football Signed by David Beckham

## Win a Football Signed by David Beckham

We are running a sealed auction offering the chance to win a football, signed by David Beckham.

Entry forms will be available in the school office from Monday 4 December. These can be posted in a sealed box at the Reception desk at Top School or at the Expansion Working Party display at the Christmas Fair on Saturday.

The box will be opened at the end of the Christmas Fair and the winner notified. The winner and/or their bid will only be announced if they wish it.

The winning bid will contribute towards the expansion project.



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

Theo S in Eagles class won a trophy for coming first in a go-karting tournament.

Meera in Cats class has achieved her Improver 2 Award in swimming.

Jake in Dolphins class has also been successful in the swimming pool, achieving his Improver 9 Award which means he has now graduated from this level of his swim school.

Tippi in Dolphins class has been awarded Gymnast of the Week for improving her back handsprings.

Keiran in Bees class was awarded a 'Goal of the Week' trophy by his local football club for scoring lots of goals.

Woody in Ants class has reached his Level 5 ski-ing award which means he can now ski on the main slope by himself. He can also use the button lift.

Eva in Cats class was awarded 'Gymnast of the Week' by her local club.

Isabella W in Cats class has achieved her 20m distance award in the swimming pool.

### **Building Works – Update**

Members of the Expansion Working Party will be at the Christmas Fair, to show the plans for the new building and also collect any bids for the secret auction to win the football signed by David Beckham (see above).

Please see separate letter from Reverend Padley and Mrs Rafferty regarding the funding of the expansion project.

### **Mufti Day and Christmas Jumper Day**

We have a couple of events coming up where the children will be allowed to come to school dressed in clothes from home. The details are:

#### Friday 8 December – Mufti Day

To support the PTA Christmas Fair, the children can come to school dressed in non-school uniform in return for a sealed bottle of something to drink that can go on the Bottle Tombola. Please leave your bottle donations outside either school where a member of the PTA will collect them.

#### Friday 15 December – Save the Children Day

To support the Save the Children charity, the children of St Michael's are invited to come to school dressed in their school uniform but wearing a Christmas jumper over the top, in exchange for a small monetary donation to the charity. Please hand your child's donation to the member of staff on the door at either school.

Thank you for supporting both events.

### **Breakfast Club**

We continue to be very busy at breakfast club and are full most days. However we can usually offer ad hoc places on Mondays and Fridays.



We regret that we will have to increase our fees from January 2018:

First child - £6 per session  
Siblings - £5.50 per session  
Ad hoc bookings - £7 per session

### **Samaritan's Purse**

Thank you to everybody who donated to the recent Samaritan's Purse charity appeal. Mrs McCullen very kindly collected all your wonderful gift boxes and has reported that 33 were collected in total!



### **Everbridge School Closure Notification System**

Following Mrs Rafferty's letter sent via Parentmail earlier today, just a reminder that you can register with the school closure notification system by following the link below. Please do contact the school office, should you encounter any problems with this process.

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489>

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

<b>Title</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Via</b>
Born in a Barn nativity ticket letter	Ants and Bees	Paper copy
Tennis – Spring Term	R, Years 1 and 2	Paper copy
HCC School Nursing Leaflet	Reception	Parentmail
PTA Christmas Fair information	Whole School	Paper copy
Milk order letters	R, Years 1 and 2	Paper copy
Everbridge School Closure Notification System	Whole School	Parentmail
St Michael with St Mary Advent and Christmas Highlights 2017	Whole School	Parentmail (with this newsletter)
Funding of the Expansion Project	Whole School	Parentmail (with this newsletter)

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

Date of next newsletter: 15 December 2017

## Diary Dates – Autumn Term 2017

Date	Event
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
Thursday 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.