

St Michael's C of E VA Primary School

Current core Christian value:
WISDOM



'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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Mystery at Magpie Manor

Thank you to everybody involved in the Mystery at Magpie Manor performances.

Staff, children and parents of Dolphins and Eagles classes all played a huge role in putting this production together and we are immensely proud of the result.

The children threw themselves into their respective parts like true professionals and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

We have to extend a special 'thank you' to Mrs Broad who gave up so much of her time to help choreograph and direct the production.



Breakfast Club

Well, that year went by in a flash! It's been a very busy one at breakfast club and we are all looking forward to the summer break.

We are already full for September, but please let us know if you would like to go on our waiting list - contact denise.perchard@sky.com.

The breakfast club team would like to wish everyone a happy holiday and good luck to all those who are moving on to new schools, jobs or retirement!



This newsletter covers:

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- Breakfast club
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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 second half of the summer term we achieved an attendance of 97.7%.

We are pleased to announce that Dolphins and Eagles classes achieved the highest attendance for last half term. Well done everybody!

Ants – 97.8%
Bees – 97.0%
Cats – 98.0%
Dolphins – 98.6%
Eagles – 98.6%

As we conclude this academic year, I am delighted to announce that our attendance overall for the whole year is 96.8%

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

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

Meera in Cats class has achieved her Improver 1 Award in the swimming pool.

Mathilde in Bees class was named gymnast of the term by her gymnastics club.

Megan in Cats class was awarded her Stage 6 Learn to Swim award.

Several children in Cats class entered a poetry writing competition and had their work published in a book. Well done to all those who took part, you can be very proud of your work.

Phoebe from Ants and Charlotte, Sophia L and Tippi from Cats all took part in a dance show over the weekend at the Radlett Centre, performing to over 300 people. Phoebe's performance was a ballet called April Showers and Charlotte, Sophia and Tippi performed their tap dance, Singing in the Rain.

Eagles Class – Team Marathon

During the last half term, the children in Eagles class have undertaken 6 training sessions, to improve their fitness and stamina when running long distances.

They tracked how quickly they recovered, to see if they had been getting fitter. Using their maths skills, they worked out distances they needed to run and conducted a statistical analysis of their recovery patterns.

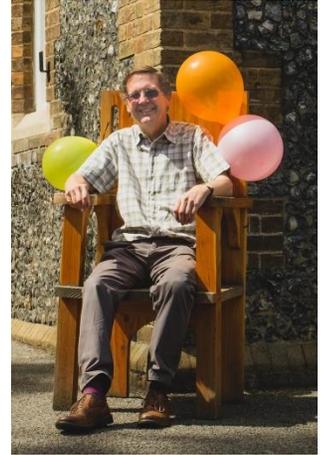
All this work culminated in their Team Marathon event on 20 July. Each child ran 1.5km alongside Mrs Crooks, to complete the total length of the marathon.

The children showed amazing team spirit, supporting each other to complete their leg by cheering and running alongside team-mates.



Mr King's Retirement

The children enjoyed a wonderful tea party on Monday, as part of our school community's 'fond farewell' to Mr King after 16 years at St Michael's.



We should like to thank all parents and PTA members who contributed both to Mr King's gifts and his tea party with the children.

We were able to purchase a sun dial for his garden, theatre ticket vouchers and a monetary contribution to purchase gifts of his choice.

Mr King has asked us to pass on the following to you all:

'I had a lovely time on Monday afternoon at the whole school tea party on the playground. I was thoroughly spoilt and want to say a big thank you to so many people.

Firstly, to the kind mums who set up all the chairs and tables and dressed them so festively, to the PTA for providing all the refreshments, to the children for making me a beautiful card from each class and to all the parents, staff and governors who contributed so generously to my exciting presents.

The sun dial is now installed in my garden. I am already thinking what I can buy with my fantastic cheque and the shows I can see with the theatre vouchers. I am savouring the contents of the wonderful Fortnum and Mason hamper from the PTA; it is the first and probably the last time I shall enjoy the products of that most exclusive grocery!

Finally, it was really good to share the afternoon with one of my sons – the other two are working abroad – and thank you for welcoming David.

Thank you everybody, so much.

Bruce King'

Club Letters

The letters for all extra-curricular clubs are on the school website, ready for registration for September. If your child wishes to take part in any of these clubs, please download the forms and send them into the school office, before the start of the new term.

The autumn term clubs timetable is also on the website showing the start and finish dates of all clubs. **Please make a note of these dates.** Should there be any changes to any dates, we will let you know.

End of Term Awards

Citizenship Award – This award is being presented to Miller Topping. He has taken new children under his wing, showing care and understanding. He always follows the class rules and demonstrates the expectations of St Michaels Values. Miller is a valuable member of Ants Class and I believe will continue to shine during his time at school.

Performing Arts – After a successful and thoroughly entertaining production of Mystery of Magpie Manor we have had a breadth of talent to allocate our performing arts award to. We have chosen this person not only because of their captivating performance but also because of their dedication to learning lines and their responsible attitude during rehearsals. This award goes to Louisa Radelat.

Swimming Award – This award is being presented to Leo Bennett for really improving his swimming technique over the last term. His perseverance has really paid off and he is becoming a very confident swimmer. Well done Leo!

Raxworthy Award - This award is being presented to Ella Winsley for the resilience and determination she has shown this year. Ella is never put off when things get tricky. She listens carefully and she is always prepared to take on new challenges.

Growth Mindset Award - Abbie Evans, Cats. Abbie has an extremely positive attitude to her learning. She always tries her very best in all aspects of her work, and is never afraid to take a risk. If she finds something difficult, she knows that she is in her challenge zone and although she can't do it yet, with perseverance, she will reach her goal. Well done Abbie, your growth mindset attitude will prove to be invaluable in your learning for many years to come!

Sports Award – Sportsmanship is defined as someone who shows polite and fair behaviour while participating in a game. This award goes to Perdy. This year Perdy has attended many of the sports clubs. During sporting events Perdy never seeks out attention from those around her, rather contributing her best effort for the team. Throughout the year she has demonstrated our sporting values of respect, passion, determination and teamwork. Thank you for your commitment to St Michael's sport Perdy.

House Points:

Kingsbury	325	1 st
Michael	315	2nd
Alban	305	3rd
Verulam	300	4th

Finally, the staff and children of St Michael's would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody for the tireless support shown to us all this year.

Like all schools, St Michael's is a very busy environment and your help, whether it be as a volunteer in the school, a helper walking the children to and from venues or a parent supporting with homework all helps make the children's school experience a positive one.

We also thank you for all the gifts and kind messages and wish you a very happy, relaxing and safe summer break. We look forward to seeing everybody back on Monday 4 September.

Date of next newsletter: 8 September 2017