

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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Newsletter No 7

School Uniform Expectations – Reminder

We are becoming increasingly aware that certain elements of our school uniform rules are slipping, especially amongst the girls.

Referring to our Parent Handbook:

'For health and safety reasons children are not allowed to wear jewellery, other than a watch to school. (Children with pierced ears may wear stud earrings although the child must be able to remove these or cover them with plasters him/herself before PE lessons.)

Children should not wear nail varnish and body transfers to school. Please keep them for weekends.'

We should be most grateful if parents could support the children in following these rules.

Class Photographs

Orders placed with the school photographers for class photographs have now been distributed via the children's book bags.

If anybody is missing a photograph that they ordered, please contact the school office as we are holding some without names.

This newsletter covers:

- School uniform expectations – reminder
- Dogs outside school
- Class photographs
- Phonics presentation evening notes
- Breakfast club
- Out of school achievements
- Samaritan's Purse
- Christmas Fair
- Everbridge school closure notification system

Dogs outside School

It has been brought to our attention that, since our double pedestrian gate at Top School is now kept locked, congestion is being created outside the single pedestrian gate by dogs being tied up on the railings directly outside this entrance.

We should be most grateful if dogs being brought to school could be tied up on the locked double pedestrian gates, to ease this congestion.

Phonics Presentation Evening Notes

Following Mrs Claridge's phonics presentation to parents on Thursday evening, the power point slides will be posted on the school website, on the Ants, Bees and Cats class pages.

These slides should be available on the site by early next week.

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.

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 43 were collected in total!



Everbridge School Closure Notification System

Following Mrs Rafferty's letter sent via Parentmail yesterday, just a reminder that you can register with the new 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>

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

Yoni in Dolphins class won two medals in a recent taekwondo competition; a gold medal for 'patterns' and a bronze for 'sparring'.

James in Bees class has achieved his 10m swimming award.

Zenith in Dolphins class has been awarded a bronze medal and certificate for her overall contribution to her sports, tackling the hardest challenges and for having a great work ethic.

Meera in Cats class has achieved her Beginner Award with her swimming club and Jake in Dolphins class has achieved his Sea Lion Swimming Award.

Grace in Cats class has achieved her Advanced Student Honour Roll with the Kumon Maths programme.

Alexandra in Cats class has achieved her Stage 4 learn to swim award.

Christmas Fair

Finally, a quick reminder that our new PTA are running their first Christmas Fair tomorrow so please do come along and show your support.

A huge amount of work has gone into preparing this event and it would be wonderful to see you all there enjoying all the activities that have been planned.

Thank you to everybody who has given their time and effort to prepare for tomorrow and to the staff who have agreed to come along and support their class stalls.

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

Title	Class	Via
Mini Tennis Club	Ants, Bees and Cats	Paper copy
Superstar Nativity tickets letter	Ants and Bees	Paper copy
Everbridge registration	Whole school	Parentmail
Class photos	Children who ordered from Kittle	Paper copy

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

Date of next newsletter: 16 December 2016

Diary Dates – Autumn Term 2016

Date	Event
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!