

St. Michael's C of E Infant School Newsletter

Newsletter 1 Autumn 2023



11th September 2023

St. MICHAEL'S
CE (CONTROLLED) INFANT SCHOOL

Welcome back to school

I would like to welcome you all to a new term at St. Michael's. The children have settled in extremely well and I am so proud of their ability to adapt to the change of being in a new class.

Our Year 1 and 2 children are getting used to their new classes and the atmosphere around school is extremely calm and purposeful. Thank you to all parents who attended our 'meet the teacher' sessions. We will send out the slides for you to refer to.

This week our YR children start full time and it has been so lovely to start to get to know them. Starting school is such a huge step for the children (and for many parents), but with all of the exciting play activities that have been set up to interest and engage the children and the steps that have been made to help them to feel safe and happy, I know that they will soon settle in.

Please see the second page of the newsletter for our Nativity dates and reminders.

Have a lovely week,

Dot Patton



Our school vision summary statement.

Our school vision statement can be seen on our website and includes our values of love, friendship, truthfulness, forgiveness, perseverance and creativity.

We asked the staff and children to come up with a single sentence to summarise our vision.

This sentence was voted the most popular:

'Learning together with love at the centre'

PE Kits

From January 2024 we would like the children to come to school in their PE kits on their PE days, which will be two days a week. This is because we lose approximately an hour per week of teaching time for our children to get changed for PE. We cannot leave the children changing on their own and many children need help (even in Y2). For this term, the Autumn Term, please send your child to school in their normal uniform as normal.

Collective Worship

Last week in Collective Worship, the children learnt about being together as a community and how we can see each class as a 'team'.

This week we will be introducing the story of Moses from the Old Testament and finding out about how he was hidden in a basket as a baby.

Michaelmas Celebrations at St. Michael's Church

On Sunday 1st October, Vicar Alwyn is inviting children to come to a special service dressed as St. Michael the Archangel. The service is part of the Michaelmas Celebrations which mark the end of the Harvest and the beginning of Autumn and will start at 10:00am.



Diary Dates Autumn 2023

Tuesday 26th September - YR Phonics presentation - online

Tuesday 3rd October - Y1 Phonics presentation - online

Thursday 5th - 2:00 Harvest service – ask Alwyn

Monday 9th & Thursday 12th - Parents' evenings 3:30 – 6:30

Tuesday 17th - Y2 Phonics presentation - online

Friday 20th - Last day of the half term

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October - Half Term

Nativity Dates

Wednesday 6 th 9:30am	Y1 Nativity – Rabbits parents
Thursday 7 th 9:30am	Y1 Nativity – Hedgehogs parents
Friday 8 th 9:30am	Y1 Nativity – Moles parents
Monday 11 th 9:30am	YR Nativity - Owls and Flamingos parents
Monday 11 th 2:00pm	Y2 Nativity – Badgers parents
Tuesday 12 th 9:30am	YR Nativity - Ducks and Toucans parents
Tuesday 12 th 2:00pm	Y2 Nativity – Foxes parents
Thursday 14 th 9:30am	YR Nativity - Parrots and Penguins parents
Thursday 14 th 2:00pm	Y2 Nativity – Squirrels parents

Please note: We are unable to accommodate younger brothers and sisters at the Nativity performances. Two adults per family will be able to attend on the day of the performance for your child's class. Thank you for your understanding with this.

Reminders

Absence – If your child is going to be absent, please leave a message on the school answerphone, 01252 324300, before 9:00am or email the school office. Episodes of sickness or diarrhoea will require your child to be absent for 48 hours after the last episode. Chicken pox requires your child to stay home until all the spots have scabbed over and for a minimum of 5 days. Children should not be in school with a temperature.

Medical appointments – please remember to send through evidence of your child's appointment. If your child will be absent for registration but needs a school lunch, please let the office know so we can choose an option for them.

Medicines in school – We can only accept medicines with a prescription label on which clearly displays the child's name and date of birth. Medicines whether long term or short term must come through the school office only please; do not put medicines in your child's book bag. Parents will need to complete a permission form too. Whilst we are able to administer some pain relief, we are unable to give ibuprofen, unless it is prescribed by a GP.

Playing on the playground equipment before or after school – please do not let your child use our playground equipment either before or after school. Children must be supervised by school staff when using the equipment, otherwise we are not insured. Thank you for your understanding

Water bottles – please send your child in with a named water bottle every day.

Change of contact details or address – if any of your contact details have changed over the summer, please remember to update the office. If you have moved house, please send through a copy of a proof of your new address for our records.

PE days – Year 1 and Year 2 - Please send your child in with a PE kit as soon as possible. Please make sure earrings are removed or covered before school please. We are not permitted to apply tape and your child will not be able to take part if their earrings that have not been removed or covered.

Thank you.