

# St. Michael's C of E Infant School Newsletter

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5<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**St. MICHAEL'S**  
CE (CONTROLLED) INFANT SCHOOL

## Mantle of the Expert in Year 1

Year 1 are currently learning about the continents in Geography and this is being taught through an approach called Mantle of the Expert. The children are part of a fictional team of 'Animal Park Rangers' (the experts on looking after animals). The 'Animal Park Rangers' have recently been commissioned to look after a polar bear and a penguin who are both injured and in need of help. First of all, the Animal Park Rangers must find out about the continents that the polar bear and penguin come from and make sure that they are providing the animals with a suitable environment at the Animal Park so that they can both recover. In order to be able to look after the animals, the Year 1 children researched where polar bears and penguins come from and what their habitat is like.

Mantle of the Expert helps put learning in a meaningful context for the children and helps them to work together as a team.

I hope you have a lovely week and a good half term break.

*Dot Patton*

### Learning in YR

In YR the teaching staff have developed a curriculum where the children learn through practical experiences. Last week, the children spent time on the school grounds bird watching. This tied in with the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch and the art topic where the children designed and made bird puppets from paper bags.



### Parents' Evenings this week

As you all you know, our Parents' Evening will take place over three days this week.

**Access to the school grounds will be through the bottom alley gate only please.**

Please come to the main doors and then make your way to your child's class. Your child's work books will be on display for you to have a look at.

The Year R teachers will be holding their appointments in the school hall.

### Diary Dates February/March 2024

**Monday 5th February** - Parents' evenings 3:30 – 6:30 (not Foxes)

**Tuesday 6th** – Foxes Class Parents' Evening

**Thursday 8th** – Whole school Parents' Evening

**Friday 1st March** – FOSM Quiz night

**Thursday 7th** – World Book Day

**Tuesday 12th** - Maths presentation for all parents

**Wednesday 13th** - Year R visit from Millers' Ark

**Friday 15th** - Comic Relief

**Thursday 26th** – FOSM Easter Raffle

**Thursday 28th** – FOSM Easter Bake Off

**Thursday 28th** 2:00 Easter church service

**Thursday 28th** – Last day of the term

### Safeguarding- Safer Internet Day 6<sup>th</sup> February

There are some very useful resources for parents/carers to help you to support your child to stay safe online. As a staff, we are often alarmed at some of the games and media that our children talk about accessing online.

The following resources will be useful to support parents/carers in helping their children to stay safe:

[Parents and carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

[Resources - Safer Internet Day](#)

We have attached a fact sheet with this newsletter which provides further support.

### MSport Active Clubs – Multi Sports and Football

Mr Sanders will be running his very popular afterschool clubs again next half term.

**Mutli Sports** is open to Year R, Year 1 and Year 2 and is on every Thursday, starting on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February and finishing on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

**Football** is open to only Year 1 and Year 2 and is on every Friday, starting on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February and finishing on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

Booking will open on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February evening at 7:00pm. To book your child into a club, please visit Mr Sanders' website [msportactive.co.uk](http://msportactive.co.uk)

### Collective Worship

Last week and this week, the children were learning about staying safe online because it is National Safer Internet Day on 6<sup>th</sup> February.

Our pupil led Health and Safety team will also be leading an Assembly on this theme.

### Equipment at the end of the day

Please could we remind parents/carers to not let their children use the equipment on the playgrounds or outside the classrooms at the end of the school day or before school starts. We will remind the children about this in school. Thank you for your support.