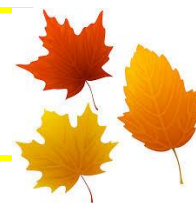




St. Michael's C of E Infant School Newsletter



Newsletter 3 Autumn 2022



10th October 2022

St. MICHAEL'S
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Harvest Festival at St. Michael's Church

On Thursday last week, in the beautiful autumn sunshine, the children in Year 1 and Year 2 walked down to St Michael's Church. We celebrated the harvest with songs, the children reading and leading the service, poetry and art work. The children's singing was enthusiastic and beautiful! A huge thank you to the staff for supporting the children to learn their songs and readings, to Vicar Alwyn for welcoming us to the Church and leading the service and to all of the parents and carers who attended. Thank you to all of the parents/carers for your harvest gifts.

Have a lovely week,

Dot Patton



Collective Worship

In Collective Worship, we have continued to hear about the story of Joseph from the Old Testament in the Bible. The children have been finding out how Joseph interpreted dreams and managed to help the Pharaoh. The message of our Collective Worship has been that God is with us in good times and in bad.

Attendance

On the last week before half term you will be given a letter about your child's attendance. We will be sending a letter home every half term. We have a new attendance policy:

https://files.schudio.com/st-michaels-infant-school/files/policies/P02_Attendance_Policy_2022-23_updated_Sept_2022.pdf

This policy outlines how we are using a new traffic light system to help support children and parents with attendance and there will be a support plan/contract that will be put together with parents of children whose attendance is below 90%. Children whose attendance is below 95.9% and higher than 90.1% will also be monitored by the school attendance officer.

Pupil Leadership Teams

Our Year 2 pupils have been busy applying to be on one of our leadership teams. They had to write a letter to me explaining why they wanted to be on one of the teams.

On Friday the pupils who applied were awarded badges to show which team they are on. Our pupil leadership meetings will start this week. The teams are:

The Collective Worship Team, The Friendship Team, The Health and Safety Team, The Eco-Warriors and The Librarians.

Diary Dates Autumn 2022

Thursday 13th October 7:00pm: Y2 Phonics and Reading presentation via Zoom

Parents Evenings:

Monday 17th October 3:30-6:00pm **(P&P and Moles)**

Tuesday 18th October 3:30-6:00pm

Thursday 20th October: 3:30-6:00pm

Half Term: Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October

Monday 31st October – return to school

Tuesday 1st November 7:00pm: YR phonics and reading presentation

Wednesday 9th November – Flu Immunisations

Friday 18th November: INSET DAY - school closed

Nativity Dates:

9:30am Thursday 8th December – Rabbits

2:00pm Thursday 8th December – Hedgehogs

9:30am Friday 9th December – Moles

9:30am Monday 12th December – Owls and Flamingoes

2:00pm Monday 12th December - Badgers

9:30am Tuesday 13th December – Ducks and Toucans

2:00pm Tuesday 13th December – Foxes

9:30am Wednesday 14th December– Parrots & Penguins

2:00pm Wednesday 14th December - Squirrels

Year 2 Reading Information for Parents/Carers

This will be held via Zoom on Thursday 13th October at 7:00pm. A Zoom invite will be sent out to all Year 2 parents on Wednesday 12th October.

The Friends of St. Michael's (FOSM) Upcoming Events

The Friends of St Michael's (FOSM) are excited to announce the first fundraisers of this school year!

Friday 21st October - CRAZY HAIR DAY!

Get creative, have fun, go crazy! Teased, coloured, gelled, twisted, punk, or messy. Google crazy hair for inspiration! Please bring £1 for the crazy hair collection in your classroom. Please can children wear their school uniforms.

Monday 7th November - YEAR R BAKE SALE

We are inviting all budding bakers in Year R to bake a cake/cupcakes to bring into school on Monday 7th November. We will hold a cake sale in the bottom playground after school where the whole school and parents/carers are welcome to come and purchase the delicious cakes!

Please do not put nuts in the cakes.

Friday 2nd December - CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Festive fun straight after school. More details to follow.

Christmas Card Designs

There will also be an opportunity for children to design a Christmas card this term. This will be done in class and parents and carers will be able to order packs of cards online, as well as some gift options with the design printed on. More details to follow shortly.

If you would like to help out with any of the events or if you have any questions please email fosminfants@gmail.com

We are looking forward to raising money for our school with you.

There is also a FOSM Facebook group called 'Friends of St Michael's Infant (PTA)'. The group is updated regularly with all our fundraising news so please do join if you can.

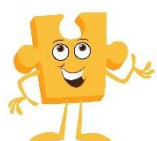
Monthly Mental Health and Well-Being Bulletin



October

Welcome to our first monthly mental health and wellbeing post!

As a school we place great importance on the happiness and well-being of our children and families. We know that children who are happy and healthy can learn more effectively and make positive contributions to their school and wider community. In school, each year group has a weekly 'formal' Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) lesson where we use a mindful approach structured using the 'Jigsaw' Scheme. Through these lessons children are encouraged to practise being still and calm by engaging in guided mindfulness activities, to practise being a good citizen by talking about and demonstrating our Christian values and to consider 'big questions' that deepen their social and emotional skills alongside their growing PSHE knowledge.



In addition to these weekly lessons, we also work hard to develop the children's emotional literacy. As adults, we all know how hard it can be to work through difficult emotions, especially in times of stress or anxiety. The last two years has demonstrated how big an impact our emotional state can have on our well-being. In order to help children develop the skills they need to deal with their emotions, it is vital that they learn how to recognise them, how to name them and what to do when they are having a strong emotional response. As Dr Dan Siegel says, *'if you can name it, you can tame it!'*

As many of our Year One and Two parents already know, in school we use 'The Colour Monster' as a way of beginning to develop emotional literacy skills. This book has been central to our practice throughout the pandemic, and it is now firmly embedded as part of our whole-school emotional literacy teaching. 'The Colour Monster', as the name suggests, uses colour as a metaphor for six of the basic emotional states. Yellow represents happiness, blue is sadness, green is calm, red is anger, black represents fear and pink shows the feeling of being loved.



Through the very simple text and illustrations, children learn how each emotion is expressed facially and hear through the words what this emotion might 'feel like'. In each classroom, the Colour Monsters are displayed and referred to frequently both during teaching times (for example when sharing a story and talking about a character's feelings and actions) and are particularly helpful when we are talking children through a challenging time, for example when something hasn't gone their way, or when they have experienced conflict with another child.

Lots of parents found the Colour Monsters very useful at home as a way of talking to their child about their day, or about those tricky 'big' emotions that pop up from time to time! Using the images on this post, cuddle up and chat with your child. Can they tell you what each monster represents? Can they tell you something that happened today that made them feel light and bright and yellow? What do they think they can do when they are feeling red and full of anger? -Mrs Boon

Physical Activity Newsletter 2

The children have had an active start to their new school year taking part in PE sessions, the daily run and for some attending after school football and multi-sports with MSport Active.

Outdoor Learning

Over the summer holiday work started on our new outdoor learning area (behind the top playground). This area has been built to allow the children to learn actively in the outdoor environment in a range of subjects. The year 2 children have already used the area to build bug hotels as part of their science learning on microhabitats.

The outdoor learning area is a work in progress and over the coming months there will be new additions to allow the children to use the area for a range of activities and subjects.

PE Display

I would like to create a display in the hall around the theme of dance. If your child takes part in any form of dance out of school and would like to be included on the display please send a photo of them (either with awards or dancing) and a little information about the dance that they do to pe@st-michaels-inf.hants.sch.uk.

Maybe your child does not attend dance lessons but just likes to dance at home- please also send in photos to include in our celebration of dance.

Celebrating Sporting Achievements

If your children receives a certificate, medal, trophy or badge for a physical activity out of school then they can share this with the school each month in our school newsletter. Please email the school pe@st-michaels-inf.hants.sch.uk with your child's name, class and their achievement for example stage 5 swimming badge.

To ensure these are included in the newsletter each month please send them before the last Friday of the month. Should you miss this deadline, don't worry they will be added to the following month.

I look forward to seeing the photos and finding out about the fun activities that are happening out of school.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me via the PE email address pe@st-michaels-inf.hants.sch.uk

M. Young