

St. Michael's C of E Infant School Newsletter

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13th March 2023

St. MICHAEL'S
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Learning Update

On Friday 3rd March we had our World Book Day and the children across the school enjoyed hearing different stories during the day. In Year 2 the children were visited by the Year 5 children from the Junior school. The Year 5 children partnered up with the Year 2 children and read different books to them. It was lovely to observe the children together as they started to get to know one another. We would like to thank the Junior school children and staff for coming- our children loved this special time!

Year R enjoyed a visit from Miller's Ark Farm on Tuesday 7th March. The different animals they saw were – sheep, lambs, pigs, goats, some new born kids and donkeys. The children loved finding out about the animals and thankfully this all happened before the snow came!

I hope you have a lovely week,

Best Wishes,

Dot Patton



Inclusion and Belonging Survey

We have decided to do the Inclusion and Belonging Survey with parents, via Zoom. This means that more parents will be able to be involved. The meeting will now be at 7pm on Thursday 16th March. We will send out a Zoom invite nearer to the time. In this meeting there will be a chance to feedback from a parental point of view on the strengths and areas for development for the school on inclusion and diversity.

Red Nose Day – Friday 17th March.

In support of the charity Comic Relief, we would like the children to wear an item of red clothing to school please. This can be a pair of socks, a t-shirt or just a jumper. Again, if children do not have anything red, please just let them wear what they have at home. Donations are not required for this day, however, if you would like to donate it would be much appreciated.

Safeguarding Update-Online Safety

Steps you can take to protect your child online:

- 1) **Set parental controls on devices** Use parental controls to restrict access to in-app purchases and explicit or age-rated content.
- 2) **Agree rules on screen time-** agree the rules and then stick to them. Try to avoid screen time before bedtime.
- 3) **Talk to your child about staying safe online-** remind them to tell a trusted grown up if they are worried about anything that they have seen online.
- 4) **Encourage off- screen activities-** see [Activities for kids - Healthier Families - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Diary Dates Spring 2023

Thursday 16th March – Inclusion and Belonging Survey at 7:00pm via Zoom

Friday 17th March – mufti day for Red Nose Day

Tuesday 21st March – Fire Service visiting Year 2

Tuesday 21st March – Foxes Parents' Evening
Parents' Evening Dates – Whole school on Tuesday 28th March and Thursday 30th March (except Foxes)

Wednesday 29th March – 2:00pm Easter Service at St. Michael's Church

Friday 31st March - Easter Bake Off Competition and afterschool cake sale

Monday 3rd – Friday 14th April – Easter Holiday

Monday 17th - Start of the Summer Term.

Collective Worship

Last week in Collective Worship, the children were learning about how Jesus calmed a storm. They thought about how we can help to calm storms in people's lives by showing kindness to them.

This week our school Health and Safety Team (led by a group of children) will be presenting an Assembly on staying safe online. They will be explaining the importance of staying away from devices at bedtime!

Online Safety Training for Parents/Carers

As a school, we are very concerned about the dangers that our children can face when online. We would like to offer support to parents and carers so that you know how to help your child to stay safe online.

For this reason, we have booked **training for parents/carers on the evening of Tuesday 18th April**. This training will be delivered via Zoom or Teams and we will confirm the timings very soon.



Medical information

Whilst children can come to school with coughs and colds and usually last the day, there are a few illnesses that may mean your child will have to be absent from school.

If your child vomits or has diarrhoea, please do not send them to school for 48 hours from the last episode.

If your child has a temperature or fever, they should not come to school. We are not able to give paracetamol to manage a temperature.

If your child has impetigo (skin infection), you will need to see a GP. Your child will not be able to attend school for 48 hours after the first treatment of either a cream or antibiotics.

If your child has nits, you will need to treat them either with a medicated shampoo or hair conditioner. Your child will not need to be excluded but please make sure you complete the treatment.

Hand, foot and mouth is a common childhood illness that has varying symptoms. It can start as cold like symptoms and then may show as spots/ blisters on the hands, feet and around the mouth and sometimes ulcers on the tongue. Children can come to school but only if they are well enough in themselves.

Scarlet fever is a contagious infection that mostly affects young children. It's easily treated with antibiotics. The first signs of scarlet fever can be flu-like symptoms, including a high temperature, a sore throat and swollen neck glands. A rash appears 12 to 48 hours later. It looks like small, raised bumps and starts on the chest and tummy, then spreads. Children can return to school 24 hours after the first dose of antibiotics.

We are able to administer antibiotics in school as long as the prescription label is present and clearly shows the child's name. For toothache or ear pain for example, we do have a school supply of Calpol that can be given during the school day for one off doses. We always need written permission from parents before we can give medicines in school.

We cannot give Ibuprofen unless it has been prescribed by a doctor.

A Special Mothering Sunday Service at St. Michael's Church

This Sunday at 10.00 am, St. Michael's Church are holding a special service to celebrate Mothers' Day to say "thank you" to some very special people.

The service will be centred on an enjoyable family theme, with lively songs, flowers, chocolates and crafts. Everyone is welcome.

We look forward to seeing you all there.