

St. Michael's C of E Infant School Newsletter

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Sports Morning, Visiting Birds of Prey and Ducklings!

Summer term continues to be busy and exciting in school! Last week was our sports morning and the children participated in different events in teams and then individually in the sprints. We were extremely impressed with the behaviour of all of the children who waited patiently for their turn and encouraged each other in the races. Our fantastic adults supported any children who were feeling less confident and this meant that everyone felt a sense of achievement. Thank you to Mrs Young and Mr Sanders for organising the morning. Thank you also to FOSM for providing refreshments to the parents/carers who were able to come and watch. We would also like to thank the Junior School for letting us use their field.

Last week we also had a visit from Berkshire Birds of Prey, who were leading a presentation to Year 1 children. The children were able to hold some of the birds and were extremely excited to learn information about them.

On Monday we received our duck eggs and all of them successfully hatched. We now have some extremely cute ducklings in school and this week we will be watching them have their first swimming lesson!

Have a lovely week

Dot Patton



Change to the School Day

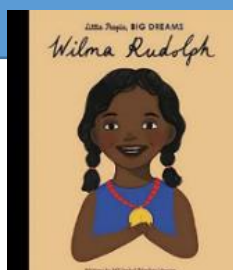
The DfE have stated that all schools will have to deliver a school week of at least 32.5 hours by September 2023. This means that we will need to change our school day slightly. We will open our doors at 8:40am with register at 8:45am. The end of the day will be at 3:15pm. We will ensure that the children are out promptly, at 3:15pm, so that parents have time to get to the Junior School.

Summer Fayre

A huge thank you to FOSM for the fantastic Summer Fayre that was held after school on Friday. An amazing total of £1104.50 was raised and will be used to develop the class outdoor areas. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped to make the fayre such a success. It was a lovely community event. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Attendance

We have seen a large increase in requests to take children out of school. These requests are only authorised in exceptional circumstances and could result in a penalty notice being issued at a cost of £60 per parent/carer per child. Even missing a day of school has a huge impact on a child's learning and it is then difficult for them to catch up. They will unfortunately be behind in their learning and this could also impact on them the year after.



Diary Dates Summer 2023 and September

Friday 30th – INSET DAY

Tuesday 4th July – Class photos

Wednesday 12th July – Transition morning and Year 2 Leavers' Disco

Thursday 13th July – YR & Y1 transition

Friday 21st July – Last day of Summer Term

Friday 1st and 4th September - INSET DAYS

Tuesday 5th – Year 1 and Year 2 start school

Monday 11th – Wednesday 13th – New Year R children start part-time

Wednesday 14th - New Year R children start fulltime.

Classes for the next academic year

The children will find out their new classes at the end of the first week in July. Please be aware that the class teachers spend hours planning the class lists. Each year, the children are asked to provide a list of friends that they would like to be with and the teachers try to make sure at least one child from that list is with them. The classes have to be balanced with the number of boys and girls and with the different ability groups. It is not possible for us to change the class lists for this reason.

On the morning of 12th July some of our Y2 children will be visiting the Junior School. Our Y1 and YR children will have a session in their new classes. The Y2 children who are not going to the Junior School will spend time with Mr Sanders. On the afternoon of July 13th our YR and Y1 children will have another transition session and the Y2 children will spend time in Year R.

Collective Worship

Last week in Collective Worship, the children learned about the athlete Wilma Rudolph. Wilma won 3 gold medals in the Olympic games in 1960. As a child she was told by her Doctor that she would never walk, but her mother told her that she would and Wilma listened to her mother. This true story links to one of our school values - perseverance.

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Sports Awards

Congratulations to Connie and her dance partner who performed in a dance competition and came 7th.



Congratulations to Grace who has completed the Park Run Half Marathon, achieved her Stage 2 Swimming Award, her 10-meter badge and her Trampoline Gymnastics Stage 4 award.



If your child would like to be included in the next PE newsletter please email a photo to PE@st-michaels-inf.hants.sch.uk with your child's name, class and a brief explanation of the award that they have achieved.

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.

When taking photos please follow any rules for the venue/ club that you are at. Please only try to include children that are part of our school community in the photos unless you have permission to take their photo.

Ms. Young.