

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents, Carers,

This has been a very busy and eventful term for all year groups; the children should feel very proud of all they have achieved academically and personally, despite the many challenges and changes they have persevered to overcome.

As the Headteacher, I speak for all the team at St Michael's, when I say how proud we are of our children for so many reasons. Reading the reports further highlighted their many successes and personal achievements. During my time on a residential with year 6 to Mill on the Brue, I witnessed first -hand, our eldest children working together and putting our 6Rs into practise. Every teacher and member of staff at St Michael's is able to cite anecdotes that headline our children's commendable resilience, respect and attitude to learning.

To acknowledge the children's successes and achievements this year, we are really excited to be celebrating with a 'Day at the Seaside' on Tuesday July 20th. With the support and creativity of our dedicated PTA, this promises to be a wonderful in school event. We will be doing all the fun activities on site. These include, candy floss, disco, photo booth, sand, café, sprinkler, 'Pirate Creek' and a visiting ice cream van.

Children should come to school in their PE kits, wearing sun cream, a hat and carrying a water bottle, and possibly a packed lunch. Wilson Jones are serving fish and chips - what else would we eat at the seaside?

Our resident photographer, Carys Davies will be taking plenty of photos to share. Details of the link to the drop box will follow after Tuesday.

Aladdin

The year 6 performance of Aladdin was wonderful and enjoyed by us all in school. The production included all the traditional characters and high jinks usually associated with pantomime. The dancing and singing had us all enthralled. We booed and hissed, clapped and laughed and truly believed ourselves to be in a West End theatre. All the children in year 6 commanded the individually, seizing their moment to shine. A huge thank you to Miss Tracy and Mrs Dance for their direction and support with bringing the show together. Another precious memory for year 6. Thank you to Mr Curtiss for filming the event. Details of a link for the video will be made available to year 6 parents.

End of Term Service

All being well, we are hoping to hold our end of year service, for pupils and staff only, at St Michael of All Angel's Church, on Wednesday morning. Our thanks again to Mr Curtiss who has offered to film the service for us, to share with our families. A link to the drop box will follow.

School Lunches

From September 1st, the price of a school lunch will be £2.50.

Sad Goodbyes and happy hellos!

At the end of this term, we are saying goodbye to Mrs Rainer, Miss Davies and Mrs Sherwin.

Mrs Rainer, very kindly stepped in to cover Mrs Klinker's maternity leave. Although she will be continuing to work in education elsewhere, she has promised not to be a stranger to us in school.

Miss Davies, is relocating to Brighton. She will be very missed, not only as our resident photographer but also for her very gentle and caring approach, whilst working with children and staff across the school.

Mrs Sherwin, will be familiar to many as a parent, volunteer and a much loved lunchtime controller. We wish her every success in the future.

Mrs Klinker has returned recently and will be teaching year 3 in September, with Mrs Banerji. Her son Oliver, will be celebrating his first birthday in August. The year has certainly flown by and we are all very happy to have Mrs Klinker back in school.

IMPORTANT DATES/INFORMATION

- School finishes at 2pm on Wednesday
 July 21st
- Children return to school on Thursday
 September 2nd
- School opens at 8.40am on September
 2nd to all pupils
- From September 2nd 2021, unless advised otherwise by the DfE, children will all access school, and enter the playground, via gates on the High St and School Rd.
- From September 2nd, all parents are welcome to enter the playground to drop off and collect children.
- For safeguarding reasons, parental access to school must continue to be via the school reception and office.

Finally, I am aware that many of our families have plans for visiting relatives or getting away over the summer break. Some parents have expressed their concerns about the school relaxing our existing 'bubbles', this side of the summer holiday. Please be assured, the current system will essentially stay in place until the beginning of the autumn term, unless we are advised otherwise by the DfE.

Warmest wishes
Lorna Anderton
Headteacher





The following children were awarded a



certificate for being "RESPECTFUL"

Year 6 Jax & Robert

Year 5 Molly & Phoebe

Year 4 Ollie & Monty

Year 3 Gemma & Lilah

Year 2 Finn & Scarlett

Year 1 Whole Class

Reception Jad

Housepoint Awards

Winning House Blue





Rip-rosting fun!





Dazzling!

The action had the audience enthralled from start to finish!



Year 6—we all thought you were AMAZING!



Musical magic!

GARDENING CLUB PLANT SALE

This term, Year 4 and 5 gardening club have been busy with plant sales to raise money for more outdoor learning equipment, and other enrichment opportunities.

We were very kindly donated plants from Miss Fuller's parents, Mrs Ashdown, Miss Angel, Mrs Watkinson's parents, and some of our school parents. Mrs Lowe (Luke Y3) also found an amazing company who donate the flowers that companies use after events. She picked up lots of plants for our first sale, and we are very grateful. The company, Lavender green flowers, (https://lavendergreen.co.uk/) supply floral arrangements and plants for various events from large to small. Giving the plants to charity afterwards is a great way to reduce waste, and help spread joy to others too.



After our first sale, we discussed what we would do with the money we had raised, and decided to send Miss Fuller to buy more plants for us to sell on, and to

plant! These include for plants the memorial planter. We chose red flowers as they made us think of poppies. The school council planted fuchsia, verbena, ivy, busy lizzies, and lots of million-dollar bells. chose symmetrical pattern for the planting.



We sold a variety of plants from tomatoes snapdragons. made We around £400 in sales! Y5 have already enjoyed exploring using a tarpaulin to build a shelter. Together with some of Y4, they also picked out items for reception and Year 1 to enjoy. Some of the equipment we have already bought, or ordered includes outdoor chalkboards, tarpaulins, and other exciting supplies. We are hoping that with the equipment we have



that more classes can have the opportunity to spend more time doing outdoor learning.

If you think you might have any outdoor learning resources you could donate to school, please let Miss Fuller know. We are interested in outdoor storage, gardening supplies, waterproof picnic blankets, cobblestones, etc.

This has been a great opportunity to practise counting money — something that we have not had much practise with due to Covid. We enjoyed interacting with others and recommending plants to them. Some of our local community also bought our plants. One lady told us her sons went to St Michael's a long time ago. They are in their 50's now — so over 40 years ago! One of them was a prefect.

We're proud of the amount we made and would like to say thank you to everyone who bought the plants. We hope they give you lots of happiness.

By Bella and Anya, Year 5 (and Miss Fuller)



Important Dates	
JULY	
Friday 16th July	Deadline for Contact/Medical forms to be returned for Academic year 2021/2022
Wednesday 21st July	Term Ends—2pm
SEPTEMBER	
Wednesday 1st September	INSET DAY
Thursday 2nd September	Children return to school
OCTOBER	
Half Term Holiday—Monday 25th to Friday 29th October	
NOVEMBER	
Monday 1st November	INSET DAY
Tuesday 2nd November	Children return to school
DECEMBER	
Friday 17th December	Term ends
Christmas Holiday—Monday 20th December to Monday 3rd January	
Tuesday 4th January	INSET DAY
Wednesday 5th January	Children return to school

SUMMER CAMPS





FOOTBALL . NETBALL . HOCKEY . TENNIS GYMNASTICS . LASER-TAG . SCOOTERS

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