## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Carers

The weather has certainly created some challenges for us in school recently. Just when we thought spring was around the corner, the mini 'Beast from the East' made a very unwelcome appearance and scuppered our plans for PE outside on the Astro turf. Hopefully, we will be moving back into classrooms at the end of the week and the hall will be available, once more for assemblies, lunch and PE.

Throughout all the changes and disruption, our children have demonstrated resilience, ingenuity and flexibility. It is times like this that we appreciate the value of our school ethos.

#### Breakfast Club

Following a review with the governors, due to the low numbers at Breakfast Club it has been deemed necessary to discontinue this provision after the Easter holiday. While we appreciate that some parents will be inconvenienced, it is not financially viable to continue. If your child currently attends Breakfast Club, please speak to Mrs Leatherby, who will be able to sign post you to possible alternative provision.

Thank you for your understanding.

#### Sports Relief

This Friday we are planning the following for Sport Relief:

- · Sponsored run/walk/skip/hop/jiggle around the school playground. Forms to follow.
- · Bucket collection on the gate.

I recognise this is short notice-but the children, governors and staff would like us to acknowledge and fundraise for this very worthy cause.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards

Mrs Anderton, Head Teacher

#### Last Week's Awards

The following children received certificates for being 'Resilient'

Year 6: Finlay & Theo Year 5: Daisy & Josh P

Year 4: Cassidy & Anna-Sofia

Year 3: Sophia F & Sophia K

Year 2: Whole Class Year 1: Louis & Alex Reception: Evie & Owen

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### Flood damage

On behalf of the governing body I would like to say thank you to all the parents, children and staff for their positive spirit and collaborative approach to dealing with the recent flood damage.

It is, of course, challenging for a small primary school to run smoothly without the use of two classrooms. It has also meant that the children in years 1 and 2 have needed to use alternative bathrooms, impacting on the wider school. The temporary loss of the school hall, used for whole school activities, has required staff to be creative in their planning. This has also shown strong problem-solving skills allowing staff to deliver an almost un-changed learning experience and school environment to all St Michael's children for which they must be congratulated.

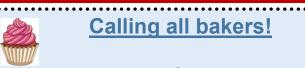
I am sure those families whose children have been learning in either the library or school hall will echo the thoughts of the local authority who have applauded the resilience of the St Michaels team. They have been so impressed by the prompt action the school took to enable it to remain open to all our children, whilst going on to deliver an un-changed curriculum.

Mrs Anderton has worked very closely with both the Insurers and the Contractors to encourage a speedy resolution to the works. We are so close now and hope to be back in, if possible, before the Easter break.

Thank you for your continued support of the team through this tricky and un-expected period.

**Becky Smith** Chair of Governors

### **Notices / Reminders**



### Calling all bakers!



We are having a School wide cake sale in aid of Christian Aid week.

Date: Tuesday 27th March



We need help setting up / clearing away the cake stall and baking cakes!

Please let Mrs. Leatherby know if you are able to help.

We are hoping to raise as much money as possible for this worthy cause.

All cake donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!







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## **Notices / Reminders continued**



#### Fund raising Curry Evening

Ticket requests to be submitted by Tuesday 27th March

Tickets are limited!

### St Michael's Church



# Family Service Sunday 25th March 9.15am

A short, fun, vibrant service with singing, stories and drama

#### **RBWM Library Service**

THE READING AGENCY



### SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

More information to follow

RBWM Library Service offer all children born between 01/09/2012 and 31/08/2013 an automatic primary card for use in any RBWM Library.

To encourage all Reception aged children to read and use the Library services, we would like to issue your child with a personalised Library Card which they can use at any RBWM Library during its normal opening hours and during the long school holidays.

For the cards to be issued, your child's surname, forename, date of birth, gender and home address is required. If you are happy for this information to be passed on to Library Services, then there is nothing further that you need to do. The Library Card together with information for parents/carers will be given to your child during the Summer Term.

If, however, you do **NOT** want your child to have a Library Card, you will need to let the school know by **29th March 2018**.

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#### **Royal Holloway Graduation**

On Friday, Years 2, 3 and 4 attended their graduation ceremony at Royal Holloway University. As the children stepped inside the Chapel wearing their handmade mortar boards, they were left speechless by the beauty of the room, especially the intricately painted ceiling.



The children enjoyed rehearsing their performance of a Midsummer Night's Dream with the students and alumni of the University. Once the children had finished rehearsing, the parents began to arrive to watch the ceremony. The children performed beautifully, as always.



It was clear that all the children were enjoying themselves. During the performance, some of the children shared their dreams for the future. These varied from wanting to be a professional footballer, aspiring to be a vet and wanting to own pet penguins!



The children received a huge and much deserved round of applause after their wonderful performance. We were then treated to some words from Anna Sendall and the Vice Principal of the University, just like an authentic university graduation. Mrs.Anderton, dressed in academic robes, called the children up to get their



A wonderful afternoon was had by all, with smiles all round. The children have truly loved the Shakespeare project and have been inspired by the students and alumni from Royal Holloway.

Miss.Barnes

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Important dates to remember  March	
Tuesday 27th	Year 6 information meeting (SATS & Trip to France) —9.00am
Wednesday 28th	Easter Service St. Michael's Church—9.30
Thursday 29th	End of Term—school finishes at 2pm
Dates TBC	Class Assemblies —  Reception  Year 1  Year 2
Easter Holiday 30th March— 13th April	