



## **St. Michael's C.E. Primary School**

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19<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Dear Parents, Carers,

A huge, sincere thank you for your overwhelming support on Thursday. We had a 100% sign up for fish and chips and the best ever return for eligible pupils taking free school meals on census day. You have set a record! We will keep you informed of future FSM census days. Once again, thank you for supporting our school.

### **Breakfast and After School Club**

After the summer break, we are planning to offer wrap around care, by providing breakfast and after school clubs to pupils at St Michael's. We recognise that some of our families need this service and it would be easier for our children to start and end their busy days within the familiar surroundings of school.

#### **Fees-Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club would run from 7.30 until 8.50; the cost without breakfast would be £6. A breakfast of cereal, toast and fruit juice will cost £1.25.

#### **Afterschool Club**

Afterschool Club would run from 15.15 until 17.30. The school, supported by Magpies, will provide a well-planned and organised play environment with opportunities to take part in existing and additional clubs organised by Magpies, at an additional charge. Magpies will confirm the cost for attending their range of clubs shortly. The price will be £4.50-£5.00.

#### **Fees-Afterschool Club**

School Pick up -16.00 (no additional clubs) £5.25

School Pick up -17.00 (no additional clubs) £9.75

School Pick up- 17.30 (no additional clubs) £12

There will be a 10% discount on basic costs, for siblings attending both clubs.

Places will need to be booked and paid for half a term in advance. Half a terms payment and notice will be required should you wish to cancel your child's place.

#### **Ad Hoc Places**



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We would welcome ad hoc bookings. Please note, these will be subject to availability and 48 hours' notice is required when booking.

If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs Leatherby or Mrs Anderton.

Parents, carers are welcome to use childcare vouchers.

Further details for both clubs will follow shortly.

### **Year 3 Windsor Boat Trip**

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May, Kingfisher Class went on a boat trip. Firstly, we walked to the boat from the coach. On the way we saw Windsor Castle and the Queen was in! We met the captain of our boat. Our boat was called the Windsor Majesty. Then the captain told us the rules for staying safe. We also met his skipper called Tim. We set off slowly up river towards Maidenhead. Miss Barnes gave us all an activity pack linked to our learning of The River Thames.

We have learned about lots of places along the Thames which we were looking out for. The first place we spotted was Eton College. It was hard to spot. We could just see the steeples poking out through the trees. Next, we saw Windsor Leisure Centre on our left. We were also lucky enough to see Windsor Racecourse. It looked different to Ascot racecourse. It was really big! It felt like we were sailing beside it for a very long time.

After a while, we came to Boveney Lock. We had to wait for a long time for our turn because a larger boat had become grounded. Sailing was hungry work so we had a snack while we waited. Finally, we started to move through the lock. The captain requested that when we saw the lock keeper, we needed to call out and wave, "HI PHIL!" In the Lock, the water moved up and our boat got slowly higher and higher. We got good view of the lock keeper's house, which had a minion by the front door.

Then we saw a pretty little church with cobbled walls and a lovely brick roof. It was called the Chapel of Saint Mary Magdalene. We learnt that it is not used very often now, mostly just for weddings. After that, we went past Bray Marina. It was like a car park for boats. There were quite a few boats there. There was also a place for people to fill up their boats with fuel.

The next place we saw was Oakley Court, which is a large hotel. It looked like a huge church or a castle. It looked beautiful. We saw lots of people there. At Oakley Court, we saw a few people making rafts and we all waved. It looked like they were very wet but it still looked like lots of fun!



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Then we saw Bray Studios on the left. It obviously wasn't being used anymore. It looked very dark inside. The windows had been boarded. Finally, we saw Monkey Island but there were no monkeys! We learnt that the real reason for the name is because there are monkeys wearing armour painted on the ceiling!

On the way back down river to Windsor, we sang songs. The captain kindly put on the disco lights. It felt like we were having a dance party. We sang so loudly and beautifully that the sun came out!

We saw lots of lovely wildlife on our trip including herons, moorhen and coots. There were also some funny shaped trees. Miss Barnes tried very hard for us to see a Kingfisher but they moved too fast! We also were privileged enough to pass a steam boat. All the people on board waved at us and the captain let out a *toot toot* noise.

At the end, we went to the bandstand in the park at Windsor to finally have some well-needed lunch. Miss Barnes had been overwhelmed by how hungry everyone had been on the boat. What an amazing day!

Kingfisher class would like to send another big thank you to all of the parents and staff who helped us. We hope you had a wonderful time.

-By Kingfisher Class



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### Google Expedition experience

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May, Key Stage 2 had a very exciting day when Google Expeditions visited St. Michael's with a charity called Kidasha because we were lucky enough to be chosen as one of only four schools in the country to receive this workshop. During the first part of the workshop, every child got to experience Google's fully immersive 3D technology called Google Expeditions. This involved wearing 3D glasses which allowed the children to see what life is like in Nepal. The second part of the workshop allowed the children to find out more about the work that the charity does to improve the welfare of Nepalese children, learn some Nepalese words and phrases, try some Nepalese delicacies and try on Nepalese clothing.



### Sainsbury's vouchers

Please keep the vouchers coming in we have so far collected over 7,000. Year 4 are getting excited to start spending them on sports equipment.

### Attendance

Attendance for the week 11 <sup>th</sup> May – 17 <sup>th</sup> May	
Year 6	97.7%
Year 5	94.7%
Year 4	98.0%
Year 3	97.3%
Year 2	97.7%
Year 1	98.9%
Reception	99.3%

Well done Robin class!

Ofsted expect a minimum of 95% attendance. In accordance with other Royal Borough schools we aim for 96.5%.



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### Parking for Sports Day

Please do not park in the lane leading to the Ascot Day Centre and sports field as it needs to remain clear for emergency vehicles and mini buses. Please be considerate when parking. Thank you

### PTA NEWS & Events

Travelling Book Company – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May

YR2 Cake sale – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May

School Disco – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May, please return slips/money to the office as soon as possible.

Summer Fair – Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup> 12-230pm

### Dates for the diary

Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3 Assembly
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day
Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return to School
Wednesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day from 9.45am to 2pm – alternative date if wet Tuesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> June
Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Mufti Day – rainforest animals. Children can dress to reflect rainforest themes
Monday, 12 June	Year 6 on trip
Wednesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 Assembly
Tuesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Alternative date for Sports Day if 7 <sup>th</sup> June wet
Wednesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Year 6 Assembly
Thursday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	School – No Paper Day. Children conserving trees







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Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	2pm Art Exhibition & refreshments. Parents are invited to view and purchase the children's art
Tuesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2, 3, 4 & 5 Parents invited to meet KS2 teaching team 6 – 7pm
Wednesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Assembly
Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Induction Day at Charters Moving up morning for all classes
Wednesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Induction Day at Charters Year 2 Assembly
Friday, 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 on Greyfriars Church Leavers Trip
Saturday, 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fayre
Tuesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception and Year 2 trip
Wednesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> July	No Electricity Day. Children conserving fossil fuels to save the planet
Thursday, 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception Graduation Assembly @2.30 KS2 Play at the Cordes Hall 6pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Play at the Cordes Hall 1.45pm
Thursday, 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Assembly in Church 9.30am
Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Term Ends at 2pm

