



**St. Michael's C.E. Primary School**  
*Learning together through love, friendship, forgiveness and faith.*

Number 5

# NEWSLETTER

13<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Dear Parents, Carers,

Headship is a very rewarding role, and the many 'golden moments' involving the children are a constant reminder why I am so proud to be the Headteacher of St Michael's School. Yesterday and today provided perfect examples.

It is always a pleasure to meet prospective parents and walk them around our school. During our Open Day on Thursday, your children behaved impeccably in class and around school. There were so many wonderful comments about the children's attitudes to learning, and their behaviour generally. All the children, when questioned by our visitors, were perfect ambassadors for the 6Rs and our school ethos. It was heart-warming to hear our head boy and head girl talk of pupils feeling safe in school and describing our 'loving environment' as 'being wrapped in a cosy, warm blanket'. These comments echoed the thoughts and messages from our school council as a whole.

Today, we held our first fire drill of the school year. This can be quite a daunting experience for our youngest children and those new to St Michael's: I am pleased to report that all the classes were perfectly assembled, in class lines, on the playground in under 2 minutes. A very reassuring time achieved by all pupils and staff.

On the subject of fire safety, we are looking to plan a visit from the local fire brigade, to educate all the children on what to do in the event of a fire at home. Having just attended a first aid course, I am even more aware how important it is to have the confidence and knowledge to call the emergency services. All

children in school, even our youngest, should learn basic first aid. If any parent is able to support us in school with delivering a fire or first aid session, please speak to the school office or myself.

Mrs Anderton - Headteacher

## This Week's Awards

### Well done to Eagle & Kingfisher Classes for 98.7% attendance!

In accordance with other Royal Borough schools we aim for 96.5%.

### The following children received certificates for **Respectful**

Year 6: Oscar / Arman

Year 5: Oliver / Amiee

Year 4: Lauren / Aimce

Year 3: Whole class

Year 2: India / Daisy

Year 1: Whole class

Reception: Oliver / Caspian

### HOUSE POINTS WINNER: Yellow



### The Golden Tickets went to:

Year 6: Chloe / Joe

Year 5: Freya / Billy M

Year 4: India / Lauren

Year 3: Henry / Jayna

Year 2: India / Steven

Year 1 : Harry B / Lola

Reception: Tom / Evelyn



## CLASS NEWS

### Swallow Class Report by Cassidy Mata and Aimee Harrage

In our PSHE lesson, we have been writing positive things about our fellow classmates. We all had great fun writing positive things on post-it notes and sticking them all over our friends. After covering our friend in positivity we made a booklet for them to take home.



This term, we have been reading the amazing book 'How to train your dragon'. Everyone has been listening intently to how Hiccup's journey unfolds. We can't wait to find out what is going to happen next. We are using inspiration from the book to write information texts about dragons.

Finally, we had busy afternoon learning more and more about the Vikings. This week we had looked at Viking Runes and how they had carved messages into stone or wood. We were set a task to decode some of the carvings and we found this challenging at times as some

symbols represented more than one letter. Finally, Swallow class explored how Vikings travelled in long ships or dragon ships. We learnt interesting facts about how the ships were made. Some of us attempted to be part of the crew and help row our dragon



ship across the sea.

## SCHOOL CLUBS

Registration for new clubs beginning after half term, week commencing 31st October, will become available from **Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> October**

[Click here to book your club](#)

Please look on the above link for details or contact Mrs Leatherby.

## PTA NEWS

### Clothes Recycling

Thank you so much for all the donations,  
**we raised £269!**

Thank you to Mrs Hossack for organising this

### Fancy Dress School Disco

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October. KS1 (4:15-5:15pm) and KS2 (5:30-7pm). Please return the slips/money to the office as soon as possible. [Link for disco form](#). Please can we remind all parents that the fancy dress shouldn't be anything too scary please and no masks. Many thanks

**CAKE SALE** - Reception will hold the first class cake sale on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October after school!

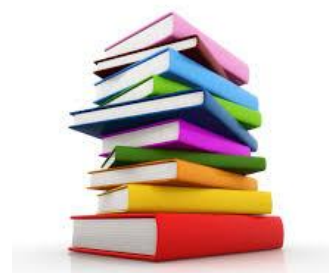
**Christmas Fair - Saturday**  
25<sup>th</sup> November 11:30am to 2pm



Your class reps will be communicating full details including requests for help to man stalls.

## Book Badgers

Report by Henry Everett,  
Ruby Grosvenor, Freya  
Grosvenor, James  
McSharry, Lewis Newall  
and Oliver Hall



The Book Badgers recently raised **£37.25**

selling books after school. The money will go towards the reading area in our library. Due to its success, there will be another stall at the Christmas Fayre where there will be a story time for children of all ages.



## October is ADHD Awareness Month

Many children are misunderstood with this condition and their behavior is quite often put down to bad parenting which in many cases is not so. This is a real condition that is extremely difficult for both child and parents to deal with on a daily basis. Children are usually medicated to control some of the symptoms, but they may still struggle day to day with the simplest task.

[ADHD information](#)

At St Michael's, we would like to encourage parents to take this opportunity to take to your children about how some children in their class or around school might behave differently and to help them to recognize why they behave differently. This may help your child to welcome the strengths children on this broad spectrum can bring and to help your child understand diversity.

## SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS - SEPTEMBER 2018 REMINDER TO YEAR 6 PARENTS

The closing date for applications from parents of Year 6 children (for a secondary school place in Year 7 from September 2018) is mid-day on **31st October 2017**.

All parents with children in the current year 6, must make applications by this date; also ensure that if you have started an application you must remember to **submit** the application by the closing date.

## JOB OPPORTUNITY IN SCHOOL

### Lunchtime Controllers

We are looking for lunchtime controllers to join our school team and help us continue to make the school safe and fun for our children at lunchtime. For more information, please contact the school office.



This week's class assembly 'Seasons and Time' was performed by Owl Class



Donations of tinned and non-perishable items (including male/female toiletries) will be collected from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October at school, ready for the school's Harvest Festival at St Michael's Church on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October.





Highlighted text indicates new information

Important Dates to Remember	
OCTOBER	
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	Parent meetings - 3.30-6pm
Weds 18 <sup>th</sup>	Parent meetings - 1pm - 4pm
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	School Disco - KS1 (4:15-5:15pm) KS2 (5:30-7pm) Year 1 School Trip to Bekonscott Model Village
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Festival Church
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	HALF TERM - 1 week
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	INSET day
NOVEMBER	
Weds 1 <sup>st</sup>	2pm Ascot School's Football-Girls Yr 5
Weds 1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 2 Class Assembly 9am
Weds 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Class Assembly 9am
Weds 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Class Assembly 9am
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Non-uniform day (bring in a bag of sweets for Christmas Fayre)
Weds 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 5 Class Assembly 9am
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Open Morning for Prospective Parents 9:30am
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Non-uniform day (bring in a bottle for Christmas Fayre)
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	SCHOOL XMAS FAIR 3-5pm
Weds 29 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Class Assembly 9am
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup>	Tree Trimming Reception and KS1 9.10am
DECEMBER	
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	Tree Trimming KS2 9.10am
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Flu Vaccinations in School
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 Reception Nativity to Parents
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	5pm Years 3 and 4 Xmas Production
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	I Sing Pop in School
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Xmas Play Cordes Hall 2pm
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Xmas Play Cordes Hall 5pm
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas-I Sing Pop Concert St Michael's Church 5pm
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	Class Christmas Parties
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	Church Service 9.30am
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	Years 1-6 School Panto PM (Reception pupils to be collected at 1pm)
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	TERM ENDS