



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



NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents, Carers

The government's decision to impose a further lockdown this week, while not a total surprise, will have repercussions for everyone within our community, in some way. At school, we remain committed to do everything practically possible to maintain a much needed sense of normality for the children and staff. The well-being of my staff, our children and their families is always a priority at St Michael's; by continuing to work together and respecting the government's guidelines we can significantly reduce the risk of closing bubbles and ultimately the school.

New restrictions prevent us from holding 'Prospective Parent Tours' for those families looking for a reception place for their child in September 2021. Our solution was to produce an informative virtual video tour of our wonderful school community at work. If anyone can sell our school, the children can; they are our best ambassadors. There are so many proud moments on the film, as they confidently talk about our ethos, values and why they would recommend St Michael's.

The video will be available shortly on the web site for you all to enjoy.

Kindest regards

Headteacher



Message from Becky Smith,

Chair of Governors:

Dear Families of St Michael's

As you know the school recently ran a Parent Governor Election. Thank you so much for voting, there was a high response rate which was great to see.

Victoria Bownes was voted in by yourselves as a Parent Governor. Victoria joins Jo Quirk as the second parent governor on the St Michael's Governing Body.

Victoria has a son in year one at school and I'm sure will add valuable contributions to the school's governance.

Welcome Victoria.

Becky Smith

Chair of Governors





AWARDS



The following children were awarded a certificate for being “RESPONSIBLE”

Year 6	Robert & Ozzy
Year 5	Alex & Harrison
Year 4	Whole Class
Year 3	Imogen
Year 2	Sophia & Alfie
Year 1	Lucy & Bethany
Reception	Milly & Olivia



Housepoints

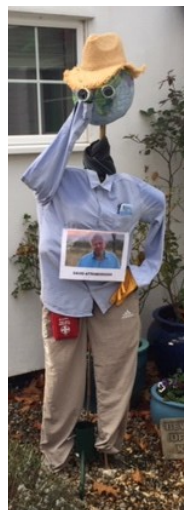
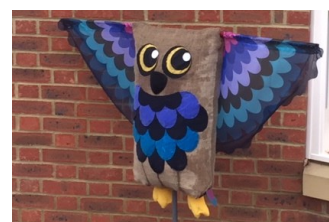
GREEN House



SCARECROW TRAIL

The St.Michael's Scarecrow Trail put a smile on so many faces over half term. There were 47 scarecrows to find at various locations around the village; each one unique and expertly made by families and friends of St.Michael's, with many of the shops joining in the fun! It was a great activity to take part in for young and old, with many villagers commenting how they enjoyed spotting the different scarecrows on their daily strolls!

Here is a small selection of the fabulous Scarecrows from the trail...



PTA UPDATE



HAPPY BAGS FOR SCHOOL

Thank you for all your recycling donations. We raised £244!

Luckily some of our Year 6 children were available to help load the bags onto the van.

(Fantastic scarecrow hair Ruby!)

SCARECROW TRAIL

Thank you to all the fabulous village shops for selling the maps for us, Little muddy Boots for sponsoring and to everyone who made a scarecrow and bought a map to participate in the Scarecrow Trail. The event was a fabulous community effort and reaffirmed our school as the heart of the village, with Tina Wizard the mastermind behind the event appearing on BBC Berkshire Radio!

[Congratulations to Hannah Kilvington who was the lucky winner of the Toy Bundle prize!](#)

The top 3 scarecrows as voted by all of you were:

1st—Harry Potter

2nd—Peter Rabbit and his little Friends (Mr. McGregor)

3rd—Cookie Monster

Tanya Kopperman, PTA Chair

WINNING SCARECROWS



CURRENT
PTA FUNDRAISING
TOTAL 2020/21



*Christmas Cards/mugs
& tea towels—£816.66*

*Scarecrow Trail
& Scarecrow Hair Mufti
Day— £2000*

*Christmas Puddings—
£357*

*2nd Hand Uniform—
£59*

Happy Bags— £244

Current

Total

£3477

*Thank
You!*

The School and the PTA would like to say a huge thank you for your support so far this academic year.

Many of our regular fundraising opportunities are unable to take place due to lockdown and social distancing. Despite this, our amazing PTA are working harder than ever to be creative and original with their fundraising events.

PTA monies are used at the request of the school to help fund items needed and add to the enrichment programme for all the children of St.Michael's.

Updates on future fundraising initiatives will be detailed in forthcoming Newsletters.



If you have any fundraising ideas or would like to help / support in any way please email stmichaelscofepta@hotmail.com or contact your class representatives.



Important Dates	
DECEMBER	
Friday 11th December	Christmas Jumper day
Friday 18th December	Term ends
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY—Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January	
JANUARY	
Monday 4th January	Inset Day
Tuesday 5th January	Children return to School
FEBRUARY	
Friday 12th February	Inset Day
HALF TERM —Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February	
Monday 22 February	Inset Day
Tuesday 23rd February	Children return to school

APRIL	
Thursday 1st April	Term ends
SPRING HOLIDAY—Friday 2nd April to Friday 16th April	
Monday 19th April	Children return to school
MAY	
Monday 3rd May	Bank Holiday
Friday 28th May	Term ends
MAY HOLIDAY— Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June	
JUNE	
Monday 7th June	Children return to school
JULY	
Friday 23rd July	Term Ends



Added or updated this week