

# St. Michael's C of E Infant School Newsletter



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**St. MICHAEL'S**  
CE (CONTROLLED) INFANT SCHOOL

## History Learning in Year 2

Our Year 2 children have been learning all about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole and how they worked to change hospitals. In our school, History is taught through an inquiry based approach and the teaching staff engaged the children at the beginning of the learning by using Drama to help them to imagine the conditions in hospitals. The children also had a special Drama workshop about Florence and her life. The children's knowledge about the impact of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole has been very evident and each class has a timeline where they are able to see when these events happened and place them on the timeline, comparing them to other events they have learnt about in Year 1. I know how engaged and excited the children have been by this learning and one child said to me 'I love History so much, it is definitely my favourite subject'.

### *Dot Patton*



### Possible Strike

As you probably know, there is a possibility that some of our teaching staff will be striking on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Our teaching staff do not have to let us know if they will strike or not until the day and this means that we are unable to confirm if any classes will have to be closed.

### **Thank you!**

A huge thank you for the very kind donations for the Teenage Cancer Trust after the nativity performances. We raised a total of £617.28! Thank you so much for your generosity.

### **Parents Forum and Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging Survey**

Our next Parents' Forum will be on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 7:30pm on Zoom. There will also be a small group of parents, staff and governors meeting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 4:00pm to fill in a diversity, inclusion and belonging survey for our school. This is a baseline survey to find out what we can do to improve as a diverse and inclusive community. If you would like to be involved in this, please let me know via the school office. Thank you

### **Safeguarding**

This is just a reminder that Mrs Patton is our Designated Safeguarding Leader and Mrs Thorley, Mrs Barnett and Mrs Carey are our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads.

One of the areas of Safeguarding that we focus on as a whole school is online safety. At home, some of our children are able to access material online that is not suitable for them and can make them vulnerable. For example our children might be gaming with older children, playing violent games that are for much older teenagers and watching inappropriate and violent material. Our children will then act out these games in the playground or talk about what they have seen and watched with one another and with us.

If we do have concerns that a child has watched or seen something inappropriate we will let you know so that you can prevent them from doing this again. Thank you for supporting us with this.

### **Diary Dates 2023**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 7:00pm** – Maths Workshop

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** – Parents' Forum via Zoom

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 1 Cake Sale

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February** – Half term

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March** – Miller's Ark Farm visit for Year R

**Parents' Evening Dates** - Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March** – Easter Service at St. Michael's Church

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March** - Easter Bake Off Competition and afterschool cake sale

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April** – Easter Holiday

### **Maths Workshop for Parents/Carers**

On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm, we will be holding a Maths workshop for parents. The idea of the workshop is to help you understand how Maths is taught in school and find out fun ways to support your child at home. The workshop will start off with a presentation in the hall with Mrs Thorley and myself, and there will then be a short session in the classrooms led by the year leaders. The year leaders will show you some of the resources that the children use at school and share some examples of the mathematical learning.

All parents/carers are welcome.

### **Collective Worship**

Over the last few weeks, we have been continuing to learn about the life of Jesus. We have thought about our school value of friendship as the children found out about how Jesus chose his friends. The children have thought about how to be a good friend to others.