

St. Michael's C of E Infant School

Newsletter

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25th September

St. MICHAEL'S
CE (CONTROLLED) INFANT SCHOOL

Our Amazing School!

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has flown by, and it has been lovely to get into all of our classrooms to see the wonderful learning taking place.

Governor visit

This week we were joined by our governors to look at learning in the classroom, and we were delighted with what we saw. Children were engaged, enthusiastic and clearly loving their learning, retelling stories with fantastic expression and storytelling skills.

In **Year R**, children have been reading *The Colour Monster* and learning how to express their feelings. We heard some lovely vocabulary as they described feeling happy and calm throughout the day.

In **Year 1**, we enjoyed some fantastic character voices as children began to sequence and retell *The Three Little Pigs*, along with some truly fabulous wolf impressions!

Our **Year 2** children were deeply absorbed in the problem of *The Giant Turnip*. There were plenty of laughs as they told us all about the pulling and tugging, and the cheeky mouse who, rather than helping, decided to nibble the turnip instead. It caused a great deal of giggling!



Kirsty Kingham

Headteacher

Harvest Celebration

We are delighted to invite parents and carers to join us for our **Harvest Celebration on Wednesday 7th October at 2:00pm**. This special occasion is for our Year 1 and Year 2 children only, who will be coming together to give thanks, reflect on the importance of helping others, and celebrate the harvest season.

We look forward to welcoming families and sharing this meaningful event with you. If you attend the service, please wait outside the Church until the children have arrived and are seated before coming in. This is so that we can ensure that the children are all sitting in the right places.

We are also looking for parent volunteers to help walk the children safely to and from the church. If you are able to support us with this, please let the school office know. Your help would be greatly appreciated. adminoffice@st-michaels-inf.hants.sch.uk

In the meantime, be sure to ask your child about the harvest songs they have been learning in school. "**Big Red Combine Harvester**" has certainly proved to be a firm favourite and can often be heard being enthusiastically sung around the school!

Diary Dates

Tuesday 6th October – Whole school Flu immunisations

Wednesday 7th - Year 1 and Year 2 Harvest Festival Service at St. Michael's Church

Friday 9th – FOSM Wild Hair Day

Week commencing 12th – Parents' Evening. Dates to be confirmed.

Tuesday 13th – Individual School Photos

Friday 23rd – school closed
INSET DAY

Monday 26th- Friday 30th -
Half Term

Community Grub Hub

This year, we will be collecting harvest donations for the Community Grub Hub. Please could you send in any long-life items e.g: pasta, rice, baked beans, tinned tomatoes, canned meat and fish, soup and cereals. These should be sent to school between **Monday 5th – Friday 9th October**. Thank you for your support.

Everyday Counts!

Regular attendance is important in helping children achieve their full potential. Children with attendance of 90% or below are classed as persistently absent, which means they have missed around 19 days of school across the academic year.

Children take part in a range of lessons each day, including phonics, reading, writing and maths. Learning builds on what has been taught before, so even a few days of absence can lead to gaps in knowledge and make it harder for children to keep up with their learning.

Please remember that if your child arrives after the register has closed (09:15), this is recorded as an unauthorised absence for that session. If a child has 10 unauthorised sessions (equivalent to 5 school days) within a rolling 10-school-week period, the school is required to consider further action in line with attendance guidance. If your child is absent, please ensure you let the school know the reason, as a lack of explanation may result in the absence being recorded as unauthorised.

Thank you for your continued support. We are always here to help if you are experiencing difficulties that may affect your child's attendance. By working together, we can ensure every child has the best opportunity to learn, thrive and succeed.

Assembly

In assembly this week, we explored how the actions of just one person can help bring peace to the world. We talked about how all it takes is a small spark, and with kindness and fairness, that spark can grow into something that changes lives.

We learned about Martin Luther King Jr. and how his courage and belief in equality helped shape the world we live in today. The children listened thoughtfully and shared some lovely ideas about how they can be kind and fair to everyone around them.

Role models like Martin Luther King Jr. give children inspiring examples to think about as they grow up. Perhaps you could ask your child at home what they learned and what small act of kindness they could do this week.

School Tours

Do you know a family whose child is due to start school next September? We would love to welcome them to our school for a tour, where they can see our classrooms, meet some of our staff and get a real feel for our warm and friendly school.

Our tours will take place on:

Monday 5th October at 16:00

Thursday 8th October at 13:30

Monday 12th October at 16:00

Many of our families first heard about us from friends, neighbours and relatives, and it is always a joy to see our school community grow in this way. If you have friends or family looking at Year R places, please do share these dates with them. To book a place on a tour, families can contact the school office on 01252 324300 or adminoffice@st-michaels-inf.hants.sch.uk

We look forward to meeting our future families and welcoming them into our school community.

Friends of St. Michael's Infant School (PTA) news

We met with our PTA this week, and it is wonderful to see how much time and effort they put into organising events for our school community. We have agreed on several events for the year ahead, including some exciting joint events with the Junior School, and more information will follow soon.

These events are a lovely way to strengthen the partnership between home and school, and we would love to see more parents getting involved. If you would like to join the PTA, please email fosminfants@gmail.com. We hope you enjoyed meeting the PTA team on the playground this afternoon.