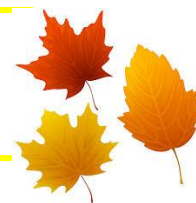




# St. Michael's C of E Infant School Newsletter



Newsletter 3 Autumn 2023



9<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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

*'Learning Together with Love at the Centre'*

## Harvest

Last Thursday we celebrated our Harvest festival in St Michael's Church. Some of our Year 2 children stood at the front of the church and read about the story of Ruth and Naomi from the Old Testament in the Bible and the Year 1 children showed their fantastic artwork. Altogether the children sang three songs with great enthusiasm and we were extremely proud of all of the children who participated in the service for singing so beautifully and confidently reading and displaying their work. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to watch the festival and thank you to the volunteers who walked with us to the Church. A huge thank you to Vicar Alwyn for leading the service and to all our fantastic staff for supporting the children.

I would also like to thank you for your tremendous generosity with the harvest gifts that will be donated to the community grub hub. We really appreciate your kindness.

Have a lovely week.

*Dot Patton*



### Collective Worship

Last week in Collective Worship the children learnt about our school rules and why we have them. The school rules are: be safe, choose to be polite and respectful and choose to be kind. This week, we will be finding out how Moses got on when he went back to Egypt.

### Safeguarding and Attendance

Safeguarding is always given the highest priority in school, and this includes the safeguarding of the children, staff and of our community. We have a DSL (Mrs. Patton) and two deputy DSLs- Mrs. Thorley and Mrs. Carey.

Sometimes families need help and support and the DSL team try and identify if this is the case and may refer the family (with their permission) for Early Help.

Any safeguarding concerns are passed on to the DSL team, who will then decide what to do next. If there is a concern that a child is not being kept safe in any way, then the DSL or Deputy DSL may refer this to Children's Services. Concerns may involve identification of neglect, a disclosure made by a child, changes in behavior, bruises or marks and concerns about online safety.

A lack of school attendance could be identified as a safeguarding concern and staff look out for patterns and reasons for absence for persistent absentees.

If you have a safeguarding concern please do contact the school DSL- Mrs Patton, via the school office.

### Diary Dates Autumn 2023

**Monday 9th & Thursday 12th** - Parents'/ Carers' Evenings 3:30 – 6:30

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October** – Harvest wine tasting at St. Michael's Church

**Tuesday 17th** - Y2 Phonics presentation – online 7:00pm start

**Friday 20th** – FOSM Crazy Hair Day

**Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October** - Half Term

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**Friday 17<sup>th</sup>** - Children in Need

**Monday 20th** – INSET DAY

**Monday 27th** – Individual Pupil Photos

**Monday 27th – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – Christmas Fayre Donation Week

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – MUFTI DAY and Christmas Fayre

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December** Y1 Nativity – Rabbits parents

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 9:30am** Y1 Nativity – Hedgehogs parents

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 9:30am** Y1 Nativity – Moles parents

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> 9:30am** YR Nativity - Owls and Flamingoes parents

**2:00pm** Y2 Nativity – Badgers parents

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 9:30am** YR Nativity - Ducks and Toucans parents

**2:00pm** Y2 Nativity – Foxes parents

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 2:00** Christmas church service

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 9:30am** YR Nativity - Parrots and Penguins parents

**2:00pm** Y2 Nativity – Squirrels parents

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup>** – Last day of the Autumn term

### Year 2 Reading Information for Parents/Carers

This will be held via Zoom on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 7:00pm. The link for the presentation will be sent out nearer the time.

### Owls and Flamingos toilets

We will once again be opening the Owls and Flamingos toilets before and after school. Please feel free to use them at your convenience.