



# St. Michael's Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents,

We have had a busy four days in school this week, I want to share a few points with you in my newsletter.

## REFLECTIONS

Following the bank holiday to mark HM Queen Elizabeth's funeral, many classes have reflected upon what the Queen meant to them and our country and have written or produced artwork to share their thoughts. In our collective worship we shared one of the Queen's favourite hymns - 'The Lord's My Shepherd.'

## MORNING ROUTINE

We would like to alter our morning routine for our infant pupils. This is to avoid parents and pupils queuing up outside the gates and to help keep our children safe. The current routine was put in place during Covid restrictions and it feels timely and appropriate to make some changes to help keep our pupils safe.

Each morning a member of staff will open the gates at 8.45am. Please come into the playground with your child/ren. At 8.50am the school bell will ring and Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils will be encouraged to walk towards their class teacher and make their way into their class as normal. Please note, our pupils will not be lining up when the bell sounds.

For our junior pupils, there will be adult supervision on the back yard at 8.45am and the bell or whistle will sound at 8.50am. Pupils will make their way towards their entrance calmly when asked by the staff member on duty.

Please may I ask that pupils are not left unsupervised before 8.45am on either playground. We want to keep everyone safe.

## THEATRICAL PRODUCTION

This afternoon, we all had the pleasure of seeing 'The Jungle Book' coming to life through a theatre production. Our pupils thoroughly enjoyed the acting, singing and story line. Productions like this help bring literature to life for our pupils.

## EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

I am currently putting together a timetable of clubs that we can offer after school this half term. More details will be forwarded to you at the start of next week.

## PARENTS' EVENING

We would like to offer you the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss their learning, progress and next steps. These meetings, within school will take place on Wednesday 19 October and Thursday 20 October from 3-6.30pm. Further details of how to book a time slot will be sent out closer to the date.

## HARVEST

This year we will be celebrating Harvest at St Michael's church as a whole school celebration (date to be confirmed by Ben). We want all pupils to take part in this celebration and unfortunately, due to the number



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of pupils we will not be able to extend an invitation to our parents. My apologies for this, but we are planning class assemblies and other events for parents to join in the near future.

## ST MICHAEL'S DAY

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September is St Michael's Day. Our vicar, Ben is leading our collective worship that day in the church for our pupils.

## PACKED LUNCHES/SCHOOL DINNERS

Please can you remind your child that they must not share or exchange any food in their packed lunch or dinner plate with another child. We are very strict on this during our lunch times. We have several pupils will allergies in school. Packed lunches must not contain any nut traces and this does include chocolate spread. Thank you for your support with this.

## READING CAFÉ

I would like to invite you and your child to attend our school Reading café this month on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September. Please note this is at the new time of 3.30pm. You and your child/ren will be able to enjoy a cuppa or a drink with a snack and of course a good book. We look forward to seeing you there.

## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTERS

We hope you have enjoyed sharing and talking about your child's learning using our class curriculum newsletters. We are planning several trips and visitors to school and details will be sent out on a class by class basis.

Thank you for your continued support and as always, if you have any questions or need any further information, please get in touch.

Kind regards

*Lorna Smith*

Mrs Smith