



St. Michael's Church of England Primary School

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Monday 23rd September 2024

Dear Parents,

I can't believe we are in week four of the term already! I am so pleased with how our pupils have settled back into school life. There is a real buzz around school- happy, polite, enthusiastic children showing a love for learning. It has been a great start to the term. Thank you everyone.

Harvest Festival

On Friday this week all of our pupils will take part in a Harvest Festival at St Michael's church. Ben will be leading the service. Our pupils will share poems, songs and prayers to give thanks for the crops and food we have. Due to it being a whole school celebration, unfortunately, we will not be able to extend this invitation to parents as we fill the whole church just with the staff and pupils! However, any food donations would be gratefully received in school and will be taken to church on Friday. These will then be donated to the local food bank.

Reading Café

To celebrate National Poetry Day we would like to invite you to our first reading café of this term. It will be open in the school hall from 8am until 8.45am Please come along with your child/children for a cuppa and a slice of toast and enjoy some good stories and poems. All are welcome!

I Can Bounce

On Wednesday 2nd October, Year 1 – Year 6 will be taking part in a physical session – 'I Can Bounce!'. This will be in the school hall, led by the iCan team using mini trampolines. This is part of our school plan to promote different ways to enjoy exercising. Unfortunately due to the policy of the providers, Reception pupils cannot be included at this time.

Phonics Development Day

This Thursday in school all our reading/phonics teachers will be taking part in a development training day led by a National expert. We are very proud of our recent Ofsted inspection which states that 'phonics is expertly taught.' As a teaching team, we are continuing to build on this success to provide the best possible start to learning to read for all of our pupils.

Open Day

On Wednesday 9th October we are having our open day in school. If you know anyone with a child due to start school in September 2025, please share the date. We hope to share our school values and the broad,



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balanced and exciting education our pupils access at St Michael's. Further details of this event are on our school website.

Parents' Meetings

This half term, teachers will be available to meet with you on Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th October after school to discuss how your child has settled, aspects of their learning and next steps. Further details on how to book an appointment will be sent out in due course.

As always, if we can assist you with any queries or questions, please don't hesitate to ring the school office. The staff will be able to make you an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher, Miss Mawson or myself.

Kind regards,

Lorna Smith

Mrs L Smith
Headteacher