



St. Michael's Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents,

I write with our final newsletter for this term. It has been a very busy and productive term in school.

World Book Day

A huge thank you to our families who really went the extra mile this year. The children's costumes were truly fantastic. Throughout the day we enjoyed sharing stories in our classes and with our book buddies. It was a very special day and the pupils enjoyed the whole school celebration in the hall.



New HSA Committee

We are delighted to share with you that two of our parents of children in Reception and taken up the role as co-chairs on the HSA. Zoe Bewley and Sally Dagg are enthusiastic and full of ideas to take this great group forward. Our children benefit greatly from the fundraising and we are delighted that this organisation can go from strength to strength. Thank you once again to Mrs Sharkey and Mrs Orr for their dedicated service.

Phonics Development Day

This week in school, we had a Phonics training and development day with a national specialist. Reading teachers in all infant classes shared their lessons and we are delighted with the feedback. We are currently producing an action plan and will share more details of some of our work around Oracy in the near future. Many thanks to those parents who take the time to read often and regularly with their children. As was once quoted 'children who read succeed.' The benefits of daily reading can never be underestimated.

Parents' Meeting

Thank you for attending these very important meetings to share and discuss your child's progress. These evenings were very well attended. Your child's pupil profile with assessment data from this term will be sent out early in the summer term. If you have any questions following your meeting, please do make an appointment to speak with me.

Chess Competition

Some Year 6 girls represented our school in a local chess competition. They played well and were true ambassadors showing great resilience. The afternoon was enjoyed by all.



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Girls' Football

Well done to our pupils who represented our school in the tournament recently. Our girls finished fourth and really enjoyed taking part.

Climbing Competition

A team of Year 5 pupil attended the Grand Finals at Eden Rock. It was a tough competition and we are incredibly proud of them. The pupils finished third against some really tough competition. Well done!

10p Swimming Sessions

The Sands Centre are offering swimming sessions for 10p during the Easter holidays (30 March -10 April) from 10am – 10.50am. I hope that some of our families will take up this great offer.

BINGO Success

Thank you to everyone who supported and attended this great event. Mr McArdle, our governor and compere helped the event run smoothly. There were lots of happy children, playing and winning Easter eggs as prizes. Christine's cakes were devoured and enjoyed – very tasty! In total £619 was raised. This money will go towards extra-curricular enhancements for our pupils. We are very grateful – thank you.



PACE eggs

A reminder that our HSA egg decoration competition is tomorrow. All entries should be brought into school tomorrow morning and will be judged by the HSA. Good luck everyone.

Church Service

Tomorrow we will all attend St Michael's church for our school Easter worship. I'm sorry this invitation cannot be extended to all parents – but we do fill the church with pupils and staff alone. However, I hope you enjoy the lovely Easter cards our children have been making to prepare to celebrate this very special event in the Christian calendar.

I hope you enjoy a restful Easter holiday with your family and that we have some warmer, sunny weather too. A gentle reminder that school finishes at 1.30pm tomorrow and that there will be no after school club provision.

School starts back on Monday 13th April at normal time (8.50am). May I wish you all a very Happy Easter!

Kind regards

Lorna Smith

Lorna Smith, Headteacher