

The M Paper

Written by the pupils and staff at Michaelchurch Escley Primary School

Thursday 18th January 2018

Attendance

This week we have been reviewing our school attendance and punctuality data. As a school we are committed to providing an education of the highest quality and we recognise this can only be achieved by supporting and promoting excellent school attendance.

Why is good attendance important?

It builds good habits, secures relationships and helps with self-esteem as children don't have a sense of having missed out on activities or unsure of what is going on in the classroom. It is also crucial for their learning and development as staff plan very carefully for every child, every day.

Currently, attendance is also a government focus and if schools are identified with significantly low attendance this can trigger a no-notice OFSTED inspection, which of course we would want to avoid. A worry for us, due to our small numbers, is just a couple of families with low attendance can have a huge impact on our overall percentages.

However, we recognise children cannot help being ill at times, and of course we don't expect them to be in school if they are. There are times when you may be unsure about sending your child in and on these occasions, we would encourage you to send them in, with the knowledge that we will keep a special eye on them and let you know if there's any change.

National Overall Average = 96%

School Overall Average = 95.7%

As you can see we have dipped slightly below the national average. Hopefully this is just a short term blip and with us all working together, we can bring our attendance figures up again.

Thank you to all families who kept themselves healthy last term and avoided taking children out of school during the week.

Forest School Reminder

Please could all children bring in the necessary clothing for forest school sessions every Friday.

These will include:

Warm clothes, Wellies and Waterproofs.

Thank you!



Ceilidh

Get tickets from The Bridge Inn or the school office.

Help needed on the day to decorate, we have the hall from lunchtime.

Tickets are £6 which includes traditional Scotch Broth and Rustic Bread

Band are "Crimes Against Folk"

Over 18s only with a licensed bar.

Parents needed to provide either a Slow cooker or a slow cooker with scotch broth in it about 6 needed meat and vegetarian

Also homemade bread that can be put on the tables for people to tear and dip.



Escley-side Hall

February 10th 7pm. Eyes down at 7.30pm

EVERYONE WELCOME! Including children.

Good prizes and raffle.

Proceeds go towards Michaelchurch Escley Primary School.



Gold Awards

Lacey: For being helpful, especially at break times.

Vera: For working hard in Literacy.

Gabriel: For always being kind and helpful.

Hermoine: For a great newspaper article.

Laia: For being so polite.

Una: For trying so hard with all her jobs.

Jonah: For great work in his maths and literacy.



DIARY DATES

Thurs 25th Jan	Rags 4 Riches collection - start collating your old clothing now!
Friday 26th Jan	Burns Night Ceilidh, Vowchurch VH, 7.30pm Tickets £6 PTA fundraiser
Thurs 8th Feb	Acorn Class Assembly 2:15pm, All Welcome
Sat 10th Feb	BINGO Escley-side Hall, 7pm
Mon 19th Feb- Fri 23rd Feb	HALF TERM
Wed 14th March-Thurs 15th	Year 4 Residential– Longtown
Thurs 22nd March	Oak Class Assembly 2:15, All welcome.
Thurs 29th March	Last day of Spring Term
Mon 16th April	INSET DAY
Tues 17th April	First day of Summer Term