

# The M Paper

Written by the pupils and staff at Michaelchurch Escley Primary School

Wednesday 25th January 2017

CEILIDH– Friday 27th January

Kinnersley Castle

8pm-Midnight



Tickets still available, please contact [jerh68@btinternet.com](mailto:jerh68@btinternet.com)

Come along for a night of fun, with a bar, hot food, live band and plenty of dancing!

## Ceilidh Raffle

We are also looking for donations of prizes for the raffle being held at the Ceilidh on Friday night as an extra way of raising some funds, so if you have anything that you would like to donate please can you send it into school by Friday.

All donations will be much appreciated!

Wed 25th Jan	Parents Evenings
Wed 1st Feb	
Fri 27th Jan	PTA Ceilidh at Kinnersley Castle 8pm
Thurs 9th Feb	Acorn class assembly
Mon 13th – Fri 17th Feb	HALF TERM
Sat 25th Feb	Bingo –POSTPONED New date TBA

## Thank you to....

A big thank you to Rupert who has kindly built this lovely bird table for Acorn Class to use for their RSPB Bird Watch. Thank you!

And another big thank you to Brandon who spent last weekend converting our cabin from a glorified shed to a proper room with heating, lighting, insulation and flooring. The children are enjoying using the space, it is very cosy!



## 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 = 95.92%**

As you can see, for the first time in three years, 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.

# FIRELIGHT

EARTH HEARTH HEART  
CENTRED EDUCATION



## Firelight Spring Awakening

woodland adventures

for 5 - 11 year olds

15th - 17th February 2017

10am - 3pm

£30 per day, concessions available

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## FACEBOOK

Please can we remind everyone to continue to check out the school, pre-school and PTA Facebook pages and 'Like' and 'Share' everything. The great thing about Facebook is that 'posts' are pushed out to people so we don't have to wait for them to visit us, and when you 'Like' and 'Share' it spreads the word even further. Recent popular posts have reached over 800 people but I am sure we can do even better!

## GOLD AWARDS



**JENNY**

For working especially hard in Phonics and Literacy.



**ZARA**

For commitment to the class topic and settling back into school so well.



**AUSTIN**

For amazing contributions to class discussions.

**ALFIE**

For sharing great ideas in our topic work.



**THEO**

For great input in Science.



**ERIN**

For a determined and positive attitude in Maths.