

The M Paper

Wednesday 1st May 2019

Welcome Back!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter Holiday and enjoyed the lovely warm weather over Easter. As always, it's fantastic to see all the children's smiling faces back again and hearing about what they got up to over the holiday. Everyone looks refreshed and raring to go for a jam-packed Summer Term. On a sadder note however, just before we broke up we heard that Zara in Oak Class would be leaving this term as she is starting home education. Zara started on the same day I started 5 years ago and as she is a magical child (as it said in her Year 3 report!). Whilst we're tremendously sad and will miss Zara hugely, we wish her lots of luck with her new venture and I'm sure we'll still be seeing lots of her.

Congratulations

One treat we had during the holiday was to visit the Courtyard and watch *The Wizard of Oz*. This was a youth theatre production but you wouldn't have known it – the standard was so high. What made it even more special was that one of the stars of the show was ex-Michaelchurch pupil Sam Rimmington who played the part of the Scarecrow. He was amazing! Also, to make it truly a family affair, Poppy in Year 5, Sam's sister, did a brilliant job as one of the Wicked Witch's henchmen. Well done Poppy, you were great!

At Michaelchurch we pride ourselves on achieving high standards in all areas (not just academic) but with minimal 'stress' to the children. May is always a busy month as the Year 2 and Year 6 SATs take place. Year 2 SATs are much more 'relaxed' than the Year 6 assessments. They are NOT timed and don't have to take place on a certain day (and can even take place over a few days). It is also worth noting, that for Year 2 it is the teacher assessment that is reported, not the assessment outcomes – these just help inform the teacher assessment. The Year 6 SATs are more formal and the week beginning 13th May the children have one or two assessments on each day from Monday to Thursday. However, as usual the children will start each day with a special breakfast so it's important they arrive at school in plenty of time. This is always something the children look forward to a lot! For more information, please see the attached PDF or contact us for a chat.

THANK YOU – To all the parents who have worked so hard (and are still working hard!) on the school garden. I started naming individuals but then was worried I'd miss someone out, so I'd like to just say an enormous thank you to everyone that's been involved. It is looking absolutely amazing. The new flower bed borders are perfect and, being made of oak, should last a considerably long time. Planting out of the borders will take place this week with the children so things will have plenty of time to grow this term. Thank you again 'gardening team'; your hard work is really appreciated.

Louise Crocker

Headteacher

Gold Awards

Elsa: For thinking of some really good ideas for our topic

Sid: For an amazing Pet Poster on which Sid sounded out his spellings

George Fox: For doing so well with multiplication and division

Izzy: Being supportive and compassionate

Ruby: For being very mature and thoughtful to others

Anna: For brilliant listening and swimming skills

Edward: For being organised and responsible

Edith: For being open to overcoming a new challenge

Tamsin: for taking responsibility for her learning

Preschool Dates For Your Diary

Stay and Be Curious

Join us in Escley Side Hall for every Monday from 9am until 11am

Stay and Be Curious Forest School sessions

Monday 20th May – Porridge followed by make an animal out of mud

Monday 24th June – Making dens using sheets and different fabric and different materials found in forest school

Monday 15th July – Forest School Teddy Bear's Picnic Elkie's Wood

Open Days

Preschool Open Day 14th June – 9am-2pm



New flower bed borders

Cool Milk Orders—Squirrels and Acorn Class

Just a reminder that you should have received a leaflet from Coolmilk which will give you details on how to register for your child to have milk in school. Please register online if you wish your child to receive milk this way. There is a subsidised price for children over 5.

Dates for your Diary	
Monday 6 th May	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY (No school)
Tuesday 7 th – Wednesday 8 th May	Year 3 and 4 Longtown Outdoor Residential
Monday 13 th May—Thursday 16 th May	Year 6 SATs week
Wednesday 22 nd May	Sapling Class Assembly
Wednesday 22 nd May 3.00pm	A meeting open to all parents and carers to show and explain what we currently teach on PSHE and science; the resources we use and what Relationships Education may look like in Michaelchurch. All welcome
Thursday 23 rd May	Oak Class Trip to Hay Festival
Monday 27 th May—Friday 31 st May	HALF TERM
FOR MORE DATES PLEASE REFER TO THE SCHOOL WEBSITE	