

The M Paper

Wednesday 5th June 2019

Welcome back to you all!

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely half term, whether it was spent enjoying events at the Hay Festival or maybe relaxing at home with family and friends. We managed to do both and squeeze in a trip to the dentist too! We now have a fun filled, exciting half term at school to look forward to with sleepovers, the London residential, Sports Day and the Oak Class production all coming up fast!

Welcome back Mrs Duggan!

We are so excited this week that Mrs Duggan has returned to school following her maternity leave. She will be working mostly in Squirrel and Acorn Classes this half term and we are pleased to have her with us again for this crazy but fun, final summer half term.

Rhys Maddy

Finally, it is with great sadness, that we have heard of the passing away of Rhys Maddy this week. Rhys and his partner Jill operate the mini-bus service which transports so many of our children to school, both to Michaelchurch and Fairfield. Rhys was a much loved local character and over many, many years has been a great friend and supporter of the school. He will be greatly missed. I'm sure you will all join us in sending love and best wishes to Jill and the rest of Rhys's family.

Attendance and Lateness

As a small school one of the issues which causes us a lot of concern is absence and lateness. The law states that parents have to get permission from the head teacher if they wish to take their child out of school during term time and that permission may only be granted in exceptional circumstances. It should be noted that family holidays will almost never count as exceptional circumstances and as such, taking your child out of school for this reason should be avoided. With our low pupil numbers, one child taking a one week holiday during term time has a significant effect on our overall absence figures and there has been a rise in unauthorised absences this year (although unauthorised absences are a concern, all absences – authorised and illness – are included in our overall absence figure). Poor attendance figures can trigger an emergency inspection by OFSTED or give an otherwise good school a Requires Improvement OFSTED outcome.

We have also had a rise in the number of children arriving late to school in the morning. The school bell is rung at 08:45 each morning and children need to be in class from that time for registration and to start the school day. We appreciate that our remote position can sometimes throw up unexpected challenges on the journey to school but if you have been struggling to get to school on time your efforts to address this would be greatly appreciated.

Preschool Dates For Your Diary

Stay and Be Curious

Join us in Escley Side Hall for every Monday from 9am until 11.30

Stay and Be Curious Forest School sessions

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

Sports day / Highland Games + Picnic

We will be holding another Sports day / Highland Games on **Tuesday 25th June** between 9am and 12pm.

This will be followed by a Picnic in the field.

Everyone welcome.

Reserve date for Sports day/Highland games is Wednesday 26th June.

Gold Awards

Sid– For always being kind and helpful especially when we visit Stay and be Curious

Harry– For his work on capacity he made a tea party for all the toys

Nola– For showing such great concentration and maturity in PE

Laia– For an amazing reading strategy which she demonstrated confidently

Alice– For being a helpful and kind member of our class

Hazel– For doing some amazing division in maths

Isaac- For great ball skills in rounders and cricket

Daisy– For being honest and reflecting what she needs to improve on

Molly– For amazing graph work

Dates for your Diary	
Tuesday 11th June	Oak Residential Meeting– 2.30pm
Tuesday 11th June	Rounders Event in Hereford
Friday 14th June 9am—2pm	Preschool Open Day
Monday 17th June	Crucial Crew Year 6
Weds 19th June,Thurs 20th, Fri 21st June	Oak Class Residential to London
Tues 25th June	Sports Day/Highland Games 9.00-12.00 + Picnic
Weds 26th June	Sports Day /Highland Games RESERVE DATE 9.00-12.00 + Picnic
Thursday 27th June-Friday 28th June	Acorn Class Indoor Camping
Friday 28th June	Biking to Hay (Bicycle ride to Hay)
Week beginning Monday 1st July	Last week of clubs
Friday 5th July	Pupil reports out to parents
Tuesday 9th July 3pm –5pm	Informal Parents Evening
Wednesday 17th July– 6pm	Oak Class Performance
Thursday 18th July– 6pm	Oak Class Performance RESERVE DATE
Friday 19th July 1.30pm	Leavers Assembly and Last day of term
FOR MORE DATES PLEASE REFER TO THE SCHOOL WEBSITE	

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Skirrid Print Studio
FINE ART PRINTS

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First open studio
5-8pm, Friday, June 14

Skirrid Print Studio invites you for a nose around

There will be vino and nibbles. You'll get to meet Dolly, the star of the show. You might even be tempted to buy a fine art print – we're talking affordable art here, folks.

Find out more about printmaking courses, parties and studio hire. Enter a draw to win a family printmaking session.

Skirrid Print Studio opening party (opposite the Old Post Office)

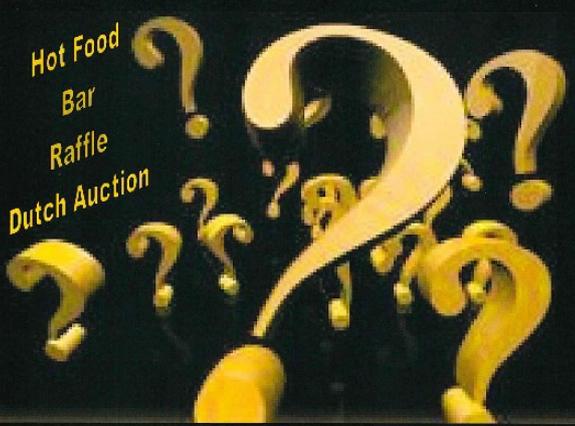
Friday 14 June, 5 to 8pm

One of our parents, Helen Arthur, invites you to her first open studio. Helen has just set up a fine art printmaking studio in Longtown and will be running family sessions, as well as kids printmaking birthday parties. Find out more at www.skirridprintstudio.com or grab Helen for a chat (07702090559)

QUIZ NIGHT

Esceley & District Sports Pavilion
Bar Michaelchurch Esceley **£5**

Hot Food
Bar
Raffle
Dutch Auction



Saturday 15th June 2019 @ 7.30pm

Esceley and District Sports Federation Quiz

Dear All,
Please come along to the ever brilliant Quiz Night at Michaelchurch Esceley Sports Pavilion on Saturday 15th June at 7:30pm. All the usual entertainment, including raffle, hot food, bar, Dutch auction. Please come along and add your support to this valuable local amenity which is raising funds for a major refurbishment.
Feel free to tell your friends and bring them along too.
Ian has set the questions, so be prepared for any kind of trivia!