

The M Paper

Thursday 13th February

World Book Day Breakfast!

WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 5th March is World Book Day. We'd love all the children (and adults if you wish!) to dress up as their favourite book character on that day. We'd also like to invite parents, friends, grandparents in, from 8:30am onwards, for a 'Literary Breakfast' where you'll be able to share books and enjoy a croissant and some orange juice with the children. At 9:30am we will then hold a special 'Book Day Assembly' which parents are welcome to stay to, if they wish. If you'd like to bring along your favourite book to talk about briefly in the assembly that would be lovely; it could be a book you loved as a child, or a favourite book you've read as an adult. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries or want some inspiration for dressing up ideas, or you can have a look here: <http://www.worldbookday.com>



Happy reading!

After School Clubs– Spring Term 2

Monday- Spy Club with Miss Wallbank

Tuesday- Street Dance Club with Sophie our Sport's Coach for the half term.

Wednesday- Stay, Play and Make- Various organised activities with Mrs Rowe

Thursday- Bike club with Mr Crocker, Sapling and Oak class only

Please book places for these clubs on Parentpay. All clubs will run from the 24th February until Thursday 26th March, 5 weeks in total.

PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting will take place at the Bridge Inn on Thursday 13th February 8pm

ALL WELCOME

GOLD AWARDS

Gilly– For brilliant times tables

Sophia– For helping and caring for others

Gwilym– For a super effort at the Multi Skills Event

Monty– For an amazing story

Rowan– For making super progress with his handwriting

Georgia– For being amazingly brave

Attendance

Last week we were 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.

School Overall Average = 96.23%

(National Overall Average = 96%)

Autumn Term = 96.39%

This is about the same as it was in the previous term, which is in line with the national average but it would be great to be above the national average.

The number of families arriving just as the bell rings, or just after is still concerning as it doesn't allow your child to have a settled and calm start to their morning. They also are missing out on the first few crucial minutes in the classroom.

I urge all families to make sure they leave in plenty of time in the mornings and consider carefully if an absence is really necessary.

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 too ill to learn. 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.

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

Mrs Louise Crocker



Michaelchurch Music Concert

On Wednesday 1st April 1:00 – 2:30pm, the children will be putting on a special music concert for parents/grandparents/friends of the school. This is for all children who would like to perform (they don't have to have music lessons in school), so please ask your child to let a teacher know if they'd like to be involved.



Welcome to our new monthly
‘Stay and Be Curious’ groups

‘Stay and Be Curious Baby’ group
in Escley Side Hall
and
‘Stay and Be Curious Forest School’
aimed at 2-5 year olds £1.50 per child

Monday 20th January

Monday 10th February

Monday 16th March



9am until 11am
Michaelchurch Escley Primary School
01981 510208

BINGO

Saturday 22nd February +
Saturday 7th March
Escleyside Hall
7pm for 7.30pm

BINGO

Come and enjoy, and raise funds for the School and the Hall.

Good Prizes and Raffle!

Everyone Welcome, including children.

Light Refreshments will be served at half time.

Dates for your Diary	
Thursday 13th February	Acorn Class Assembly-2.15pm PTA Meeting, Bridge Inn - 8pm
Friday 14th February	Last day of term
Saturday 22nd February and Saturday 7th March	Bingo– Escleyside Hall 7pm . As it’s raising money for the school it would be good for as many families to support at least one of these events.
Monday 24th February	Beginning of term
Friday 28th February	Wellbeing meeting 3pm
Wednesday 4th March	Oak Class Indus Civilisation Day
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Friday 13th March	Sports Relief Day
Thursday 26th March	Oak Class Assembly 2.15pm
Wednesday 1st April	Michaelchurch Music Concert 1:00-2:30pm
Friday 3rd April	Last day of Spring Term