



# St Michael's CE Primary School

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4<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Families,

Welcome back! We hope that you all had a good half term break and are ready for the busy term ahead. The Christmas term is always very busy with lots of events throughout December. We will aim to give you as much notice of these as possible. Please do read the newsletters and Class Dojo carefully as this is where you will find this information. Don't forget – newsletters can be found on the school website <https://www.stmichaelssteventon.co.uk/newsletters>

## Current Attendance

Well done to Year 6 on 100% attendance so far this year!

Year Group	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	97.6%	96.4%	96.4%	98.4%	95.7%	100%

## Parent Forum

Today the parent forum met for the first time. This is the way parents can be involved and have a voice in the school without the commitment of being a Governor or on the SSA.

We discussed things that are going well and identified ways in which things could be made easier for parents. Many of these were around communication and how we share things with you. The consensus is that:

- Class Dojo is working well for communication
- Parents feel more involved in what is going on in the classrooms and have a better understanding of what their children are learning

But that communication could be even better if

- There was advanced notice of when Parents Evening bookings / club bookings were being sent to enable more families to access these
- The calendar on the school website was kept up to date
- Parents knew when in the school day interventions were happening

Please do join us for the next one at 9am on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

We have listened to the parent voice regarding Harvest. Please do express your opinions regarding the models for a Christmas Service on the GoogleForm link below. This link will close on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November to allow for sufficient time to plan.

<https://forms.gle/1VR8DJDMVSiMcozi6>

## Armistice Day

There will be several events taking place next week for the children to pay their respects to those who fought for our freedom.

Various classes will be doing the Poppy Trail around the village, classes will be visiting the war memorial and Year 6 will be contributing some work to the Steventon Historical Society exhibition at the Church.

We will also be selling poppies and other items in aid of the British Legion. These will be on sale from the school office throughout next week.



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## Collective Worship

We hold a daily act of collective worship which is made up of whole-school and class assemblies

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Type of Collective Worship	Story	PSHE Themed	Singing	Open The Book	Celebration
Led by	Headteacher	Class Teachers	Music Lead	Children's Ministry Team	Headteacher

We conduct collective worship in a respectful way. We tell children that worship time is often a time for calm reflection. We regard it as a special time and expect children to behave appropriately. We ask that they are quiet and thoughtful and to make a prayer their own by joining in with Amen.

Themes of worship are taken from our Vision and our Values, relevant topics of local, national, and global significance, the church year and the bible. All assemblies are linked back to biblical teachings, to develop children's biblical literacy.

## Christmas Jumper Exchange

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November we will be holding a Christmas Jumper Exchange. With the cost of living on the increase and as part of our drive to live more sustainably, we will be welcoming any donations of Christmas Jumpers. Please bring them into school no later than Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November. We will then sort them into ages and put them out in the hall the following week.

## Diary Dates

**\*Please note not all Christmas dates have been set yet and we will notify you as soon as they have\***

18<sup>th</sup> November – Christmas Jumper Exchange

4<sup>th</sup> December – Christingle Service at church 5pm (all welcome)

8<sup>th</sup> December – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

14<sup>th</sup> December – Key Stage 1 Nativity 2pm

15<sup>th</sup> December – Key Stage 1 Nativity 6pm

16<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Service

20<sup>th</sup> December – End of Term 1pm

Kind Regards

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