



St Michael's CE Primary School

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Cultivating Respect, Persevering, and Learning with Courage

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Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that we are half way through November already! The new themes for learning have got off to a great start – from World War One in Y6 to Shackleton's Adventures; Extreme Earth Events, Rainforests and everything in between! The KS1 classrooms are periodically filled with Nativity songs and the oranges for Christingles have been ordered.

As you know, this year we have raised the profile of our Year 6 children Junior Leadership roles and as part of these they will be contributing to the newsletters. Jake (Sports Leader) and Lacey-May (Head Girl) have written below about the Y5/6 Cross Country and the Y5/6 trip to the War Memorial earlier in the week.

Dear parents,

I would like to inform you about cross country on Wednesday. The team was: Hugo, Oshie, Ollie, Jerry, Jake, Bere, Finley and Tommy. We did very well. We were also the last race meaning we had a lot of pressure on us, but we came third meaning we took the bronze medal, and we had great fun! We also got so close to going through to the county final which was super tight between us and Rush Common. But only the top two go through.

Jake Jones (Yr6 Sports leader)

Monday 11th November

The day had come to visit our lost ones who fought for our freedom and country. We all sauntered along to the memorial, we all felt apprehensive for the soldiers for all they went through. Rev. Phil softly said the names of the soldiers. We had the two-minute silence no one made a peep. After the two minutes we got to ask questions about both wars, and we headed back to school.

By Lacey-May Mundy (Head Girl)

PAWS

To complement our additional provision to support the emotional well-being of children at St Michael's we have begun working with PAWS (Pupil and Animal Well Being Service). Lynne and Luna come in weekly to work 1:1 with children who suffer from anxiety and other challenges. They work through an intervention programme for 12 weeks to help build confidence, experience success and work on emotional regulation.

We look forward to seeing the success of this great intervention. For more information: <https://www.pawswellbeing.com>

Abingdon Learning Trust Conversion

The next time I write to you we will be on the bring of converting to an Academy.

There has been a phenomenal amount of going on in the background. A HUGE thanks to Mrs Scaysbrook for coordinating all of the various trades people during the due diligence phase. From boiler engineers to IT Consultants it has been a thorough process and we know more about our wonderful school and its listed building status!

To mark the momentous day in the history of the school we would like to invite all parents and members of the community to a coffee morning on Tuesday 3rd December at 9am in the hall. There will be a brief welcome from Dr Hammans, CEO of the Trust as well as the opportunity to meet some of the team and trustees too.

We would love to see as many of you there as possible!

Children In Need

Today was Children In Need – the children have raised a whopping £202.50 for this great charity.

SSA

The Steventon School Association are a group of parents who work incredibly hard on a volunteer basis to raise funds for the school. If you are interested in helping out then please do contact them via email: ssa.stmichaels@gmail.com

HUGE thanks to the parents who put on a fabulous Spooky Disco for the children last week. With the following sweet sale it raised an incredible £1002.50!

Our next fundraiser is the Christmas Fair. This is on Saturday 7th December 1:30-4:30 at the Village hall. There will be a raffle, mulled wine, mince pies, stalls and lots of other festive fun. We will also be joined by Radbourne Repairs if you wish you have your child's bike (or even your own!) serviced please contact Scott directly. Assessments are Free Of Charge, children's bikes are £15 and adult bikes are £35 (ebikes are £45) and he would need around 20-30 minutes per bike service.



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If those wanting to book could contact him on 07734759942 or via Facebook, Radbourne Repairs.

For more information please see the posts on Dojo:



Diary Dates

Diary Dates will always be at the end of the newsletters. Newsletters can be found on the website here:

<https://www.stmichaelssteventon.co.uk/newsletters>

- 19th November – 14:45 – Early Reading Parent Meeting
- 21st November – Girls Football Tournament
- 22nd November – Boys Football Tournament
- 28th November – Panto!
- 2nd December – Academy Conversion Official First Day
- 3rd December – 9am Coffee Morning
- 5th December – 6pm Choir Christmas Concert (more info to follow)
- 11th December – Nativity 2pm
- 12th December – Nativity 6pm
- 16th December – iRock Concert to Parents 2:30pm
- 17th December – EYFS Christmas performance 9:30am
- 18th December – Ash Class Assembly 9am
EYFS Christmas Performance 2:30pm
- 20th December – Christmas Service and Christingle 9:30am at Church
Finish 1pm

Safeguarding

If you are worried about your own child or another child in the community, please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate people:

School Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) – Hayley Leyshon (HT)

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads – Lina Sheehan (SENCO), Chris Paynter (DHT), Emily Green (EYFS Lead)

Immediate danger

If you think a child is in immediate danger, call the police on **999**.

Immediate concern

If you have a concern about a child, please call MASH on **0345 050 7666**.



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If you are a parent or carer

If you feel you are harming your child or are close to doing so please contact us on one of the following numbers:

- Office hours (8.30am – 5pm, Monday to Thursday, 8.30am – 4pm, Friday): Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub: **0345 050 7666**
- Outside office hours: Emergency Duty Team: **0800 833 408**

If you have any concerns or require any support, please do speak to us. We have access to lots of different types of support ranging from the Community Larder and parenting support right through to Social Care.

We look forward to seeing everyone back on Wednesday 4th at 8:45am!

Kind Regards

Hayley Leyshon
Headteacher