

Newsletter 12 September 2023



DIARY DATES 2023

October

2nd – Yr 4 Bikeability Week
10th - Prayer Morning
11th – Yr 5 PTA sale
13th – MacMillan Coffee Morning
14th – PTA Race Night
16th – Flu nasal spray
Half Term – 23rd – 29th

November

1st and 2nd – Parent Consultations
2nd - Year 4 PTA Sale
7th – Yr 1 Nutcracker Show – 9.30am
Yr 2 Nutcracker Show – 10.30am
15th – Coffee Morning
17th – PTA Winter Disco
24th – PTA Non- uniform day
30th – Reception Nativity

December

4th – PTA Christmas Week
5th – Prayer Morning
7th – Year 5 trip to Royal Opera House
7th – PTA Wreath Making
8th – Christmas Time in Nursery
11th – Reception to Chickenshed
12th – Yr 1,2,3 to the Panto
12th & 13th – Carol Service @ 6pm
18th – Junior Christmas Show @ 6pm
19th – Junior Christmas Show @ 1:45pm and 6pm
20th – School closes @ 2pm

Christmas Break

January 2024

8th – INSET
9th – Back to School

Message from Mrs Bacon

I hope everyone is back into the swing of things and the routine for the school year has been established. It is never easy after the long summer holidays especially as the weather is trying to confuse us at the moment. The children have made a great start – attendance and punctuality have been good – let's keep this up and encourage our children to be HERO's - Here, Everyday, Ready to learn, On time. Some children are still a little anxious or have struggled with transition and we are aware; staff are working hard to ensure they are supported and considering approaches to support these children. It is really important to us that we have a holistic approach to your children's experience at St Michaels and adapt to their needs and requirements. We had a great turn out for the Learning Cafes and Meet the Teacher, I hope those of you who could attend found it useful – to those of you who were unable to attend, we understand the frustration and we will make it our priority to give you as much notice and information as possible.

Communication

We are always working towards making improvements to our lines of communication with parents. We hope you have received an overview of this year's main events – this is subject to change occasionally and I will endeavor to update you of any changes/additions in our monthly newsletters. Please see correct emails for you to communicate with us. For all absences including appointments: absence@st-michaels.enfield.sch.uk For any non-urgent general enquiries: admin@st-michaels.enfield.sch.uk For any last minute unforeseen changes: please call the office on 020 8363 2724 Remember to use the planners to communicate with class teachers.

Black History Month – Girl Power

October marks the beginning of BHM23 – with the theme of 'Saluting our Sisters' – we will have BHM Thursdays where will have a focus on a black woman who has played a crucial role in shaping history, inspiring change or building communities here in British society – don't forget to ask the children who they have learnt about over the course of the month.

School Dinners

This year, inline with the government initiative, we are able to provide a free school meal to all children. The take up of this has been great. We are working closely with our new caterers to ensure that all children are having healthy lunches. Unfortunately, they have not yet set us up on their online booking system – we have been chasing this as it will be an advantage to all of us. Let's hope I can update you with news of this soon.

Prayer Morning

The first prayer morning of this academic year will be on Tuesday 10th October at 8.15am. It is a quiet time for prayer and reflection – children are welcome to come along and stand with their parents. It's ½ termly event and we hope to see you there.

Word of the Week – havoc

Success Club

Our Year 5 pupils have been enjoying 'Thinking Into Results' Thursday mornings with Success Club, which helps children evaluate their own choices, attitudes and behaviours in a fun and positive interactive programme. We've been exploring themes of 'growth mindset', self-esteem and how to combat self-doubt. Ask your children to explain these ideas to you! We've already had some great feedback from parents on the impact it's having on self-esteem and maturity.

Nutcracker

The children continue to enjoy their whole school PE dance project. As part of this we have an interactive Meet the Artists at school on 18th October, a Share and Celebrate opportunity on 7th November, where we will be joined by 4 dance artists from ROH to do workshops and performances. An online end of project celebration opportunity with schools across the country who have taken part in the project and finally Yr 5 will be going to see the Nutcracker on 7th November. I look forward to sharing some pictures and pupil voice about the experience.

Dear God, thank you for blessings, big and small, help us to remember to be thankful for your love and presence, each and every day. Amen
Glad to be back with you all - Mrs Bacon, Head Teacher