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All are welcome, All are accepted, All are loved, All achieve.

Welcome to our 27th January 2023 Newsletter.

What a wonderful week we have had!

On Monday, we welcomed Bishop Sophie to look around our school. I was so proud of our amazing school and how all the children interacted with her. Following the day, Bishop Sophie wrote a letter which is copied below.

Over the past couple of weeks, we have also welcomed parents in for parent information sessions. We have held a Year 3/4 parent meeting around calculation, a Year 2 parent reading meeting, a meeting around SHINE healthy living and also welcomed parents to talk to school nurses about toileting. We are grateful to all who attended. We are trying to vary the times, please let us know if there are better times to arrange these meetings.

Some of our year 4 children have also taken part in the Church of England Younger Leaders programme. The children looked at the importance of LOVE and how we share love. I was so impressed with the children's responses and how they conducted themselves during the meeting. True ambassadors for our school.

Coming up...

Next week, our year 4 will welcome Linda Gardner to start the Bible Explorers club. Children will be learning about bible heroes and the lessons we can learn from this.

Some of our year 4 children will also be participating in a basketball competition at Rossington All Saints.

Next week, some of our Year 5 and 6 children will be participating in Young Voices. We can't wait to attend such an amazing event!

Our wonderful PTA have organised a school disco for the end of our half term.

Our final week of the half term is Mental Health Week with a focus on 'Let's Connect' <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/> There will be lots of activities throughout the week around making meaningful connections. We will keep you informed.

We thank you for your continued support.

Big Garden Birdwatch 27-29th January

Big Garden Birdwatch is fun, free and for everyone. And you don't need a garden to take part! Counting birds from your balcony, or your local park will play a vital role in helping us understand how UK birds are doing. Sign up for your free guide using the link below and let's look out for birds together on 27-29 January. www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/ The following information is from the RSPB website:-

The fact that we've lost 38 million birds from UK skies in the last 50 years underlines that nature is in crisis. We see it in our own back gardens with house sparrows struggling and starlings undergoing a severe decline. As a conservation charity, your Birdwatch results help us monitor how our UK birds are faring in the face of the nature and climate emergency. But we can't do it without your support.

Letter from Bishop Sophie:

Thank you so much for your incredibly warm welcome to St Michaels on Monday morning. It really was a joy to be with you and to meet your dedicated staff team.

Though you are a large primary school, I experienced such a positive environment with supportive and warm relationships between staff and pupils. As you explained that a number of children need additional support, I was delighted to know that you have a dedicated full-time learning mentor, as well as ensuring that staff are trauma informed to help the children with their emotional regulation. With all the complexities of recent years, I also wanted to thank you for taking the mental health and wellbeing of staff so seriously. As Chair of the Board of Education in the Diocese of Sheffield and member of DSAT, this is so important to us. Our teachers and support staff are our greatest asset. Thank you for all you are doing to lead your school and to care for the whole school community.

I also noticed the high number of male teachers which is really encouraging to see, as well as specialists in music and French. I witnessed learning going on throughout the school with children really engaged in their learning and being supported in smaller groups. This was both impressive and encouraging. I would be grateful if you could pass on my thanks to your dedicated team at what can only be described as challenging times to be in your profession.

As a church school, it was evident that children really enjoy collective worship and are used to joining together to engage thoughtfully and meaningfully in this activity. I was impressed with the 'soul board', the worship committee and the prayer leaders. It was a real pleasure to have Year 6 worship leaders providing a tour of the school. They were clearly proud of their school and rightly so!

I keep you and the school in my prayers with gratitude for your care, compassion and leadership.

Parent/Carers as Partners

Over the past couple of years, due to restrictions, we have missed welcoming parents physically into school and arranging events for parents to visit. Last term, we launched our parent/carer breakfast events on a Thursday morning and, following their success, we will be continuing them this term. All are welcome. They run from **8:40am-9:20am** in the old hall (please come through the main entrance) and there will be refreshments. Please see the timetable below:

Thursday 2 nd February 2023	Autism	Mrs Dyson
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STRIKE

At the beginning of the week, I informed you of our Strike process and said that I would keep you informed if I knew anymore.

As it stands, at the moment, we have no staff members striking which means that all classes in school will be open. This could change on the day (if staff members change their mind); however, we are expecting that school will remain open. We apologise for any disruption this might have caused and thank you for your continued support.

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2022-23 Calendar

Spring Term	
Monday 2 nd January 2023	Bank Holiday- School not open
Tuesday 3 rd January 2023	School Starts Back for all Nursery closed for home visits.
Wednesday 4 th January 2023	Nursery open to all.
Tuesday 10 th January 2023	Zoolab to work with Year 2 and 3
Tuesday 10 th January 2023 3pm-4pm	Year 1 and 2 Parent number workshop in new hall.
Tuesday 17 th January 2023 2pm-3pm	Year 2 parent reading workshop (time in class with children as well)
Thursday 19 th January 2023 8:40am	School Nurse in school to talk about toileting. All welcome.
Monday 23 rd January 2023	Bishop Sophie in school
Tuesday 24 th January 2023 3pm-4pm	Year 3 and 4 Calculation workshop for parents.
Tuesday 31 st January 2023 (for 5 weeks)	Year 4 to work with Linda Gardner Bible Explorers
Friday 3 rd February 2023	Young Voices
Thursday 9 th February 2023 2pm	Year 3 service in church for parents.
Thursday 9 th February 2023	School Disco
Friday 10 th February 2023	School closes at the usual time
Week Beginning 13 th February 2023	Half term- no school
Monday 20 th February 2023	School open to all
Tuesday 21 st February 2023 2:30pm	Shrove Tuesday year 2 parent event in school
Week Beginning 27 th February 2023	SEN Support Plan Meetings
Tuesday 28 th February 2023 4pm-5pm	Year 1 parent's phonic meeting
Tuesday 28 th and Wednesday 29 th February	Skipping School Leader with each class.
Wednesday 15 th March 2023 4pm	Year 6 parent SATs meeting
Thursday 16 th March 2023 3pm- 4pm	EYFS and Year 1 and 2 Parent maths workshop
Week Beginning 20 th March 2023	Parent's Meetings one after school in person and one within school time via zoom
Tuesday 28 th March 2023 4pm	Year 2 parent SATs meeting
Wednesday 29 th March 2023 2pm	Year 4 Easter Service in church
Friday 31 st March 2023	School Finishes at 2pm
Summer Term	
Monday 17 th April 2023	School Starts Back for all Nursery closed for home visits.
Tuesday 18 th April 2023	Nursery opens for all.

Monday 1 st May 2023	Bank Holiday- no school
Tuesday 2 nd May 2023	School open to all
2 nd May- 26 th May 2023	Year 2 SATs- no holidays please.
Monday 8 th May 2023	Extra Bank Holiday for King's Coronation
Week Beginning 8 th May 2023	Year 6 SATs- no holidays please.
Thursday 25 th May 2023	Year 5 Service in church
Friday 26 th May 2023	School closes at usual time
Week Beginning 29 th May 2023	Half term holiday- no school
Monday 5 th June 2023	School open to all
5 th June 2023- 23 rd June 2023	Multiplication Check for year 4- no holidays please
Thursday 8 th June 2023	Tempest Class Photographs
Week Beginning 12 th June 2023	Year 1 phonics check- no holidays please
12 th June- 14 th June 2023	Year 6 Residential- The Oakes
Tuesday 27 th June 2023	KS2 Sports Day – parents in the morning.
Wednesday 28 th June 2023	KS1 and EYFS Sports Day- parents in the morning
Thursday 29 th June 2023	School Disco
Week Beginning 3 rd July 2023	SEN Support Plan Meetings
Friday 14 th July 2023	PTA Summer Fayre
Monday 17 th July 2023	Reports out to parents
Monday 17 th July 2023	Year 6 Leavers Service in church
Tuesday 18 th July 2023	Year 6 Leavers Assembly in school
Friday 21 st July 2023	School Closes at 2pm
Monday 24 th and Tuesday 25 th July 2023	Teacher Training Days- no school