

It's hard to believe we have only 1 week left before the end of term. Time is flying past so fast! This week we have seen the successful roll out of Flu Vaccines in school. Thank you to everyone who helped make this such a smooth process.

Yesterday I sent out an electronic Parent Questionnaire and just want to thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this as your feedback is very important to us.

I hardly dare think about Christmas yet (despite the Media telling me I should panic now!) but we are already starting to think ahead to all our Christmas events and are making exciting plans. Please make sure you have made a note of all the dates that were sent out last week.



2022/2023 School Applications - If your child is in Year 6 and due to start secondary school in September 2022, you must apply for your preferred secondary school place by 31st October 2021.

If your child is due to start Reception in September 2022, the application window is also open. You must apply by 15th January 2022. If anyone would like support with these applications, please let us know as soon as possible.



ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Year 2 for having the best

attendance again this week – they will get to look after St Michael Bear in class.

F1 – 85.1% F2 – 94 % Y1 – 98.0% Y2 – 98.6%

Y3 – 96.7% Y4 – 92.5% Y5 – 98.2% Y6 – 92.8%



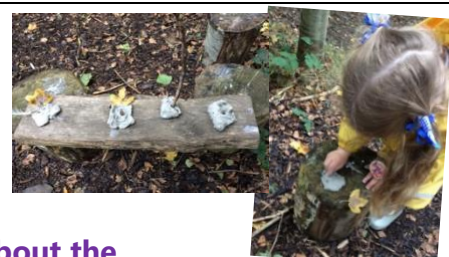
It has been so lovely to be able to recommence our sporting events. Some of the Year 4 children represented St Michael and All Angels last week in a game of Tag Rugby. The children write reports following activities and these can be found on our school website.

It has been another very busy week in school. **In EYFS Forest School, the children learnt about animal habitats, which animals live in trees and which live on the ground. They found their own 'stick man' and made some beautiful clay designs.**



In Foundation 1, the children have been learning about the importance of keeping their teeth nice and clean. They used some giant teeth to help them learn about effective brushing.

This week, Foundation 2 have enjoyed undertaking various activities that are related to their topic 'All About Me'. They have explored their different senses and thought about how to stay happy and healthy. They have also created their own portraits using fruits and vegetables like Giuseppe Arcimboldo.



In Year 3 in IT, children have explored the tools within MS Word. They practised typing, changed the fonts and added some images to their work. Absolute jubilation when their work was printed!

In IT in Year 4, the children have been using simple spreadsheet software to explore how computers help us with data.

They have gathered and presented information and used it to calculate. Who knew computers were so useful!

In Year 5, the children enjoyed learning about the work of the SVP from our lovely parishioner and SVP volunteer Tony Evans.

In Year 6 PE, they have had lots of fun doing Sports Hall athletics.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Week beginning Monday 18th October – Parent Meeting Phone Calls
Friday 22nd October - Show Racism the Red Card: Non-Uniform 'Wear Red Day'
Friday 22nd October – Break Up for Half Term
Monday 1st November – Return to School
Tuesday 2nd November – Parents Meetings

THANK YOU for all the Harvest Festival Donations so far. There have been some incredibly generous donations. We will be continuing to collect items up until 20th October for the Food Bank.

This month we are focusing on the value of 'Happiness'.

Happiness is about being able to make the most of the good times but also cope effectively with the bad times, in order to experience the best possible life overall.

Facts about Happiness

Did you know that having a positive mindset is responsible for as much as 90% of your feelings and wellbeing? It's true! The science of happiness is one of

the most valuable areas of studies around the world and concentrates on the question: How

can we both find and increase happiness?

People who are happy tend to live longer and suffer fewer health problems, and happier people are less likely to have health problems such as high blood pressure, heart issues - and so on.

Being happy is a skill that can be cultivated and the earlier we teach our kids that skill, the sooner happiness, resilience, optimism, productivity and contentment become a habit.

We set them up for a positive life.

Ways we can show and spread HAPPINESS:

Spending quality time with your family and friends.

Trying your best and encouraging others.

Smiling and making people laugh.

Being kind to others.

Listening to others.

Including others in your games and not leaving anyone out.

Praising others when they have done something well.

Leading a healthy lifestyle.



Happiness



- ◆ When I have love and peace inside, happiness just comes.
- ◆ Happiness is having fun with my friends.
- ◆ Happiness is knowing I am loved.
- ◆ When I do good things, I am happy with myself.
- ◆ Good wishes for everyone make me happy inside.
- ◆ I can give happiness to everyone with my good wishes.
- ◆ I can give happiness to others with words that are like flowers, not thorns.
- ◆ I can give happiness to others by sharing.

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WE ARE CALLED
TO SERVE.**

Jesus came to serve, not to be served. We learn to serve well by following His example.

#WHATWEBELIEVE

Thought for the week.....

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus teaches the disciples about how to be truly great. Being kind, self-giving, thoughtful and helpful are great qualities. It is not always easy to live our lives in this way but it is the way God wants us to live, to become the best we can be. God is great and he made us great too. Through spending lots of time serving others Jesus shows us the way to greatness.

Doing little things with
a strong desire to please
God makes them really
great.

- Saint Francis de Sales -

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Enjoy your weekend everyone, Mrs Ralph