



**UPCOMING
 DIARY DATES
 2019-20**

18th November

6M trip to Metro Bank

20th November

Fr Sidon form signing for Reception 2020
 2.30pm at the school
 6.15pm at St Michael's presbytery

21st November

Rec cake sale (change)

21st November

Yr4 trip to Woking Theatre

22nd November

Mufti day (Christmas Fayre donations)

22nd November - 9.20am

2W class assembly

29th November - 9.20am

2A class assembly

29th November

Yr6 Height & Weight Screening

29th November - 6.30pm-8.30pm

Christmas Fayre

3rd December

Yr5 trip to Kensington Palace

25th November

6S trip to Metro Bank

27th November

School Photographer

29th November 6.30-8.30pm

Christmas Fayre

3rd December

Yr5 trip to Kensington Palace

4th December

9.00am Turtle Class Nativity
 2.45pm Dolphin Class Nativity

6th December

Yr1 trip to London Zoo

Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents, Thank you for attending the parent meetings this week. I hope you found the teachers' feedback useful and you have a good picture of the progress they are making so far this year. Please continue to support your child's learning at home by working on the targets they will have been given.

As in previous years, we take this opportunity to conduct a survey to gather your feedback. This is very important to the school leadership team and governors so we would very much appreciate as many responses as possible. If you are yet to do so, please could I urge you to [complete the survey](#) over the weekend as the deadline is Monday. You will notice that some of the questions are slightly different to previous surveys. This is because we replicate Ofsted's parentview questions, which have recently changed following the introduction of a new inspection framework this year. You are, of course, welcome to register your feedback directly with Ofsted at any point by visiting their parentview website.

We were delighted to open our new Early Years playscape this week. This has been a major project for the school and will help improve our early years outdoor provision even further. The playscape includes a bridge & tunnel, water pump and dam, sandpit with pullies, pyramid mounds, a stage, a roadway, a mud-kitchen, a large canopy and new astroturf surfacing throughout!! The nursery and reception children (and staff) absolutely love the new area.

We have had two themed weeks since the last newsletter. Last week we celebrated Parliament Week by exploring how our democracy works and how parliament is elected. This is obviously a hot topic at the moment in the run up to the general election! To help the children understand the concept of voting, we are conducting a ballot to select the film the children would like to see at the Film Night on Friday, 31st January, which is being organised by The Friends of Saint Michael's.

The school has, once again, been selected as a Polling Station for the general election so will be **closed on Thursday, 12th December**. Although I am sure this is disruptive for some families, legislation allows local authorities to select schools for such purposes so we need to comply with the request.

We have enjoyed some very special assemblies over the last fortnight too. 3P taught us all about the importance of Remembrance Day, which we honoured with a 2 minute silence on Monday. We also had an assembly from CAFOD and Missio, two Catholic charities we always like to support. CAFOD are urging everyone to become a 'Zero Hero' to help save our global environment. One way in which we have made a positive impact is by planting 118 trees on our field last Friday. It was so lovely to see so many families help to do this - thank you so much!

Thank you also for supporting Children in Need today through your donations of £1. **Next Friday, we are holding another mufti day** in exchange for donations to help create Christmas Hampers and stock our 'Secret Shop' at the Christmas Fayre. At the Secret Shop, children will be able to pick out a present (for a nominal price) for a special adult in their life and have help to wrap it up. You should have received another email with more details but the

children will be able to wear their own clothes (no theme) in exchange for: Nursery, Reception and Year 1 – gentlemen's gifts; Year 2,3,4 – ladies gifts; 5H – red hamper gifts; 5W – green hamper gifts; 6S – silver hamper gifts; 6M – gold hamper gifts. We will need lots of help to make the Christmas Fayre a success again this year. Each year group have been designated an area to help with so please sign up if you are able to. We need lots of volunteers in the run up to the fayre too as we plan to make Christmas baubles again and prepare for the various stalls. Please don't leave it to others – we need YOU! Look out for details and requests in your e-mail inbox.

I received a very nice letter last week from RH Nick Gibb, Minister of State for Schools, congratulating us for our Year 1 Phonics Screening results last year. We had a 100% pass rate last year, placing us in the top 2% of schools in the country. This is something to be very proud of as learning to decode words accurately and fluently opens up a world of opportunity for children at this young age.

Some more good news to end with, I am happy to tell you that Mrs Bowden gave birth to a healthy baby boy last week. They are both doing very well! Have a lovely weekend, please complete the survey! Mr Lane

Spelthorne in Bloom Award

I am pleased to announce that our Peace Garden was voted second best Sustainable School and Wildlife Garden in Spelthorne. Mr McLaren is already plotting a return to triumphant first-place glory for next year! In all seriousness, a huge thank you to him for maintaining and improving our garden with the children and for their benefit.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE—29th November 6.30-8.30pm

Save the date and tell your friends about this year's Christmas Fayre. There will be music, food, drinks, shopping and children's entertainment, including a Santa's Grotto! If you are able to help advertise the fayre by having a Frost board outside your home, please email Namika Romanay namikaromanay@yahoo.co.uk

Year 5 Steam Workshop by Aine, Nikola & Taylor Last Thursday, we had a STEM workshop to encourage us to become engineers when we are older. We had to make a rollercoaster and a Newton car! We found out that gravity helps rollercoasters work. We were placed in teams and had to design a rollercoaster that took the longest time to get from start to finish. 13.01 seconds was the winning time. We built Newton cars, which were powered by the kinetic energy of a rubber band. The car that travelled the furthest won. The whole workshop was amazing fun.

When we return we will be following week 3 of our new Autumn/Winter menu

