



Saint Michael

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UPCOMING DIARY DATES 2015-2016

Tuesday 5th Jan 2016

First day of the spring term

Wednesday 12th Jan

Year 1 & 2 parent workshop
6 p.m.

Headteacher's Update

We had an extremely busy week to end the term with class parties, Christmas jumpers, visits from Santa Claus and lots of fun activities for the children. The highlight for me were the Carol Concerts and I am sure that those of you that were in attendance agree. The children performed the carols beautifully both at school and at the Church. Thank you for supporting us in making these events a joyful yet poignant reminder of why this season is so important to our Catholic faith.

Today, some children were awarded certificates to recognise their consideration for others, consistent effort and attendance. I have also awarded one child from each year group a 'Headteacher's Award' which recognises that through their words and deeds, they are examples of the virtues we try to promote in our children. Well done to all of the children that received a certificate.

Over the Christmas holidays, please keep an eye on our website, which will be re-launched! We hope it will provide a more modern site that will be usable on all devices. Please let me know what you think. There will also be an online calendar facility that you will be able to link with your smartphone so that key school dates will be sent to your phone calendar and notifications of new dates and date changes will be updated automatically.

The summaries of your parent surveys and the childrens' surveys will be available on the new website. Once again, we had an excellent response rate and your feedback was reassuringly positive — thank you for your continued support! If you do have any specific concerns about any aspect of school life, please get in touch with me.

I am sad to inform you that Miss Hancock will be leaving us today. She is returning home to New Zealand after spending a year teaching at Saint Michael's. I would like to thank her for all of her dedication and hard work and wish her all the best for her future. She will be sure to keep in touch with us from across the world.

As some of you may be aware, my wife and I are expecting our second child over the Christmas holidays so, all being well, I will be on paternity leave after Christmas. I will leave you in the capable hands of Miss Knipe and the Senior Leadership Team. Once again, have a happy, holy, joyful and peaceful Christmas break. Mr Lane

Nursery Resources

We would very much appreciate donations of the following resources for our nursery. Any donations will need to be of good quality and unbroken with all parts and pieces included. You may have resources that your children have grown out of or you need to clear for Christmas presents. Please drop any donations to the front desk and THANK YOU in advance! Picture and Story Books for 5 and under; Nursery rhyme books; Fairy tale books; Children's Story and Nursery Rhyme Song CDs and audio books; Small World Toys (ELC Happy Land figures, small animals, dinosaurs, vehicles and buildings), Sylvanian Families type sets; Planes, Trains and train track sets; Cars and road track sets ; Duplo; Hand and finger puppets; Role play sets - such as doctors, vets, police officers ; Role play costumes - Fairytale princess dresses, fire fighters etc.; Complete jigsaws and floor puzzles suitable for 2-

Year 1 and 2 parent workshop: 12th Jan, 6pm

We will be holding a parents' workshop for parents with children in Years 1 and 2. The workshop will be split into two parts. The first part will give information on the Year 2 SATs tests and teacher assessments with guidance on how to support your children at home, which will be useful for both the current Year 2 parents and Year 1 parents looking ahead to next year. The second part of the workshop will focus on the Year 1 Phonics Screening. This will be most useful for Year 1 parents so the Year 2 parents will have the option to leave. Some Year 2 parents may wish to stay to be reminded about how to continue to support reading and phonics at home.

Year 1 Zoo

The Year 1 children had a fantastic time at London Zoo last Friday. Thank you to the parents for their patience in waiting for the late arrival on the coach!

School Library

We would like to invite you to come into the library after school to change your child's reading book with them (if it needs changing). Mrs Gillespie will be there to help where necessary. Mrs Morgan

Day	Date	Year Group
Tuesday	5th Jan	Reception
Wednesday	6th Jan	Year 1
Tuesday	12th Jan	Year 2
Wednesday	13th Jan	Year 3
Tuesday	19th Jan	Year 4
Wednesday	20th Jan	Year 5
Tuesday	26th Jan	Year 5
Wednesday	27th Jan	Year 6

Reception Admissions

The deadline for application forms for our Reception September 2016 intake is the **15th January 2016**. Please see the [website](#) for full details.

I.T. Technician and Nursery Teaching Assistant

We are currently advertising for an I.T. Technician and two Nursery Teaching Assistants. Please see the [school website](#) for details.

Admissions Arrangements for Sept. 2017

The Governing Body are required to consult on the school's admissions arrangements for 8 weeks. The consultation period commences on the 27th November 2015 until 27th January 2016. More details can be found on the school website or in the school foyer.

Hot Dinners for Spring Term

For those of you who pay for school dinners, the amount due until February half term is £60.20. If you are paying by cheque please ensure that the cheque payable to Surrey County Council.

Next week, we will be following menu 1

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