



# Saint Michael

## Catholic Primary School

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#### **UPCOMING DIARY DATES 2015-2016**

#### **Tuesday 12th Jan**

Year 1 & 2 parent workshop  
6 p.m.

#### **Thurs 14th Jan**

Year 6 Cake Sale in the parent  
hut at 3 p.m.

#### **Fri 15th Jan**

Class 3S assembly Parents wel-  
come 9.20 a.m.

#### **Thurs 21st Jan**

Year R Cake Sale in the parent  
hut at 3 p.m.

#### **Fri 22nd Jan**

Class 3A Assembly Parents wel-  
come 9.20 a.m.

#### **Thurs 28th Jan**

Year 5 Cake Sale in the parent  
hut at 3 p.m.

#### **Fri 29th Jan**

Class 2H Assembly Parents wel-  
come 9.20 a.m.

#### **Wed, 3rd Feb**

PTA meeting 7.30 p.m. at the  
school

#### **Thurs 4th Feb**

Year 1 Cake Sale in the parent  
hut at 3 p.m.

#### **Fri 5th Feb**

Class 2B Assembly Parents wel-  
come 9.20 a.m.

Next week, we will be  
following menu 2

#### **Weekly Update**

Happy New Year! I hope that you and your families managed to have a peaceful Christmas break this year.

This week in assembly the children have reflected on how to improve their lives and help others around them, through the use of New Year Resolutions and the Feast of the Epiphany. Today you were all in our thoughts and prayers as we celebrated a whole school mass together with Mgr Overton.

Next week, we are holding our annual E-Safety week, where all of the children will learn more about how to stay safe on the internet. The key message we teach our children is that the internet and mobile technologies are extremely useful in modern society but must be used responsibly to keep everybody safe. Please take this opportunity to discuss what the children are learning about and consider if there is anything further you can do to ensure your children are safe when using the internet or mobile technology at home.

We hope that you have had a chance to look at our new school website over the Christmas Holidays. On it you will find the copy of your child's Curriculum Map which is referred to in the Curriculum Newsletter that was sent home today as well as some very useful information on E-safety. We would welcome any feedback regarding the website.

Finally, I am sure that you would like to join us in congratulating Mr Lane and his family on their new arrival. Mrs Lane gave birth to a beautiful baby boy during the Christmas holidays and both mother and baby are doing very well! Congratulations Mr Lane and Mrs Lane.

Miss Knipe

#### **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), Sylvania 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 2-4 year olds; Marble runs.

#### **Competition Winners!!**

Congratulations to Ashwin, Andrew C and Isabelle in Year 6 who received a handwritten letter; a prize and some books for the school from the author Celia J Busby after entering a story writing competition. Well done and thank you!

#### **School Library**

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

Day	Date	Year Group
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

#### **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.

#### **Cake Sales**

Due to the success of the year group cake sales last year, we are introducing them again. Each year group will take it in turn to supply and sell cakes each Thursday to raise money for their year. Please look out for dates on the left hand side and for letters from class teachers requesting volunteers to help. Year 6 are the first year group to hold their cake sale and plan to use the money to help fund a very exciting trip to the Globe theatre in London this term. Good luck Yr 6!!

#### **Reception Admissions**

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

#### **Health and Safety**

Please may we remind you that dogs are not allowed onto the school site unless they are Hearing Dogs or Guide Dogs.

#### **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.

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