



**UPCOMING
DIARY DATES
2016-2017**

31st March

Last day of the spring term

18th April

First day of the summer term

19th April

Nursery Open Morning—9.30am

21st April

Mgr Overton signing Certificate of Catholic Practice for nursery applications at the Presbytery—10.00—11.00 am

26th April

PTA Meeting—7pm

27th April

Year 3 Cake Sale

28th April

Stay, Play and Share My Learning 12.45pm—playground & field 1.15 onwards—classrooms. Children can be taken home early.

1st May

Bank Holiday—**SCHOOL CLOSED**

2nd May

Mass for Mrs Bulfin, 1.30pm. Parents welcome

4th May

Polling Day—**SCHOOL CLOSED**

8th May

Mgr Overton signing Certificate of Catholic Practice for nursery applications at the Presbytery—5.30pm—6.00pm

17th May

Nursery Turtles Assembly, 9.20am

19th May

Nursery Dolphins Assembly, 9.20am

Easter Mass Times at St. Michael's Church

Saturday: 6.00pm
Sunday: 9.15am, 11.00am, 6.00pm
Weekdays: 9.15 am (no mass on Thursdays)

Next week, we will be following menu 2

Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents, we drew the term to a close this week with two powerful re-enactments of The Passion performed by Year 5. The children reminded us all that Easter is our most special season as Catholics and reflecting on those events should bring hope and joy into our lives. Thank you Year 5! Our school choir also took part in the Spelthorne Music Festival at St. Michael's Church this week. It was another fantastic success so well done to the choir! Well done also to the School Council, who organised a fantastic day last Friday as we celebrated Comic Relief by having a mufti day and a disco. The children had a fantastic time and we managed to raise £865 for CAFOD and Comic Relief. The summary of results from the [parent](#) and [pupil](#) surveys are now available on the website. You will see that the responses are extremely positive, in fact the parent survey is the most positive response we have received to date. It is extremely reassuring to know that all of the respondents (nearly 200) feel that the children at St. Michael's are happy, feel safe, taught well, well behaved and the school is well led and managed. All respondents agreed that they would recommend the school to another parent. We can't really ask for much more than that! Your support is very much appreciated by all the staff.

I feel I have inundated you with links to charity donation websites in the last month or so. All are worthy causes but I will flag up two again as they are dedicated to raising school funds. Firstly, a reminder that wonderful Miss Cannon is walking non-stop to Brighton to raise money for new tablets—please [donate here](#). Secondly, a group of fantastic parents have come together to raise £3,000 of PTA funds to continue to improve our playtimes. Please [donate here](#) if you can. On the subject of playtimes, Michael Follett of the Opal Play Project, is soon to release a book on 'Creating Excellence in Primary School Playtimes'. It is available for pre-order now and you may see some familiar faces on the cover!

I would also like to let you know that Mrs Bowden has now left to begin her maternity leave. Her baby is due in the next few weeks so we all wish her well. I am also very sad to tell you that Mrs Bulfin will be leaving us soon after Easter. Over the 24 years working at the school, she has become a huge part of the St Michael's family. We will be holding a mass on 2nd May at 1.30pm for parents and former colleagues to say goodbye and say thank you. Her last day will actually be the 12th May. I do hope you are all able to have a peaceful and happy Easter break, Mr Lane

Sponsored Read

You should have received a letter and sponsorship form this week for our Easter sponsored read. This is entirely optional but we would like to encourage the children to raise some money to fund new library books. There are prizes for the child in each year group that raises the most money— Happy reading!

Saint Michael's Nursery Open Morning: Wednesday, 19th April 2017 – 9.30am

If you are interested in your child joining Saint Michael's Nursery in September, you are warmly welcomed to the Open Morning on 19th April at 9.30am. Mr Lane will lead a presentation on the nursery and the admission procedure, which will be followed by a visit to the nursery classroom and outside areas. The nursery will have places for FEET funded 2 year olds as well as 3 and 4 year olds that qualify for 15 hours and, potentially, places for those that are eligible for 30 hours provision. Application forms will be released at the Open Morning.

Play Donations

If you are planning a Spring clear out this Easter, we would very much like the following items as play resources: bed sheets, duvets, large pieces of material for den building; old fashioned scales, kettles, jugs and microwaves for our mud kitchen; large dustbins and recycling bins for loose parts play. Thank you!

Egg Hunt 14th April 11am-2pm, Sunbury Leisure Centre

Kids go free and adults have to pay £1. There will also be face painting, a bouncy castle, soft play etc.

Stay, Play and Share My Learning: 28th April, 12.45pm

We would like to invite all parents to come in to play with the children from 12.45pm on Friday, 28th April. You will experience our fantastic playtimes and the Staines Runners will officially open our new play area. You will then be able to join the children in the classrooms to share their learning from 1.15pm. If you have siblings, you will be able to visit each of the children's classrooms. You will then be able to take the children home early, once you have finished, to start the bank holiday weekend!

Netball Update by Kim Nunes and Monique Bouquet

On 14th March, we had our first netball match away at hennestone. It was a very hard match but we didn't give up. The first quarter was tough but Millie Byrne scored a goal and then Peter Freeman scored in the second quarter. Kim Nunes scored in the third quarter before Chennestone got two goals back. It was a great game and both teams played very well. We won 3-2! We also came 5th of 10 teams in a netball tournament this week.

PDA Academy by Danny Hebditch, PDA Coach

We have some great news! PDA Academy attendee's Jack Dowling, James Mostyn, Finlay Higgins and George Crawshaw have recently played two match fixtures. The first of these was against Reading FC whom they beat 10-7 and the second fixture was against a local Academy in Guildford whom they beat 11-5. Congratulations to the boys and keep up the good work!

Sainsbury's Vouchers

We are collecting Sainsburys Vouchers for Schools, which will help us buy gardening and play equipment. Please now switch your allegiance from TESCO to Sainsbury's - thank you kindly ;)

