

# St. Michael's Church of England Junior School

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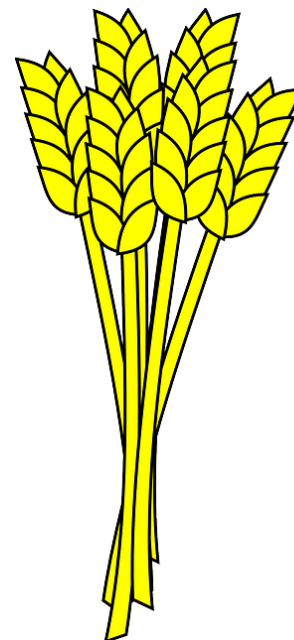
Dear Parents and Carers,

## Harvest Festival

On **Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> October @ 10:00** am there will be a service to celebrate harvest. It will be held at **St. Michael's Church** and all parents, relatives and friends and warmly invited to attend. The children will be performing various items of song, poetry and drama.

This year, we are once again joining with St. Michael's Church to support our chosen charity which is The Leprosy Mission. This charity helps to fight leprosy in more than 20 countries and £30.00 will help to pay for food for a day for one patient in the leprosy hospital.

We are asking that children bring in their donations during the week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> October. There will be a collecting bin for each house in the school hall every morning and the house that raises the most money will get an extra playtime as a reward! You will receive a leaflet and a separate letter about this nearer the time.



## Attendance

|                      | Auth %      | Unauth %  | Overall     | Persistent Absence |
|----------------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|--------------------|
| Essex                | 3.06%       | 0.66%     | 3.72%       | 3.29%              |
| East Region          | 3.16%       | 0.68%     | 3.85%       | 3.41%              |
| Stat. Neighbours     | 3.21%       | 0.62%     | 3.83%       | 3.54%              |
| England              | 3.16%       | 0.76%     | 3.92%       | 3.73%              |
| <b>St. Michael's</b> | <b>2.2%</b> | <b>0%</b> | <b>2.2%</b> | <b>0.0%</b>        |

We have received the following figures from Essex County Council comparing our attendance data with both national and Essex data. As you can see we have excellent percentages for all categories of absence and I thank parents for ensuring that their children are in school, unless they are really poorly.

Your child can miss school if either:

- They're too ill to go in
- You've got advance permission from St. Michael's School

## Holidays in term time

You have to get permission from the Headteacher if you wish to take your child out of school during term time. You can only do this if:

- You make an application to the headteacher in advance (as a parent the child normally lives with)
- There are exceptional circumstances

It is up to the Headteacher how many days, if any, your child can be away from school if leave is granted.

You can be fined (<https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence/legal-action-to-enforce-school-attendance>) for taking your child on holiday during term time without the school's permission.

Please continue to support the school by ensuring that your child is in school every day. Thank you.

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## **Parking**

The thorny issue of parking has been brought to our attention by one of our neighbours living on Barnard Road. The two access roads directly opposite the school are areas where cars can legally park, however, some cars are parking right on the corners of these access roads where they meet with Barnard Road, making visibility difficult when pulling out onto Barnard Road. Please park carefully to ensure the safety of our children and their families. Thank you.

## **Cycle Track**

The cycle track is now up and running once again. This week the children in years 5 and 6 have been able to use the track during lunchtime. Next week the children in years 3 and 4 will be able to use the track. Children have to bring in their bicycles and keep them in the bike racks near the front playground and they must have a helmet. The track is supervised by an adult at lunchtime to ensure the safety of the children. The lower and upper school will continue to use the track on alternate weeks.

## **11+ Examination**

We would like to wish all our children who are sitting the 11+ exam on Saturday or during the week, lots of luck. You have all worked incredibly hard and we are very proud of your achievements. Go for it!

## **School Clubs**

School clubs will be starting on Monday. We have had an amazing response to the clubs and are delighted that so many children will be participating. If your child cannot attend their club and they are in school, they must go and inform the teacher who is running the club that they won't be there. We ask that all children commit to at least one term if they have registered for a club. You will be informed today whether your child has been successful in getting a place in their chosen club.

## **Residential Trip**

Our children in Year 6 are preparing for their exciting trip to Norfolk, which leaves on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> September. There are 2 final meetings to give out the last paperwork and to answer any further questions that parents may have. These will be held on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September @ 2:30 pm and 6:30 pm. The meetings will be the same and parents only need to attend the one that is most convenient for them. The members of staff that will be accompanying the children will be Mrs. Rumsey, Mrs. Orton and Miss Walker along with the staff from the Aylmerton Field Study Centre. All parents should have received a kit list, a medicine sheet and a dietary requirement sheet (this does not mean a fussy eater!!).


**Menu week 3 next week - new autumn menus – on website.**

## **Dates for your Diary**

Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Year 4 trip to British Museum, London  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September – Year 3 trip to Braintree Museum  
Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> September @ 7:00 pm – Meeting for parents about assessment without levels  
Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> September @ 9:00 am – Macmillan Coffee Morning in the school hall  
Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Residential Trip to Norfolk for Year 6  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September – Year 3 Parent Lunch  
Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> October @ 10:00 am – Church service at St. Michael's to celebrate Harvest Festival  
Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> October @ 10:00 am – School Harvest Festival at St. Michael's Church  
Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> October @ 7:00 pm – 11+ meeting for parents

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Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> October @ 4:00-6:30 pm – Parent Consultation Evening (letter will be sent in due course)

Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> October @ 4:00 – 6:30 pm – Parent Consultation Evening

Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Break up for the half term holiday

Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October inclusive – Half term break

Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Non-Pupil Day

Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> December @ 1:30 pm – Formal Christmas Concert

Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December @ 1:30 pm and Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December @ 7:00 pm – Year 3/4 Christmas Performances

Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> December @ 10:00 am – School Carol Service at St. Michael's Church

Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> December – Break up for the Christmas holidays

Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016 – Non-Pupil Day

Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016 – Children return to school

Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> February @ 4:00 – 6:30 pm - Parent Consultation Evening

Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> February @ 4:00 – 6:30 pm - Parent Consultation Evening

Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> February – Break up for the half term holiday

Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Children return to school

Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March – The Easter service at St. Michael's Church @ 10:00 am

Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> March – Break up for the Easter holiday

Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> April – Non-Pupil Day

Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> April – Children return to school

Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> May – SATs exam week – Year 6

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Break up for the half term holiday

Yours sincerely



Maria Rumsey  
Headteacher