

St. Michael's



Friday, 23rd October 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

Half-term Holiday

The children break up today for the half-term holiday. They return to school on **Tuesday 3rd November** as we have a non-pupil day on Monday 2nd November. It has been a successful first half-term with children and staff settling in well to their new classes and everyone working very hard.

Congratulations!

We are delighted to congratulate Hope Burchell who has just auditioned for the title role of Matilda in London's West End. Out of over 400 children auditioning for this prestigious role, Hope has made it to the last 7 children, which is amazing!! Her next audition is in early November and we look forward to hearing the news of her audition. Whatever the result, Hope has achieved incredibly well, making the last 7 children. We all wish Hope lots of success and we will be thinking of her as she probably spends half-term preparing for this amazing opportunity! Well done Hope!

Brilliant Cricketers!

Mr. Sturton, our sports coach, put some boys forward for the Essex District Cricket Trials. After two lots of trials for the Under 10s and about 200 boys competing for 20 places, I am delighted to report that Charlie Davis, Patrick Barrow, Jack Pearce and Lucas Turner have all made the district development squad. We are absolutely delighted that 4 members of our school have made this selective squad. Well done boys, we are all immensely proud of your achievements. Who knows, it could be the England squad next!

Parent Consultation Evenings

It was lovely to welcome so many parents to our termly open evenings. We hope that you found it informative and welcomed the opportunity to look in your child's books. The food that had been prepared by our cooks, Mrs. Eley and Mrs. Gowers went down particularly well! Feedback of the evenings is always welcome as we are keen to keep improving our communication with parents.

Open Day

We had a good turnout on Monday, from prospective parents to view the school in two sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. They were shown round by our Year 6 children and heard the choir sing. The sessions ended with a taster of our delicious home cooked food, which the parents really enjoyed. There were so many positive comments about the school, which was heartening to hear. The parents really appreciated being able to see the school working and to see the children talking about their learning. They preferred this to a 'glossy' open evening. We will repeat this open day every year at this time and as always, feedback is always welcomed.

Football Match Report – Written by Alex Morritt -Year 5

On Monday, 12th October, we played against Writtle who were quite a hard team. I had some friends at Writtle and this was our team:-

Owen Stevens, Harry Page, Alfie Dickinson, Alex Morritt, Mishary Said, Alfie Gilbey and Lucas Turner.

We won 6-3. Alfie scored 4, Mishary scored 2. There was 20 minutes for each half and we tried our hardest.

Football Match Report – Written by Harry Page – Year 6

On Monday, 12th October, we played 20 minutes each way at St. Michael's against Writtle Junior School. Owen played in goal. He played fantastically well with some good saves. He let 3 goals in but he put his head up and played. Alfie Dickinson did very well. He did good tackles and headers. Alex Morritt did well in holding the other team. He did good headers and tackles and his shooting was good.

Clark did brilliantly for his first match with good tackles and he worked hard. Mishary S. played from the wing, you played really well from running down the wing and you scored two goals!
Lucas Turner played well passing the ball back from each other and he had good movement.
Alfie G. was very good at shooting and scoring goals. He scored four goals!

Messy Church

There will be a Messy Church Big Party on **Saturday, 31st October @ 4 pm** at St. Michael's Church. Please come in party clothes and have lots of fun. Please see St. Michael's Church website www.stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk for details.

Menu week 1 next week - new winter menus – on website.

Dates for your Diary

Friday, 23rd October – Break up for the half term holiday
Monday, 26th October – Friday 30th October inclusive – Half term break
Monday, 2nd November – Non-Pupil Day
Friday, 11th December @ 1:30 pm – Formal Christmas Concert
Tuesday, 15th December @ 1:30 pm and Wednesday, 16th December @ 7:00 pm – Year 3/4 Christmas Performances
Thursday, 17th December @ 10:00 am – School Carol Service at St. Michael's Church
Friday, 18th December – Break up for the Christmas holidays
Monday, 4th January 2016 – Non-Pupil Day
Tuesday, 5th January 2016 – Children return to school
Monday, 8th February @ 4:00 – 6:30 pm - Parent Consultation Evening
Wednesday, 10th February @ 4:00 – 6:30 pm - Parent Consultation Evening
Friday, 12th February – Break up for the half term holiday
Monday, 22nd February – Children return to school
Wednesday, 23rd March – The Easter service at St. Michael's Church @ 10:00 am
Thursday, 24th March – Break up for the Easter holiday
Monday, 11th April – Non-Pupil Day
Tuesday, 12th April – Children return to school
Week beginning 9th May – SATs exam week – Year 6
Friday 27th May – Break up for the half term holiday

Yours sincerely



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