

St Michael's Junior Church School Newsletter



Believing together we can

Friday 18th October 2019

Start of a new year...

We have had a great start to our new school year and busy first term, with lots of new faces around school, our new Year 3 children, some new staff members and a brand new bus!

We were excited to explore the bus when it arrived and chat about what we thought it should be used for. Suggestions included...a play bus, reading bus and thrive bus.

There have been lots of smiles as the term has really got up and running now and we look forward to the fun and adventures ahead of us over half term and for the rest of the school year.

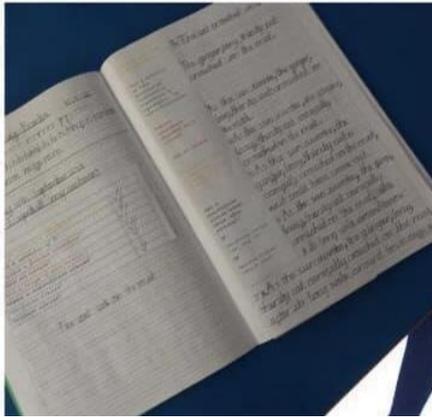
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Look at all the fun things we have been doing...





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Staffing updates

Miss Mellor is busy resting and recuperating but keeping up to date with all the wonderful things happening through Facebook and Twitter. Miss Mellor is feeling lots better but will be absent until at least October Half-term.

Ms Cuthbertson is still also convalescing. Ms McClune has been overseeing SEND during the summer and beginning of term 1 and will continue to do this up until Christmas.

Parent Reps...

We are looking for some parent/carer representatives for each class. Are you interested? Please let the office know. We would look to meet every half term (6 weeks or so) to improve communication, help resolve any concerns and share/ celebrate things that are happening. The role may develop in the future too but this would be our starting point. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Year 3 parents Parent Pay

Please remember to sign up to Parent Pay – if you are having problems let the school office know and they will help you.

Job Opportunity... We will be advertising for a MDSA in the next few days. It will be advertised on the Bath & Wells Multi Academy vacancy page and Eteach.

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DoodleMaths...

Welcome to Doodle Maths. All children from now have access to the excellent Doodle Maths app and Doodle times tables. The maths program is tailored to the individual and so every child can succeed no matter what stage of learning they are on with their maths. To avoid any teething issues please make sure you are using the most up-to-date versions of the apps: DoodleMaths - 6.2.0 DoodleTables - 3.2.0 and if your child is using a browser to access their work then please only use google chrome. I must mention DoodleTables too! This is a fantastic app that helps your child practise their times tables. Remember we also have Times Tables Rock stars as well. Please remind your child to use it and remember, as a parent you can link your account and track how well your child is doing. If you experience technical issues with your device then please contact the Doodle Maths website directly but if your child has simply lost their user name or password please contact your class teacher who can reset it. Please speak to your class teacher as soon as possible if you do not have a device to access the app.

Happy doodling!

Harvest Appeal...

We raised £75 for our Harvest Appeal and bought 7 tokens from OXFAM for people to buy seeds and tools to grow their own food. Thanks to the parents and children that supported the cause and came to watch our Harvest Festival in Church.



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Resources and events that may be of interest to you...

[Big Database BathNES](#) offers information on Ofsted registered childcare providers, after school clubs, school holiday clubs, events and activities for families all year round. This site is complemented by our Facebook page Family Information Online where we share an abundance of adhoc attractions, events and seasonal activities appropriate for families living across B&NES.

[Rainbow Resource](#) is Bath and North East Somerset's Local Offer providing information, resources, events and activities relevant to families with a young person who has Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities. We also offer a free Rainbow Resource card to these families enabling them to verify their child's needs confidentially as required, particularly beneficial when they are entitled to reduced admission to attractions.

Rondo Theatre Drama Club

Truly creative theatre for young people (7-15)

Autumn season:

Tuesdays, 4.30-5.45pm, starting on Tues 19 September

- Sessions held at Newbridge Primary School
- Dress rehearsal & performance at the Rondo Theatre

Starting with your own ideas you'll work each week with youth director Paulo Baigent. You'll devise a play and perform it at the Rondo Theatre to your friends and family on Sunday 1st December.

To book or find out more contact Paulo at: speaktomegabriel@gmail.com

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LEAP is a free programme for families of children and young people who are above a healthy weight*

Group sessions for children aged 5-10 years (with family) **covering topics around:**

Healthy food and drink swaps
Physical Activity / active play
The impact of screen time
Why we make certain food choices

Where? St Andrews Primary School

When? Tues 24th Sep, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd Oct, 5th Nov 19

Time? 3.45-4.45pm

To book a place or find out more contact one of our team;

t: 0300 247 0203

e: BATHNES.thehub@virginicare.co.uk

Service provided by



3 Bath Strings Academy

A Tasty Bite of First String Group

Sunday 20th October 9.45am—12.45pm

Fun group playing and musicianship games for string players from beginners (open strings) to approx. Grade 1.

bathstringsacademy.org

Widcombe Junior School,
Bath, BA2 4JG
Fees: £22
Sibling discounts
Bursaries available

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Spectacular Spiccato

Bowing Technique Workshop

Explore the natural bouncing properties of the bow, used in a variety of bow strokes whilst developing the technical control that improves playing.

Sunday 20th October 1.30—4.15pm

Venue: Widcombe Junior School Bath
Fees: £22
Sibling Discounts and Bursaries available.

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Dates for your diary...

24th October 4.30pm - 6pm – Whole School Disco/Monster Ball

24th October – Children break up for Half Term

25th October – INSET Day

4th November – Children back to school

11th - 15th November – Mill on the Brue (Years 5 and 6)

11th November – Anti-bullying Week

5th December – Activities Night – Years 2, 3 and 4

5th December – Years 5 and 6 Disco

13th December – Christmas Jumper Day for 'Save the Children'

17th December – Mother Goose Anti-Bullying Show

19th December 1.30pm – Christmas Church Service

20th December – Break up for Christmas holiday

Whole School Attendance – 95%

Only 1% from our target and the highest it has been for over two years! Well done everyone!

We hope you have a great last week of term and good rest over the holidays ready for another fun-filled couple of months in the lead up to Christmas.

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