

# St Michael & All Angels CE Infant School

## MARCH NEWSLETTER 2021

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As the evenings get lighter and we see more of the sun, there is definitely a feeling of change in the air! It has been great to see all the children finish off this term back in school, learning together, with their friends (long may it continue!) Over the last three weeks, the teachers have been getting children moving on with their learning journeys and assessing the progress made over the Spring term.

Next term, we will be supporting every child to continue moving forward with their learning, filling any gaps and building on what they know, as we have always done. For some children, this may involve more focused learning on reading, writing or maths. For others, it will be about supporting the rebuilding of friendships and helping children in developing their understanding of challenge, attitude to learning and resilience. I have mentioned before, that for those who would like to hear more about our curriculum for the next term and our approach to supporting children in such unusual times, I will be holding some short update meetings. There will be a briefing for each of our schools and you are welcome to attend any of these (but I would advise not to attend all of them – as you might get a little bored by the third time!). These meetings are as follows:

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 5pm – Copythorne

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79908022543?pwd=VWVVL05FTzU1WEx5RDhEZlROQVliUT09>

Meeting ID: 799 0802 2543

Passcode: n8SQTZ

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 5pm – SMAA, Lyndhurst

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 5pm – Netley Marsh

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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Meeting ID: 772 1082 4580

Passcode: Wk0JOY

Over the next term, our curriculum will be changed and adapted, to suit the needs of our learners and we will be teaching children key next steps, through mini themes – focussing on core skills in the morning and the wider curriculum in the afternoons. Next term we will also be holding parent consultation meetings, to talk about your child's next steps and how we can work together to ensure that your child continues to move forward.

#### **Covid Update**

As restrictions ease and the rate of infection continues to drop, a sense of the old normality seems within our grasp! At the same time, it is really important that we continue to keep our guard up and ensure that we are all doing everything we can, in order to keep things this way. Please remember, that all parents and those providing childcare as part of a family's support bubble can now apply for Rapid Lateral Flow Tests, to regularly test yourselves for covid at home (you should have received a Parentmail about this previously). Should **any** member of your household show any symptoms of covid, your whole household must isolate and seek a PCR covid test immediately.

#### **Track and Trace over the Easter Holiday**

Should any pupil show Covid symptoms in the 48 hours following the end of school on Thursday, and subsequently test positive, it is essential that you inform the school, so that we can trigger our track and trace response. If you find yourself in this situation, please email our Lyndhurst office on [adminoffice@lyndhurst.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@lyndhurst.hants.sch.uk). Please ensure you include which school your child attends in your email. (please don't email Netley Marsh or Copythorne, as these emails may not be seen until we return to school after the holidays).

I hope you all have a fantastic peaceful Easter, and get the chance to meet with another household – in the great outdoors, as we continue to move through this pandemic, to a brighter tomorrow!

Keep Safe!

*M. Bowen.*

Mr M Bowen

Executive Headteacher



# Message From Reverend Potterton



Walking to the church every day, I have really enjoyed hearing the children having fun in the playground. If they see me, they wave and shout 'Hello Revd David'! I have to say that it really does brighten my day. Being 'recognised' is an important factor in regard to our 'well-being'. It can be a simple 'hello' or someone reaching out with a helping hand when we need help. It is also important that your efforts as parents against the odds and energy which has carried you beyond exhaustion does not go unrecognised.

In school, we are working hard to teach the three values of 'Love', 'Respect' and 'Compassion' and we are learning to recognise when the children show an understanding of these values. It is Also important to recognise the huge part the school staff and wider community play in delivering the best teaching in a safe and enjoyable place where learning can flourish. We really enjoy recognising when children show 'good learning' and celebrating their achievements. As parents, when we reflect on all that our children have achieved during this past year, we are extraordinarily proud (whether they be four or forty!) of them all.

So, as we reach the end of another very strong term, we recognise that our school is a wonderful place where our children flourish in so many ways and the part you play as parents in supporting the learning and development of your child(ren) in school. It is true that some parents and children face particular challenges, and for many, this year has been especially difficult, and the future doesn't look that bright either. Please know that we recognise that and want to help in any way we can. It is so important that you speak with us so we can support you and your family in any way we can.

Some children have been involved in building the Easter Garden in the Churchyard (at the top of the steps), and my prayer is that the Easter story gives you hope for a brighter future, peace in difficult times, reminding you that God is with you. More than that, Easter reminds us that he 'recognises' us and the reality of our lives is not lost to him. May you find strength in a resurrected Christ and celebrate with us this Easter that with Jesus, we too can 'live again'. And that is what Church, and school is all about, celebrating LIFE and recognising that no-one's life is the same, and that is as true for our children as it is for us. Please know that we recognise that and are delighted that your children are part of a school community that values 'Life' and is committed to preparing your child(ren) to enjoy a full and useful life where 'Love', 'Respect' and 'Compassion' are at the very heart of their lives. As your Parish Church, we support the school's commitment to growing loving, respectful, compassionate citizens and are pleased to share in this wonderful journey together with them, yourselves and your children.

During this past year, I have been recording a weekly Collective Worship with Denzil. You can view these on our YouTube Channel (New Forest Churches).

Have a wonderful Easter and don't forget to wave if you recognise me (or Denzil)!

Revd David

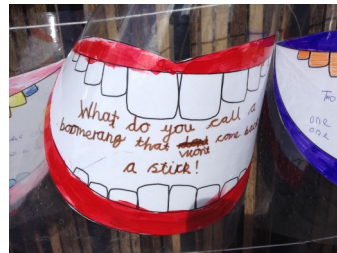
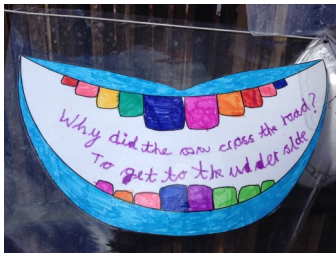
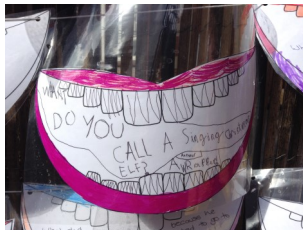
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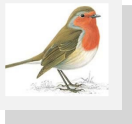


# A Great Big Comic Relief Thank You

Thank you so much to all of our supporters for your very kind and generous donations. So far **we have raised a staggering £303 for Comic Relief** by sharing the children's side splitting jokes, laughing and having fun and we can't thank you enough!!

It looks as though we really did get funny for money here at St Michael & All Angels CE Infant School!





## Year R Robins

The Robins have had a wonderful half term. They have been reunited with their friends and enjoying learning together.

They have been learning new maths skills in addition and subtraction. In science week the Robins investigated materials which were magnetic and learn't about animals and their young. During PE the Robins have developed their balls skills and have enjoyed small team games. RE has been a focus with preparation for Easter.

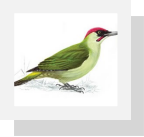
The Robins have been learning about symbols of Easter, the Easter Story and why it is important to Christians as well as learning Easter songs! On Tuesday the Robins enjoyed an Easter egg hunt. Did the Easter Bunny really visit St Michaels and All Angels School?

We are really proud of all the Robins and how quickly they have settled back into school routines and learning.

Happy Easter! We hope you have a wonderful time!

YR Team 🐛





## Year 1 Woodpeckers

### Hello Woodpeckers!

It's been great to welcome you all back into the classroom this term, everyone with their own stories of the past few months!

Asides from doing lots of little assessments to see where everyone is at ahead of the summer term, we have been showing our creative sides making and painting our clay animals and showing our creativity when designing our Easter eggs.



Thank you all for your support and hope you have a lovely Easter break!

**The Year 1 team**



# Year 2 Owls

We really enjoyed learning about animals in SCIENCE WEEK! First, we learnt how to classify animals into their scientific groups. We even watched a chick hatch...LIVE!

Wb 8.3.21  
LO Identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.

**Reptiles**  
[Images of snakes and lizards]

**Fish**  
[Image of a shark]

**Birds**  
[Image of a turtle]  
[Image of a bird]

**Mammals**  
[Image of a lion]  
[Image of a dog]  
[Image of a penguin]

**Amphibians**  
[Image of a frog]

Robin



Then, we created our own 'Crazy Creatures' that could belong to an animal group before writing about them. Check out some designs below!

I have a crazy creature and one of its hearts it shoots out downers and there funny! A special power it has ~~is~~ <sup>was</sup> its wings and too though it was ~~was~~ because cubs eat it its name is Hannahcorn because I thought of it and it's a unicorn. It's a mammal. A baby Hannahcorn has a small ring and there hair and it has a small ear and a green seam. A student Hannahcorn can talk like a secret shh!

**Crazy Creature**  
Name: Dot

I live in: A House

I have by: 4 Paws

I reproduce by: [Image of a bird]

My body has: wings, tail, ears, eyes, nose, mouth

My cool fact is: I like walking and eating wheat grass not ball.

Mammal

**Crazy Creature**  
Name: Hannahcorn

I live in: Desert

I have by: 4 Paws

I reproduce by: [Image of a creature]

My body has: Sur, horns, hair, wings, fern

My cool fact is: It has a power called like wings so our do not see

Mammal

My crazy creature is called a Dot that is her special name is Dolly. Her cool fact is that she can climb trees and walls like a cat. She chooses her tail. She lives in a house. She likes to play. She makes a big blowing like a balloon and she runs on her smooth paws. Her body has smooth paws. tall paws. She has whiskers. Do you think she is cool?

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# Early Bird Breakfast Club

Every morning from 8am to 8.45am

Play, colour and have breakfast in a safe and fun environment

£ 4 per session



## Spaces Still Available

For more information please contact the school office

02380282244

[adminoffice@lyndhurst.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@lyndhurst.hants.sch.uk)





# Diary Dates



Thursday 1st April	<b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - Easter Holidays</b>
Monday 19th April	<b>FIRST DAY BACK TO SCHOOL</b>
Friday 28th May	<b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - May Half Term</b>
Monday 7th June	<b>FIRST DAY BACK TO SCHOOL</b>
Friday 23rd July	<b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - INSET DAY CANCELLED (please note that the inset day scheduled for today was moved to January 2021 and so will not be going ahead)</b>

We are hoping that our usual timetable of events will be able to resume for the summer term, this will however depend on the Covid-19 restrictions at this time.

More information will follow regarding any events we are able to hold in due course.

## Easter Holiday Dates

**Friday 2nd April — Friday 16th April**

