

St Michael & All Angels CE Infant School

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2021



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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy start to the year, with so many changes! However, it is starting to feel a bit 'normal' again, but as we know, for many of our children the 'old normal' is a bit odd! It has been fantastic to have whole school worship again, be back in church, eating together and to have play times as a school!

As we approach Christmas (yes, I did say that word!) the pace of learning will continue to move forward and the teachers across the Federation have been working together to plan an exciting curriculum for next half term!

Covid

I'm afraid I can't let a newsletter pass by without a mention of covid. Although things seem to be returning back to normal slowly, we are also very aware that covid still remains with us. Thank you to everyone who has informed us when your child has tested positive, as this has helped us take any action needed, quickly - including increasing the frequency of staff testing. Please remember, should you or your child show any covid symptom, please seek a PCR test. For those who are double vaccinated, you are able to carry on as 'normal' should a member of your household test positive, but please remember, that if you test positive on a LFT test, you will need to have a PCR test. We are also urging everyone to work as hard as possible to get your child into school, as children under 18 are also permitted to carry on as normal, should a household member test positive.

Scarecrows

I wanted to send out a huge thank you for all who contributed to the amazing scarecrow trail! We have received so many messages of praise for such an amazing event and I think this is an event which all who helped organise should be immensely proud of - Thank you!

Volunteers

We are hoping to begin to have volunteers back in school after half term. There are a series of safeguarding talks we are asking all potential regular volunteers to come to (dates of which can be found on our [website](#)). You can attend any talk at any one of our schools within the Federation. Even if you are considering volunteering towards the end of the year, my advice would be to come now for a talk, to hear important key messages. If you are only considering helping on trips, these meetings are not as essential, as the main key messages would always be discussed as part of the trip briefing.

Welcome to Miss Sanderson

We are very pleased to welcome a new cover supervisor to St Michaels, Miss Sanderson! Miss Sanderson will be working with children across all classes and will become a familiar face over the coming weeks. Mrs Godfrey has now returned to Netley Marsh to continue her work as cover supervisor there, as well as running the afterschool provision.

Tapestry

Over the pandemic, we have used tapestry as a platform for sending home tasks and work for those not in school. If your child is isolating, but well enough to work, please do let the admin team know, as we will then ensure that home learning is set on tapestry, to try and keep your child's progress moving forward. We have been exploring how we plan to use tapestry moving forward and you will hopefully have been receiving updates on tapestry over the past few weeks. If not, it may be that there is an issue with your account – if so, please speak with the admin team and we will try and rectify this as soon as possible.

Clubs

A letter will be coming out soon – if not already, regarding sports club for the next half term. For sign up you will need to visit Team Spirits [websites](#)

Prayer

We have talked in worship recently about our value of respect. We have thought about how by saying thank you, we are showing respect to others.

Thank you Lord, thank you,
for the wonder of life
as you made it.
Thank you Lord, thank you,
for the beauty of love
as you show it.
Thank you Lord, thank you,
for the glory of presence
as you reveal it.
Thank you Lord,
for all that is,
for all that was,
for all that will be
of your creating.



Yours Sincerely,

M. Bowen.

Mr M Bowen

Executive Headteacher



Christmas Holiday Dates

Break up Friday 17th December

Back to School Tuesday 4th January

Message from Reverend Potterton



Congratulations to Robins, Woodpeckers and Owls for a fantastic Harvest Festival!

It was wonderful to have our school back in their church. Reading, singing . . . just being on a large stage in front of 150 adults is no easy thing but the children performed beautifully, and everyone was delighted with what was the first time back in church for many months (first time for Robins).

As we move cautiously out of the restrictions of the pandemic, at church, we have been reflecting on how we can support our community, especially our school, children and families. We are only a relatively small congregation, but we have amazingly committed to employ a full-time Children and Families Minister. Luke Augustyn takes up his post at the end of November.

Collective Worship, 2.30pm
First Thursday of each
Month at St Michael's

Parents, grandparents and carers are invited to join our whole school Collective Worship at St Michael's. Collective Worship starts at 2.30pm but we will start serving tea/coffee from 2pm, providing a meeting space to 'catch up', 'chat' and 'just chill' before the children and staff arrive. Come and share this special time with us!

There will be NO 'Mickey's House' Service at St Michael's on November 14th as it is Remembrance Sunday. We will be holding 'MICKEY'S MUFFIN CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST PARTY' on DECEMBER 12th 9.30am.

Don't forget the **PANTRY in the PORCH**. It may be that you don't need support from the Lyndhurst Foodbank but need help with a single meal. The **Pantry in the Porch** is there for you to take what you need. Thank you to everyone who supports this community ministry.

Please do not struggle to put food on your table during half-term. The **LYNDHURST FOODBANK** is supported with you in mind. To receive support please call:

Call 07485 489 275





Year R Robins

Robins Class

Robins class have settled into life at school really well. They have enjoyed getting to know each other and exploring the school and grounds. We have shared a wide range of activities including picking blackberries and making crumble, visiting church and playing both inside and out. Constructing water ways, the sand pit and creation station are all popular at the moment. Everybody is doing a great job of following our school values of Love, Respect and Compassion and really tuning in to listening carefully through our games and activities.





Year 1 Woodpeckers

Hello Woodpeckers!

Well done to everyone for making it through the first half term of Year 1, albeit with the odd cough and cold. Since returning to school in September, we have explored different themes and topics, which have had us hunting around the school field to find all of the places Sid was hiding, venturing down into the village to visit some of the local shops and performing in front of all the parents for the first time. In the classroom we have also been learning the numerical value of numbers to 20, what we should remember when writing a sentence, experimenting with different artistic techniques and also finding out more on the creation story in RE.



We are really excited for what is to come next half term, where we will be recognising the school's anniversary with Victorian Day, an outdoor learning visit to Testwood Lakes and of course the build up to Christmas and this year's Christmas performance.

Have a lovely week off and rest up for Autumn 2.

The Year 1 team



Year 2 Owls

We've had a super first half term in Owls class!

We first enjoyed our Super hero topic. We had great fun turning ourselves into Super heroes!



We've also enjoyed our 'Into the Woods' topic.

We loved our 3 days at forest schools learning about aspects of science, geography and D.T!



PTA Scarecrow Trail Thank You

The PTA hosted Lyndhurst's very first Scarecrow Trail on the weekend of 9th & 10th October! We had over 57 amazing scarecrows all created by the wonderful residents and businesses of the village and there were over 1000 people out and about on the trail over the two days.

Lyndhurst was absolutely buzzing!

A HUGE thank you to everyone who purchased a map and took part in the trail...because of you **the fundraising total for the event was a fantastic £1326!**

This is an incredible amount and will go towards some really exciting projects happening for the children at the school. Keep an eye out for more PTA fundraising events coming over this academic year!





To everybody at St Michael & All Angels Infant School. From the Lyndhurst Foodbank Team we would like to say an overwhelming "thank you" for all the generous donations you kindly made for Harvest Festival!

We have collected it all and stocked up the Foodbank shelves and can honestly say it will help us enormously for October half term. As always, we can't thank you enough. We couldn't do what we do without the support of our lovely Village Community.

Happy October half term to you all

From the Lyndhurst Foodbank Team xx



Diary Dates



Monday 1st November	BACK TO SCHOOL 2.45pm Year 1 end of topic celebration
Tuesday 2nd November	6 - 8pm Open Evening for new Year R parents and children starting in September 2022
Wednesday 3rd November	10am Year 1 Inter Federation Hockey Festival taking place at Bartley CE Junior School
Thursday 4th November	8.30am - 5pm Open Day for new Year R parents and children starting in September 2022 2.30pm Family Service at St Michael & All Angels Church
Friday 5th November	10am Year 2 Inter Federation Hockey Festival taking place at Bartley CE Junior School
Monday 8th November	9am - 12pm Year R face to face Parent Consultations 3.30pm - 6.10pm Year 1 online Parent Consultations
Tuesday 9th November	9am - 12pm Year 1 face to face Parent Consultations 3.30pm - 6.10pm Year 2 online Parent Consultations
Wednesday 10th November	9am - 12pm Year 2 face to face Parent Consultations 3.30pm - 6.10pm Year R online Parent Consultations
Friday 12th November	8.30am - 4pm Open Day for new Year R parents and children starting in September 2022 2.30pm Book Celebration - more information to follow
Monday 15th November	INSET DAY - school closed
Friday 19th November	BBC Children In Need - more information to follow 8am Lyndhurst Baptist Church Community Breakfast - more information to follow
Monday 22nd November	Year R vision checks with school nursing team
Wednesday 24th November	Year 1 Woodland Learning Day - more information to follow
Wednesday 1st December	8.30am - 5pm Open Day for new Year R parents and children starting in September 2022
Tuesday 7th December	Christmas Lunch and Pantomime day - oh no it isn't, oh yes it is!!
Wednesday 8th December	Christmas Shop - more information to follow
Tuesday 14th December	Year R Nativity Play - more information to follow
Thursday 16th December	Whole School Nativity - more information to follow
Friday 17th December	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL