

St Michael & All Angels CE Infant School

April Newsletter 2022



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Spring Newsletter

The sun is starting to shine more and the evenings are getting longer! It is hard to believe that the Summer term is upon us. This coming term is always a busy one, but we hope an enjoyable one as well! The teachers, from across the Federation, have been working together this week, to look at what their children have achieved and plan next steps and there are lots of exciting learning opportunities in the pipeline.

Our Vision in action

Connected through the values of love, respect and compassion.

SIAMS Inspection

The words of love respect and compassion continue to feature heavily in the language we use within the school. We were thrilled to receive such positive feedback from our recent SAIMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) visit at Netley Marsh. The full report can be found by clicking here.

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Comic Relief

I would also like to extend a huge thank you for all the donations of cakes and the funds raised to support Comic Relief. We raised a grand total of **£311.74** to support this worthy charity.

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Inter-fed Competition

There have been lots of exciting work taking place over the three schools this term. Year One and Two took part in our second, inter-federation competition (this time it was dodgeball), which provided the children the opportunity to meet their peers from across our schools and also to put the skills they have learnt into action. Reports of good team work and respect were received on return from this event and congratulations to Copythorne, who - this term - took the Federation trophy. Next term, ACE sports will be working with us and teaching 'multi-skills Olympics' for our next instalment of P.E fun!

Heartsmart

Thank you to all who have also responded to our survey about 'Heart Smart' which is our chosen scheme for how we teach relationship education. This will aid our thinking and support our ongoing evaluation of this programme of work.

Team Spirit

Team spirit will be asking children to sign up for the next round of clubs for next half term. Remember to sign up via the website <https://teamspirit4sport.co.uk/team-spirit-4-sport/>

Book Week

We were absolutely amazed at the amount of reading which took place over book week – both in school and out of school. Those who took part in the sponsored reading event – well done! We raised **£271.40** which will be

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used to restock our current book supplies within school. All children who returned their sponsorship forms will be receiving a book mark as a well done for their efforts and as everyone did so well, all of the children will be able to help choose which books they would like to see in the school library.

Phonics Checks

Next term all Year One children, and those in Year Two who did not meet the phonics threshold, will be involved in the national phonics screening checks (the week beginning 6th of June). This is a short activity, undertaken with the class teacher on a 1:1 basis, which involves reading a series of words which can be 'sounded out' and words which need to be read at sight. If you would like any assistance on practicing phonics at home, please remember that reading eggs is a great resource to use. There are also multiple games on our website <https://www.oakscelearningfederation.co.uk/year-2-curriculum-resources/> or you could organise to discuss further with your class teacher.

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Developing Wonder

It is starting to feel a bit normal again. Year R had great fun on a trip to the farm and a visit from a tractor. Year One have visited Testwood Lakes and Year Two are preparing for a visit to support their up and coming unit of work, focussing on the Titanic. Next term we will also be celebrating the Queens Jubilee in school – which the children will celebrate a week earlier than the rest of the country – keep an eye on tapestry for photos of how we are celebrating!

SMAA PTA Disco

A big thankyou to the PTA for organising the school disco. The children had a fantastic time!

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Getting ready

Next term we will also begin to prepare the children for transition to year three. The year Two team will be starting to talk about their new schools and meeting new children. Dates of events for transition will follow next term.

School Dog

I have had lots of parents asking me about progress on a school dog, following our consultation earlier in the year. This is still very much an ambition of ours – and the more research we do, the more benefits we find. At the same time, as all those who have owned a dog know, dog ownership is a big commitment and there are still considerations which we need to explore further before making such a commitment. I shall endeavour to keep you all informed, but this venture will be on hold until the start of the next academic year at the earliest.

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We hope all who attended the Easter Services enjoyed joining in with our school worship. Family worship will be continuing next term with the dates of these being:

Goodbye Mr McDowell

Mr McDowell has become like a piece of the furniture in Year Two, he has made a great impact within the class and is now off to finish the rest of his BEd degree. We wish him all the best in securing his first post for September!

Message From the Governors

"As we come to the end of term, signs of Spring are appearing everywhere in our schools. At Netley Marsh there has been the tree planting ceremony this month. St Michael and All Angels are now enjoying the facilities in their new playground area. The hatching of duck eggs is eagerly awaited, while at Copythorne at least one baby chick has made an appearance.

The weather has not always been kind to us and Copythorne's small garden greenhouse was irreparably damaged during the recent storms. However, the local community came to the rescue and donations of pots, planters and a new mini greenhouse were received.

These are just some examples relating to love, respect and compassion within the schools and their communities. As the holidays approach the Governors wish all staff, children and families a very happy Easter."

Diary Dates

Friday 8th April	Last day of Term
Monday 25th April	School returns
Monday 25th April	Titanic dress Up Day—Year 2
Monday 2nd May	Bank Holiday—School Closed
Wednesday 11th May	Sea City Titanic trip—Year 2
Monday 23rd May	Environmental day at Bartley—Year 2
Friday 27th May	Last day of term
Monday 6th June	School returns
Wednesday 6th July	Move up day
Thursday 7th July	Move up day
Thursday 21st July	Inset day and school ends for summer

