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## St. Michael's C of E Primary School

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### Dinner Menu

We will be serving week 2 of the dinner menu, week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> October.

### School News

#### Anti-Bullying Award

We are pleased to let parents know that we have been accredited with 'The Big Award' for bullying prevention.

#### REMINDER - Punctuality

As well as high attendance, high on the priority list for schools is punctuality. Unfortunately, this is somewhat of an issue at present with children arriving after the bell. When children arrive after the bell they are told to come into school via the front door. These children's names are listed and are marked on the register as late. The school bell goes at 8:55am; please make every effort to ensure your child is in school prior to this time so that they can obtain the best education we can provide. Every morning starts with a vital basic skills lesson. Lateness means that they miss some of this lesson and disrupt other pupils. If punctuality is frequent we must take further action.

#### Message from Durham County Council

Both Instagram and Twitter have a minimum age policy of 13. Whilst many parents choose to allow younger children to use these services we cannot recommend this. To keep their children safe on social media parents should ensure that the correct privacy settings are enabled, and that appropriate adult supervision is provided.

Further information is available at the NSPCC site Net Aware

<http://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

#### Urgent Request for 2 Litre Pop Bottles

For a future project in school with the Lumiere Festival, could we ask for donations of 2 litre pop bottles with their lids, milk bottles are not suitable only empty washed out 2 litre pop bottles. Many thanks.

#### Request for Recycling and Junk Materials from Reception Class

Please could we ask for junk and recycling materials to be given to school for pupils to use in class i.e. plastic cartons, bottles, boxes etc. Many thanks.

#### One World Week

Children will be taking part in activities to celebrate 'One World Week' as part of the interfaith calendar next week. The focus this year is 'Hope in Action'.

#### Be Bright Be Seen

Every class will work with a visitor next on road safety. It has been brought to our attention that the road at the top of the steps is being used at the beginning / end of school time. Can we ask that children and parents be vigilant while using this entrance / exit.

### Secondary School Places

Please can parents of pupils in Year 6 note that the closing date for applying for a secondary school place is 31<sup>st</sup> October.

### Squash Competition - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

We will be taking a small group of pupils to take part in a Squash Competition at Sedgefield Squash Club. Pupils will be notified if they have been chosen.

### Harvest Festival and Broth 'n Bread Afternoon - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

We are holding our Harvest Festival, in St. Michael's Church, on the morning of Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October from 10.00 - 11.00am, the whole community are welcome to attend.

Grandparents or anyone over 60 are also invited into school on the afternoon from 2.00 - 3.00pm for our annual 'Broth n Bread'. Please could all forms be in school by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

### Show Racism the Red Card Day - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Pupils are invited to wear 'red' on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October and will be taking part in activities and discussions on 'Show Racism the Red Card Day'.

### Request for Empty Washed 4 Pint Milk Cartons

As well as collecting empty, washed 2 litre pop bottles could we also ask for empty, washed out 4 pint milk cartons as we are going to make an igloo with them in school for a project.

### Half Term Holidays

School closes on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October and reopens to pupils at 8.55am on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015.

### Dr Bike in School - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

Please could all pupils bring their bikes into school on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November. We have 'Dr. Bike' in school who will inspect each child's bike and check for faults and repair them free of charge.

### Shoebox Appeal

As in previous years we are taking part in the Shoebox Appeal. Pupils will today bring home information regarding what can be placed in their boxes. Please could all donated boxes be in school by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

### David Waugh - author and school governor

Dr David Waugh, one of our school governors and Senior Teaching Fellow at Durham University has been into school to work with Year 5 / 6 this week. Pupils looked at developing their own writing and looked at one of his latest novels. David has left copies of his two latest books with us for the reduced price of £5.00 if any pupils are interested in buying them, please see Mrs Dickinson.

### Diary Dates

A full diary date for this academic year will be available on our school website very shortly. Please note these dates are subject to change.

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Harvest Festival in Church 10am

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Broth n' Bread afternoon for Grandparents / Over 60's

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - All pupils to wear RED

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November - All pupils to bring their bikes into school

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Last day for shoebox collection

Happy Birthday to....

Ellie Frost, Adam Jones, Tom Wiffen, Macie Gray



Attendance 12<sup>th</sup> October - 16<sup>th</sup> October

R	98%
Y1	100%
Y2	100%
Y3	98%
Y4	98%
Y5	96%
Y6	99%



Stars of the Week

Class 1 (Reception)	Thalia, Nancy
Class 2 (Year 1 and Year 2)	Phoebe, Ethan, Harris
Class 3 (Year 3 and Year 4)	Charlotte M, Leon, Cate
Class 4 (Year 5 and Year 6)	Owen, Connor

