

St. Michael's CofE



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### Dinner Menu

We will be serving week 1 of the dinner menu on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

New Dinner Menu - reminder that this commences on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

### Head Teacher's News

Contact numbers - Please could I ask that if any personal or contact details for yourself change that you let school know as soon as possible. It is vital that all contact details are kept up to date in case we need to contact you regarding an illness or another matter in school.

Magical Maths Clubs - Children have met characters from 'Magical Maths' workshops today in an assembly and will tonight bring home a flyer with details on explaining how parents can sign their children up to either the Key Stage 1 club or the Key Stage 2 club which will be running, in school, next term. Places are given on a first come first served basis and last for 6 weeks.

Questionnaires - Please find a parental questionnaire which has been taken home tonight by each pupil. Could we ask that questionnaires are returned by the end of term please in order to collate the results. Thank you for your time and support in this area.

### School News

#### W/C 14<sup>th</sup> March - Science and Engineering Week

Pupils will take part in activities across the school in recognition of this event. One of our parents, Mrs Stokes, who is a STEM ambassador, will visit school to work with all junior children.

#### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March - Year 5 and 6 to Visit Nissan

Linking with Science and Engineering Week (above) Year 5 and 6 pupils have been invited to Nissan in Sunderland. This visit is funded by Nissan and all pupils in previous years have had an amazing time and regularly name it as their favourite school visit. Pupils will leave school at 9am and return in time for school finishing at 3.15pm. Pupils who normally receive a school lunch will be provided with a school packed lunch to take with them. Water bottles will be taken from the classroom and pupils are required to be in school uniform.

#### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Reception visit from a Nurse

Mrs Turner, who is a nurse, has very kindly offered to come into school on Tuesday to talk to Reception pupils about her job role and how she helps people. This will support what pupils are learning this term.

#### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March - Gardening in Year 1 and Year 2

Clare from OASES will be working with children in the above year groups on this day seeing how their crops are doing.

### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March - Year 3 and 4 to Visit Hare Hope Quarry

Year 3/4 are visiting Harehope quarry to enrich the work they have been doing in class lead by Durham University student on rocks, soils and fossils. Please see letter sent home with pupils today. Pupils who normally receive a school lunch will be provided with a school packed lunch to take with them.

### Tag Rugby Tournament - Finals on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Congratulations to our tag-rugby team who came 2<sup>nd</sup> out of an enormous 21 schools. We have now reached the overall finals and these will be played at Maiden Castle, Durham on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Pupils who are attending this and normally have a school lunch will be provided with a school packed lunch to take with them.

**THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS W/C 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH - apart from SATs Club on the Monday.**

### MAKE UP

Please could parents ensure that pupils do not attend school wearing make-up, even on event or dress-up days.

### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - Gardening in year 3 and Year 4

Clare from OASES will be working with children in the above year groups on this day seeing how their crops are doing.

### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Parent/Teacher Consultations

Pupils should already have brought home an appointment sheet for the forthcoming parent/teacher consultations. Please could these be sent back to school as soon as possible as appointments are filling up fast. However, we will endeavour to stay as close to your requested time slot as much as we can.

### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - World Water Day

Children will be invited to dress in blue in recognition of World Water Day. All children will be taking part in activities to raise awareness on the importance of availability of clean water with particular links to the United Nations children's rights agenda.

### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - Reception to the Dance Festival

Our Reception pupils will attend the annual dance festival at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Parents are able to watch from the balcony and need to be at the Leisure Centre for 9.30am. **Please could parents send us, as soon as possible, a plain coloured T-shirt which children can paint to make their own costume.**

### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Easter Service in St. Michael's Church

All members of the community are invited to join us, in St Michael's Church at 11.00am for our Easter Service.

### Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March - Barnabas in School

This company will be coming in to work with children in school looking at the Easter story.

### Lumiere Festival

We recently had an email to congratulate us being part of the Lumiere Festival 2015. Apparently the bottles created in the sessions have gone global! Some of the bottles created the 37 frames of the Rose Window display which was on display in the Enchanted Parks in Gateshead in December. However, all of the frames went to the Lumiere London Festival and some also to Cambridge. Future plans are to continue to tour - possibly to Rome, where they are hoping to use the contributions from our children to build a globe, adding to work from other children around the world.

Wow - our work is truly international! We have put some pictures sent to us on our website.

## Diary Dates

The full diary date for this academic year is available on our school website. Please note these dates are subject to change.

14<sup>th</sup> March - Year 5 and 6 to Nissan

16<sup>th</sup> March - Year 3 and 4 to Hare Hope Quarry

16<sup>th</sup> March - Gardening for Year 1 and 2

17<sup>th</sup> March - Rugby Finals at Maiden Castle

22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Parent/Teacher consultations

22<sup>nd</sup> march - Gardening for Year 3 and 4

22<sup>nd</sup> March - World Water Day - pupils to dress in blue

22<sup>nd</sup> March - Reception to attend Dance Festival

23<sup>rd</sup> March - Easter Service in St Michael's Church

24<sup>th</sup> March - Barnardo's in School

24<sup>th</sup> March - school closes at 3.15pm and re-opens at 8.55am on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April

## Happy Birthday to....

Ellie P, Jasmine T, Fern J, Madeline Q

## Attendance 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> March

R	98%
Y1	97%
Y2	96%
Y3	93%
Y4	91%
Y5	89%
Y6	86%

## Stars of the Week

Class 1  
(Reception) Harry, Aiden, Harley,  
Maisie

Class 2  
(Year 1 and Year 2) Niamh, Jacob, Spencer,  
Taylor

Class 3  
(Year 3 and Year 4) Clara, Luke, Evie P,  
Ellis

Class 4  
(Year 5 and Year 6) Evie H, Jenson, Pippa,  
Rosanna

