



St Michael's Pre-school

Newsletter - November 2016 Company No. 9894699

A very warm welcome back after half term. We hope you all enjoyed spending some precious time with your children.

As you know, the first half term we focussed mainly on supporting the children to settle as individuals in this new environment. We are extremely proud of each and everyone one of them and hope you are too! This half term we have lots of exciting activities planned and are looking forward to providing them with a more focussed learning environment.

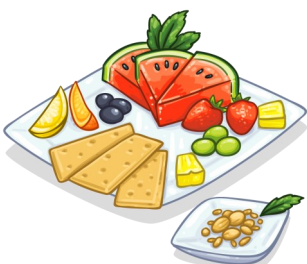
Photo Day - 16 November



Fraser portraits are coming to take individual photos of the children. If your child does not usually attend on a Wednesday, please see Rachel to book a time slot. Pre-school will run as usual.

Please keep us updated with any changes of personal details. It is important for us to keep up to date information, in case of emergencies.

Snack



Please remember that we happily welcome your £1 weekly snack donations. This helps towards a healthy variety of foods and opportunities to make healthy choices. You can make contributions on a weekly, monthly, ½ termly, termly, yearly basis, whichever suits you best. We thank you for your support with this. Please look out for our snack menu which includes known allergens. This can be found on our notice board.



Nominate your 'Childcare Hero'

Bournemouth Early Years are looking for the most deserving child carers in Bournemouth. They are asking the families that attend Early Years Settings for nominations. We would love to be recognised and ask you to take a moment to nominate a member of staff who has 'gone the extra mile' for you and your child. It is quick and easy to nominate - visit:

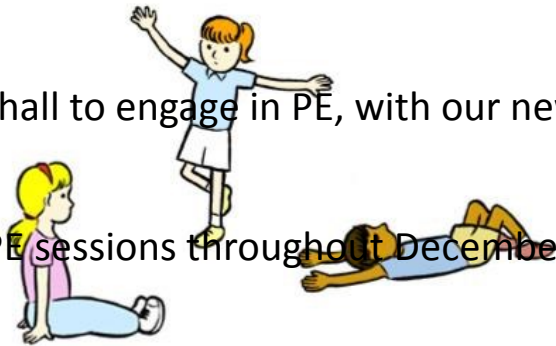
www.bournemouth.gov.uk/childcareawards

The closing date is Friday 11 November 2016

PE

We will go to the hall to engage in PE, with our new teacher Mr Spencer.

There will be no PE sessions throughout December due to Christmas events



Do you have any concerns about your child's speech, language or communication development? If so, why not pop along to see a speech and language therapist during the children's centre stay and play session. Your child can play and learn whilst you get free advice and support. The speech and language therapist will be joining us at St Michael's on 9 December 1:30-2:30. Please see Rachel (Manager) or Katy (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator) if you have any questions.

Bags



Whilst we love all the lovely back packs on the pegs, these take up a lot of room making it difficult for the children to be independent. I'm sure that you agree that the peg area is only small and using back packs makes it tricky to hang everything on one peg. Ideally we would love for everyone to use a drawstring or plastic bag, named! If your child attends on a Monday, they will need a PE kit and all children should have a spare set of clothes. Katy has kindly made some drawstring bags in an effort to raise funds for pre-school. If you would like to purchase one for £2 then please let us know. The money raised for these will be invested back into the pre-school. Thank you Katy for taking the time to make these.

All About ME



If you have not already done so, please complete and return. If you would like another, please ask. This has been extremely beneficial in supporting the children to settle and get to know them more following their interests.

Have you applied for your child's school place?

You can apply via paper form or online and the closing date for this is 15 January 2017. Apply online at <https://enrol.bournemouth.gov.uk>. Attending St Michael's Pre-school does not automatically guarantee you a place within the school.

Photo wall



We have a small display board that we would love to use as a 'My Family' display. We would love for you to provide us with a photo of those most special to your child. It may be family including mum, dad, siblings, pets, aunts, uncles, godparents or any other special person. No family is too big or small. This will support the children in having a sense of own families and initiate communications about their home lives. We are happy for you to provide a photo display, photocopy or you can email it for me to print at:

Rachel.Praoline@stmichaelsprimary.bournemouth.sch.uk.

We look forward to seeing lots of photos and celebrating these with the children during circle times.



Slippers and Shoes



Please ensure you use the correct storage unit to store your child's slippers and shoes. Each storage unit has a keyworker photo on it. If you are unsure of whose keyworker group your child is in, please ask. There is also a going home tub placed on top of the unit at the end of the session. Please check this on a daily basis and take home anything that belongs to your child.



We're supporting **18 November**

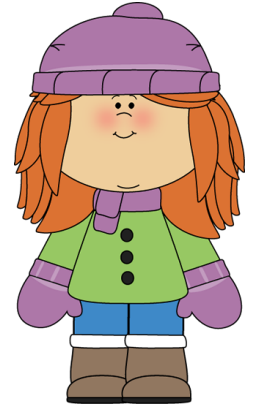
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**Children
in Need**

We are asking that all children and staff come to pre-school in their pyjamas and bring a small donation to support this worthy cause. We will also have some other fundraising efforts such as the opportunity to buy cakes and biscuits, so don't forget your pennies!

Outside

As you are aware, we go outside whatever the weather. As we enter the colder weather, it is important that you provide the correct clothing to keep the children safe and warm. We provide each child with wet weather trousers and coats and ask you to provide a warm jumper, coat, wellies, hat and scarf.



Belongings



Please ensure all items are named. It makes it much easier for us to support the children when they are not familiar with all their belongings yet. Can we please keep toys from home to a minimum, unless you feel it is a comfort to your child. These items seem to get lost easily, so we would rather they stayed safely at home.

Dates for your Diary

11 November 2016	Closing date for childcare hero nominations
16 November 2016	Photo day
18 November 2016	Children in Need fundraiser day
2 December 2016	School Christmas Fair (see website for details)
7 December 2016	Family panto day. Pre-school closed. Information to follow.
9 December 2016	Speech and language drop in 1:30-2:30
13 December 2016	Christmas performance at 11:00. Details to follow.
15 December 2016	Party day (usual pre-school day, just lots of fun too!)
16 December 2016	Last day at Pre-school
3 January 2017	First day back
15 January 2017	School application deadline