



St Michael's CE Primary School
Newsletter - October 2019

Company No. 9894699

Be the best you can be!

Dear Parent/Carer

A Harvest Festival will be held in school on Monday 21 October. As in previous years, all donations of food will be sent to The Bournemouth Food Bank for distribution to local families in need. The Food Bank has been very grateful for your generosity in supporting their cause and have asked me to pass on their thanks to you.

Please help again this year with donations of tins and packets of food which the children can bring into school on 21 October. Please be aware that the Food Bank does not accept donations of fresh food stuff.

You may also have seen information about the Rotary Club Shoebox Appeal on our website. The School has supported this cause every year for many years and it would be lovely if you could contribute to this by making up a shoebox for the appeal. Every child has taken home a leaflet with information on how to do this and this information is also on our website. The shoeboxes are sent to children in countries around the world as a Christmas gift. Many of these children live in very difficult conditions and for these children it will be the only gift they receive.

'Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.'

Proverbs 19;17

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

R Kennedy

HELP TO KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE BY REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF TRAFFIC AROUND OUR SCHOOL.

**HELP TO KEEP OUR CHILDREN HEALTHY BY REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF FUMES
AROUND OUR SCHOOL.**

Did you know that for only £14 for the year you can apply for a parking permit which will allow you to park your car in either Durley Road or West Hill car parks?

Information about how to apply can be found at:

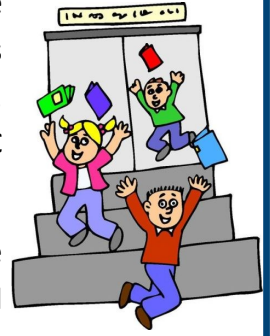
<https://stmichaelsprimary.bournemouth.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Parking-Permit-Information.pdf>



END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

The school day ends at 3:10pm. We open the school gates at 3:00pm so that parents can be ready to greet their children upon leaving the classroom. Children not collected after this time are brought to the After School Club (ASC) so that they can be looked after safely. A charge of £5 applies for children collected within the first hour and then normal ASC charges after this time.

If you need childcare after school you can book a place in the ASC from the WisePay website before 10:00am on Monday for the rest of the week. In emergencies, you can call the school office on 01202 290497 to book a place on the day. This must be done before 2:45pm.



WATCHES



We have recently noticed a few children wearing 'smart' watches in school. The school policy is that children do not bring such technology in to school for the protection of all children. Some of these watches look like toys, but are still capable of recording images and sound. Other watches have direct access to the internet. Please help keep all our children safe by being aware.

School Website — www.stmichaelsprimary.bournemouth.sch.uk

General Information

Information about current Year Group Topics, including dates of hooks, trips and outcomes, voluntary contributions required and curriculum coverage are available on the Year Group pages from the first day of each topic. Copies of Class Letters and Whole School Letters are also available to download from either the Year Group page or the 'Letters' page which can be found under the 'Parents' tab.

Please check the website regularly as information is updated on a regular basis.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



You would not be surprised to hear that there is a direct correlation between attendance levels and the progress a child makes in school. The minimum expected attendance for the year is 96%. I am pleased to say that many of our children achieve this and more. Congratulations to the 33 Children who attended every day last year and received 100% attendance medals.

Requests for leave of absence from school are authorised only in exceptional circumstances with the vast majority of requests not meeting the criteria. The School requested the Local Authority to issue 37 penalty notices to parents last year for poor attendance (mainly due to holidays in term time). The BCP Penalty Notice Code of Conduct is available on our website should you require more information on this subject.

READING CHALLENGE

GET READING

LOVE READING

BE A GREAT READER

Last year we challenged our children to read at least 5 times a week at home and for parents to sign their reading diary to show that they had done so. We set a target of 60 reads over a term.

Many of our children rose to this challenge last year and we hope they will do so again this year.

Every child who achieved this goal received a book mark after 35 reads and a book after 60 reads.

You can help your child by encouraging him/her to take up the reading challenge and support at home with reading.

Mr Fry and I look forward to seeing many more children visit us later this term to choose their book.



GET READING!



Dates for your Diary

Mon 28 Oct — Fri 1 Nov	Half Term Holiday
Wednesday 23 October	Last date for handing in your Christmas Shoebox
Friday 29 November	Christmas Fair
Wednesday 11 December	KS2 Carol Concert in the Church (am)
Thursday 12 December	Yr 1 and Yr2 Christmas Performance in School (am)
	KS2 Carol Concert in the Church (pm)
	Reception Christmas Performance in School (pm)
Friday 13 December	Reception Christmas Performance in School (am)
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	KS2 Carol Concert in the Church (pm)