



Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term! I hope everyone had a lovely half term holiday and enjoyed a good rest and perhaps some fireworks or Halloween activities also! We managed to go on a super bike ride in the Elan Valley which was beautiful with all the autumnal colours in the trees. I always feel this half term speeds up the nearer we get to Christmas, so I hope everyone is ready for a fun-packed half term!

Mrs Crocker

Mrs Davies' Exciting News

We have some very exciting news!! Mrs Davies has had her baby! It was a little girl, born just before half term. Orla Delilah Davies weighing 6lb 10. All the family are doing really well and we're all absolutely thrilled for them!

Autumn Parents Evenings

On Wednesday 27th November we will hold our parent's evenings (for the school, not preschool) between 3:00 – 6:00pm. As Miss Cook has more children, she will also offer a few extra slots on Mon 25th and Tues 26th between 2:00 – 3:00

If you have any specific Special Education Needs (SEN) questions, our SENCo, Mrs Kate Humberstone, will be available on Tues 3rd December between 9:30 – 11:00.

Lock Down Procedures

All the children (and preschool) at Michaelchurch are very familiar with the fire bell drill and the need for it to help keep everyone safe in an emergency.

This week we have also introduced a 'Lock Down' drill – in case we need everyone on site to either re-enter the building quickly, or to remain in the building. We have explained to the children this is in case a dangerous animal (e.g. an aggressive dog) is near or on the school grounds, or (as it

happened on Wednesday this week), a hedge cutter is nearby and small, sharp twigs and branches are being flung onto the front playground.

The alarm call is 5 short blasts on a whistle (all staff will have a whistle on their lanyard) which signals for all children and adults to either stay inside the building or to quickly and silently return to their classroom if not already there.

We've kept this very low-key, as we don't want to alarm any children, but felt it was important that we had practised this in case we ever need to use it.

Pre school news

It's been a busy start to the second half of the Autumn term, the children have all returned happy and ready to play! We have been celebrating Bonfire night and Diwali this week and over the next few weeks will be having fun exploring light and dark.

Just a reminder that as an under Five setting we ask please can grapes in lunchboxes be cut up lengthways otherwise they are a serious choking hazard.

Thank you for providing waterproofs, warm hats and waterproof gloves as well as complete change of clothes, here in Michaelchurch the weather changes quickly and the weather never stops us from being outdoors!

It's going to be a busy end to this half term as we have some lovely Christmas activities planned, please take note of the dates.

Monday December 9th 9.15-11.00am. A return of our welly walks!

Festive welly walk for parents/ carers with children under 4 years.

Tuesday December 10th

All preschool children are invited to the Courtyard to see The Elves and the shoemaker, the children will travel on school minibus. Look out for email from Mark with further details.

Monday 16th December 9.15-1100am

We are inviting all preschool children and their parents to join us on a festive walk finishing in the hall for hot chocolate, festive refreshments and Christmas songs. Preschool children may remain in preschool for the rest of the day.

Wednesday 18th December

Last day for preschool! All preschool children are invited to join the whole school for Christmas lunch in the hall, if you wish your child to have a Christmas lunch please order via parent pay or see Mark.

Thank you for your continued support, Julie, Beth and Sarah.

Dates- All our upcoming events and important dates can be found on the calendar on our website.

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