



Message from Mrs Crocker

I hope everyone had a lovely Easter holiday and managed to enjoy a well-earned rest. We thoroughly enjoyed our break away with my extended family in the County Durham and Derbyshire area. We stayed in a wonderful house and it was so lovely to spend quality time together and exploring the local area.

Although we didn't take our bikes away with us, we did manage to squeeze in a (very wet!) bike ride once we were home – much to Mr Crocker's delight! We are all feeling refreshed and energised and very much ready for the summer term.

I am always particularly excited about the summer term. There is so much going on, and it is such a fun and busy time for children and staff alike.

Safeguarding

At Michaelchurch, safeguarding is taken extremely seriously. We are committed to helping all children learn how to keep themselves safe and to know what to do if they have any worries or concerns.

I would like to remind parents and carers that I, Louise Crocker, am the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). Our Deputy DSLs are Miss Cook (currently on maternity leave) and Mrs Davies. Mr Crocker is also always available should anyone need to discuss a concern.

That said, *all* members of staff are trained in safeguarding, and any staff member will be happy to listen and help if a concern is raised.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Parking – End of the Day

Following on from our safeguarding commitment, we would like to improve arrangements in the car park at the end of the school day.

From Monday 20th April, all council buses will be parking at the far end of the car park. We therefore ask that parents and carers do not park in this area at collection time. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us keep everyone safe.



Attendance

I would like to remind families of the importance of good school attendance. Regular attendance has a significant impact on children's learning, confidence and overall progress.

Please note that holidays taken during term time will be unauthorised, except in exceptional circumstances, and may result in a penalty notice. If you have any concerns about attendance or need support, please speak to us—we are always happy to help.

Sports Day

Please note that Sports Day is this half term (this Wednesday of the final week before half term) in the afternoon. Let's hope for a sunny afternoon! This is for the primary school children, not preschool. Preschool will close at 12 noon on this day.

Key Dates

Please also keep an eye on the website calendar for up-coming dates.

A few dates to keep you going:

- Mon 4th May – Bank Holiday Monday (no school or preschool)
- Thurs 7th May – Possible school/preschool closure due to no electricity
- W/B Mon 11th May – Year 6 SATs week
- Wed 20th May – School Sports Day (13:00 – 15:15). Preschool to close at 12:00.
- Thurs 21st May – Sapling and Oak trip to Hay Festival
- Mon 25th May – Fri 29th May = Half term
- Wed 3rd June – Fri 5th June – Oak trip to York – likely no school bus service

Preschool News

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed welcoming both old and new families this week as, incredibly, it is the start of our long summer term! The children have lots to tell us about what they have been up to during the Easter holidays, and there are a number of

birthdays to celebrate over the next couple of weeks, so there will be lots of cooking fun.

This half term, we will continue to embrace spring and begin preparing the garden. The children are deciding what flowers, vegetables, or fruit they would like to grow, and this week they have started their seed experiment. Wednesday 22nd April is **Earth Day**, therefore next week we will be going litter picking and considering how we can look after Planet Earth.

Sorry this is a long list, but please could children have the following:

- A waterproof suit or trousers and a waterproof coat
- Wellies
- A complete change of clothes, including socks
- As the weather warms up, a sun hat and sun cream

These should be left in a named bag on their peg. Please also send a second coat for travelling to and from school, as outdoor suits often get very wet and muddy during our daily walks.

Important dates for your diary:

- **Monday 4th May** – Closed (Bank Holiday)
- **Thursday 7th May** – Closed (no electricity)
- **Wednesday 20th May** – School Sports Day (preschool not involved).
Preschool will close at **12 noon**
- **Wednesday 15th July** – End of academic year celebration after lunch. All parents are invited; more details to follow

We really appreciate your continued support and wish you a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Julie and Beth

[Dates- All our upcoming events and important dates can be found on the calendar on our website here.](#)

