



Message from Mrs Crocker

I'm not sure if it's just me, but this term is flying by! I can't believe it's going to be October next week already. It'll be Christmas before we know it!

Mrs Rowland – Acorn Class

As you will know, we welcomed two new members of staff this term. One of the new faces at Michaelchurch is Mrs Gemma Rowland. As she will be working with some of the very youngest children in the school, I thought I would take the opportunity in this newsletter to post a picture of her (thank you Mrs Rowland!) so that parents and carers can put a name to a face. Mrs Rowland has settled into her new role extremely well and is providing invaluable support, alongside Mrs Rowe, to Miss Cook in Acorn Class.



Acorn Class is also incredibly fortunate to also have Megan Prendergast, a trainee teacher, joining us for most of this academic year; she will be working mainly in Acorn Class, usually on a Monday and Tuesday. I didn't manage to get a photo of her, but I will ask her for the next newsletter!

Online Safety

Please have a look at these online safety posters. We'll send some more out soon. Navigating the online world and keeping our children safe is an enormous challenge, so hopefully these will help inform and guide us. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you want more information or support with any online information.

Attendance

I wanted to thank everyone for ensuring all children have attended school whenever possible so far this year. I'm aware there have already been a few nasty bugs floating around, but wanted to thank everyone for making sure when your child is well enough, they are in school. If you're ever unsure what is the right thing to do, please give us a call.

Open Morning - Tues 17th October

Please help share and circulate the online poster and if possible, display some 'paper' posters locally to you. Also, if any parents/friends feel they could offer some time to come and help weed and tidy the garden area beforehand, that would be wonderful. Please get in touch if you think you could help.

Kindness Workshop

This week, we had an online Kindness Workshop from the charity 52 Lives (www.52-lives.org) and their School of Kindness! We learned that kindness has three qualities – being friendly, generous and considerate. We learnt about the science of kindness and the positive impact it has on our physical and mental health. Next, we practised empathy by watching videos of kindness in action and then said kind things to each other in the classroom. To put our kindness into action, we thought of someone we knew who could do with a little kindness and then made them something

in our classrooms to give to them. We feel being kind really is the best thing that anyone can be and we really appreciated the opportunity to spend the morning thinking specifically about this. The School of Kindness has a Kids' Club, which is free to join, where you will get a free newsletter with kind challenges, stories, activities, jokes, competitions and videos to watch. Just visit www.schoolofkindness.org/kids-club to sign up.

Preschool News

Pre-school news

It's been a busy start to the new term, the children are enjoying their daily walks looking for signs of Autumn and lots of splashing in muddy puddles! There has been blackberry picking and the baking of apple and blackberry crumbles: the fire was lit in forest school yesterday and our youngest children enjoyed watching the flames dance for the first time! The children have been busy harvesting our vegetables from preschool garden and will soon be planting our Spring bulbs.

Thank you to the families who have sent photos into preschool your children have enjoyed sharing them with us and placing on our tree.

It would be very helpful if each child could have their own backpack suitable to carry on their back at end of day to contain a lunchbox and drink.... a change of clothes in a bag and their outdoor waterproof clothing should be left on their peg.

As the cooler weather arrives and we aware that a number of our families travel a distance to join us ; from Monday toast will be available soon after arrival.

The children are given kindness hearts to place in a jar for acts of kindness such as helping to put toys back where they belong when the jar is full there is a treat; that treat will be a trip on the school minibus to choose a pumpkin. Details will follow soon!

Thank you for your continued support, Julie, Beth and Sophie



Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
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Friday 13 th October 1pm	Concerts for Craswall Event
Tues 17 th October	OPEN Morning – Preschool and School.
Mon 30 th Oct-Fri 3 rd Nov	HALF TERM
Mon 6 th Nov	INSET- No children
Thurs 30 th Nov and Fri 1 st	Year 6 Bikeability
Mon 18 th Dec	Walking nativity 5pm
Tues 19 th Dec	Walking nativity RESERVE 5pm
Thurs 21 st Dec	Pantomime at the Courtyard children to be collected at 4.20pm from Courtyard
Thurs 21st Dec	Last day of term