



Message from Mrs Crocker

Wow! What a half term. The last 8 weeks have flown past and we've packed so much in. Scrolling back through the photos on the Michaelchurch School and Preschool's Facebook page shows a selection of the wonderful things everyone in the school has been up to. No wonder everyone is now feeling a little tired and ready for a rest.

Thank you to everyone who attended, helped and supported the Harvest Service after school on Wednesday this week. A special thank you to Rev'd Luci Morriss who prepared and led the wonderful service. It was a very special gathering and was a lovely event at the end of the half term. Thank you also to the PTA who provided some delicious soup and helped raise some funds! Finally, thank you for all the kind donations to the food bank. We ended up with a substantial collection for donation.

As always, the next term is even busier and exciting than this term so I hope everyone finds time to recharge their batteries and have a good rest. You might even enjoy the extra hour in bed with the clock change this weekend (although I never found this worked very well with young children who still enthusiastically jump out of bed very early, regardless of the actual time!). But hopefully you'll all have a wonderful half term holiday and I look forward to seeing everyone back on **Tuesday 7th November**.

Louise Crocker
Headteacher

INSET DAY – Monday 6th November

Don't forget – the children are back on Tuesday 7th November due to the training day on the Monday after half term.

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.

Preschool News

It has been a busy end to our half term, the children enjoyed their trip on the school minibus to Twilight pumpkins near Abergavenny they discovered pumpkins grow in different colours, sizes and textures; each child chose a pumpkin to bring back to preschool!

There has been lots of fun exploring outdoors, collecting acorns to plant, walking to the woods and this week lots of splashing in muddy puddles!



This week we have read Room on the broom and in forest school sessions have been making wands from willow, collecting twigs for our broomstick and making potions.

Our tree is continuing to grow with your family photographs the children love to share them with us.

As Winter draws closer please could all children have waterproofs, warm clothing such as jumpers, hats, gloves and a full change of clothing left on their pegs, wellies can be worn to and from preschool. We continue to be outdoors whatever the weather.

Have an enjoyable half term holiday,

Julie, Beth and Sophie



Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Mon 30 th Oct-Fri 3 rd Nov	HALF TERM
Mon 6 th Nov	INSET- No children
Mon 7 th Nov	First day of term
Weds 8 th Nov	Clehonger Sports Match
Weds 15 th Nov	2pm-Sapling Class Assembly World War Two
Mon 27 th Nov	Sapling Trip – Hereford, Beefy Boys and Cathedral Visit
Weds 29 th Nov	3-6pm Parents evening
Thurs 30 th Nov and Fri 1 st	Year 6 Bikeability
W/B 4 th Dec	Last week of clubs
Tues 5 th Dec	Sapling Class – World War Two Museum Visit - Brecon

Thurs 7 th Dec	Christmas Carol service at St. Michael's Church
Mon 18 th Dec	Walking nativity 5pm
Tues 19 th Dec	Walking nativity RESERVE 5pm Christmas decoration day
Weds 20 th Dec	Christmas dinner and party Last day for of the Autumn Term for preschool
Thurs 21 st Dec	Pantomime at the Courtyard children to be collected at 4.20pm from Courtyard Last day of term
Fri 22 nd Dec	INSET day
Mon 8 th Jan	First day back of Spring Term for school and preschool