



Message from Mrs Crocker

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. I hope everyone had a lovely half term and managed to relax a little. It was great to see everyone back in school on Tuesday. Well done for getting through the roadworks! It looks like they've finished for now, so that's a relief! We've been looking through the calendar at what's coming up this term and I know Christmas will be upon us before we know it.

Attendance

As you're all very aware, high attendance is crucial for children to achieve well in school. We also know and understand, at times, there are unavoidable reasons why children are not able to be in school. Our current whole school attendance data is 95.46%. This is in line with current primary schools nationally. Thank you for ensuring your children are attending school as much as they possibly can. In fact, 70% of the children have either got 100% attendance or just had one day off so far this year. Well done and keep it up!!!! We obviously can't completely avoid illnesses, but by eating and sleeping well, having good hygiene and taking care of our physical and mental health, this will help keep lots of bugs and germs away.

Attendance is a very high priority for the Department for Education (DfE) and this year Herefordshire Council have created a 'School Attendance and Engagement Team'. We will be working closely with this team and I look forward to meeting them soon. We will then be able to jointly offer any support we can to help promote high attendance for all.

School of Sanctuary

I was thrilled with the positive response to my email earlier this week explaining a little about the decision to begin the process for Michaelchurch Primary and Preschool to be recognised as a School of Sanctuary. I really look forward to sharing more as the year goes on.

I am really excited about this term leading up to Christmas. It really is a special time of year in schools and preschools. It certainly looks set to be a busy but really exciting half term!

Louise Crocker
Headteacher

Preschool News

Welcome to a busy half term leading up to Christmas, the children have appeared happy to be back! They have already been exploring the muddy puddles on our daily walks and in forest school experimented with pipes and pouring tools. The family photographs we have received so far have certainly helped your children to feel more at home and settled within preschool, there is room on our special tree for more!

Next week we will be celebrating Diwali with various activities.



Thank you for continuing to ensure your child has waterproofs and wellies in preschool as well as a complete change of clothing; the weather will not stop us from being outdoors daily.

Julie, Beth and Sophie



Dates for diaries.

- Tuesday 21st November. Parents evening
- Wednesday 20th Christmas celebration for all preschool children including Christmas lunch which can be booked on Parentpay. This is the last day of term for pre-school.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Weds 15 th Nov	2pm-Sapling Class Assembly World War Two
Mon 27 th Nov	Sapling Trip – Hereford, Beefy Boys and Cathedral Visit
Tues 28 th Nov	Acorn trip to Peterchurch Post Office
Tues 28 th Nov	Acorn class Parents' evening 1-3pm
Weds 29 th Nov	3-6pm Parents evening, Acorn, Sapling and Oak
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