



Message from Mrs Crocker

Welcome back to the second half of one of the shortest Spring Term's ever!! I hope everyone had a super half term. I mentioned in the previous newsletter we were lucky enough to be visiting the Baltic countries in half term. It was an amazing trip and I would highly recommend visiting them if you ever get a chance. They're fascinating countries with such a turbulent past, but now incredibly proud of their hard-won independence. Aside from learning the fascinating history of the region, we also had great fun ice skating and 'fat-biking' in the snow!

If you've been into school this week you may have noticed that over half term we'd arranged for a company to lay some new tarmac outside Preschool and Sapling Classroom. The previous surface had become quite unsafe with different levels and other hazards, so it's great now to have a lovely smooth, consistent surface which will make the area look a lot smarter and be a lot safer.

In school, our next half term, though short, is also going to have a lot packed in to it! We have various trips, World Book Day and a drumming workshop to look forward to! Sapling Class are having all their 'design and technology' lessons outside which involves cooking on the open fire each week which will be great fun! I'm also very much looking forward to seeing the children (and staff!) dressed up on World Book Day (Thurs 7th March) and hearing about their favourite books and authors.

Mrs Crocker's Preschool News

Preschool World Book Day Arrangements - Wednesday 6th March and Thursday 7th March

This year our World Book Day celebrations are spread over two days!

On Wednesday 6th March - preschool **will not** be involved in the school trip to Hay on the Wednesday morning, but families are very much encouraged to attend the **cake and special book-sharing session** in the school hall from **2:00 pm to 3:00 pm**. Preschool will continue running as normal that day, but if you would like to attend this event, please let preschool staff know you will be collecting your child at 2:00pm that day to take them to the hall. If not, staff will see you as usual at 2:45.

On Thursday 7th March – the much-anticipated dressing-up part of World Book Day will take place for school and preschool. If your child would like to dress up as one of their favourite book characters, they are most welcome!

Welly Walk

Just a reminder - Welly walks are to restart on **Tuesday March 5th 9.15 am to 11.00am**. All parents/carers with children under 5 are welcome to join preschool on their daily walk and enjoy hot chocolate and toast back in preschool afterwards with some circle time songs to close the session.

Preschool SENCo (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator)

All preschool and early years providers must have arrangements in place to support any children with additional needs (often referred to as SEND – Special Educational Needs and Disabilities). As the preschool is a governor run preschool, the school and preschool share our wonderful SENCo, Mrs Ruth Green. Ruth, a highly experienced SENCo, is fairly new to the role at Michaelchurch (she began working with us in September 2023) and is still getting to know the school and preschool. This term I have asked her to spend a little bit of time in preschool, to allow her the chance to get a feel for the preschool and get to know the children. Ruth is normally based at Fairfield High School but if you would ever like to discuss anything with her, she is always happy to meet families.

Louise Crocker
Headteacher

Dates for diaries

Tuesday March 5th - Welly walk 9.15-11.00am

Wednesday March 20th - Preschool trip to Rockyfold Farm (lambing visit)
further details to follow.

Monday 8th April- Preschool closed- Staff training/planning day

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Weds 28 th Feb	Oak class Gloucester Mosque visit
Tues 5 th March	Acorn class Safari trip
Tues 5 th March	9:15- 11:00 Welly walk for Preschool, 0-4yrs and adults
Weds 6 th March	Whole school trip to Hay on Wye for World Book Day

	Following the trip, we invite you to join us for a delightful afternoon on the same day, from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm , for pancakes and a special book-sharing session in the school hall. Parents are encouraged to participate and share a book with their child or children, fostering a love for reading within our school community.
Thurs 7 th March	World book day- dressing up, school based activities.
Tues 12 th March	Sapling Viking trip
Weds 13 th March	Parents' Evening 3-6pm
Thurs 14 th March	Sapling Class Parents – Residential Meeting 3:00 – 3:45pm
Weds 20 th March	Preschool farm trip
Fri 22 nd Mar	Flexi-school children IN school today Whole school drumming workshop
Mon 25th March-Fri 5th April	EASTER HOLIDAY
Mon 8 th April	School Children first day back of summer term. Preschool closed
Tues 9 th April	Preschool first day of summer term