

Newsletter 19th July 2024



Message from Mrs Crocker

I can't believe this is the final newsletter of the school year! It really has been such a fabulous year and it seems astonishing that we're now at the end of it! Having said that, I know it's not just me that's feeling quite tired! The children have been such superstars in this long summer term! There's been so much going on and they've just kept going with huge smiles on their faces! They certainly deserve a really good rest now as do the staff (and I'm sure all of you too)!

Definitely a highlight this Summer Term was 'The Tempest' last week. It was brilliant having the whole school involved – they all looked and sounded fabulous! I'm always in awe of the confidence they have when performing in these situations. We are incredibly fortunate however, to have such a unique and exceptional setting to hold the performance. Everyone I spoke to afterwards was so impressed and had all had a wonderful time.

Another highlight for me was the preschool 'party' on Wednesday afternoon this week with a spectacular circus skills workshops from the wonderful Su who we've been lucky enough to have working with us for the whole of this term. Preschool has also had such an amazing year and again, the children have just been wonderful. I wanted to thank all the preschool staff for working so hard and creating such wonderful activities and experiences for the children. I'm thrilled that the 10 oldest preschool children will all be coming into Year R next year, so we'll continue to see their smiley faces around school!

Whilst there's so much to celebrate, there's always very mixed emotions at this point in the year as we have to say some sad goodbyes to our Year 6 pupils. They really have been a magnificent year group! Mr Crocker has often said how fabulous they are, and they have such energy and enthusiasm and have even laughed at (some!) of his jokes! It will feel so empty in September without their energy and wisdom, but I know they'll all have a wonderful time in their next adventures and we'll look forward to hearing all about them!

Fortunately we do not have to say any goodbyes to any staff this year! I did want to thank all the staff (preschool and school) for all their hard work this year. Working in such a small school often means that all staff go above and beyond their typical job descriptions and it really makes such a positive difference to everyone. Thank you! Whilst we're not losing any staff, we are having a small 'reshuffle' and Sophie Flanagan will be moving from preschool to Sapling Class for the next year. I wanted to thank Sophie for all the energy, ideas and care she has put into preschool. I know the

preschool children will miss you next year, but Sapling Class are also very much looking forward to you being their teacher! Georgie Davies will be working in many roles in school until she leaves on her maternity leave later in the Autumn Term. We're delighted that Sarah Rees will be joining preschool in September and working on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Sarah has a wealth of experience and I'm sure will be an asset to the team.

Preschool News

We have had a busy end to the summer term, the children have continued to enjoy lots of outdoor activities.

There has been elderflower picking on our daily walks to make elderflower cordial and carefully picking blackcurrants from our garden to make blackcurrant muffins these were enjoyed at our end of term family circus skills workshop.

This week we have said a fond farewell to Sophie who is going to teach Saplings Class to cover Mrs Davies maternity leave, to Su who has been leading our forest school sessions on a Wednesday since January, to Elif who is moving house and joining a new preschool and our ten children who are joining reception here at Michaelchurch, it has been such a pleasure to have you all in preschool.

Thank you very much for all the cards and gifts given to us this week we feel very fortunate to be working with such lovely children and their families.

Happy Summer holidays!

Julie, Beth and Sophie

Dates- All our upcoming events and important dates can be found on the calendar on our website.

[Michaelchurch Escley Primary School - Calendar \(michaelchurchprimary.com\)](http://michaelchurchprimary.com)

First day of Autumn term Wednesday 4th September