

Friday 16th November



Dear Parents

Fire of London Days

Children in Yr1 and Yr2 looked fantastic dressed for a day in London in 1666. They chose from lots of different daily activities such as making bread, dipping wax candles, sewing a handkerchief, learning to write with a quill, and grinding herbs to make a fragrant pomander. News of the fire was received during the day; sometimes there was an update from Samuel Pepys or the smell of smoke.....



Lots of fantastic work has come from these workshops. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who helped to make the days run smoothly. We hope you learned a lot too!

The Evil Pea!

Children in Foxes and Badgers classes have had a number of crime scenes to investigate as they track the mischief created by the Evil Pea! The children helped Super Tato to track him, to keep everyone safe and finally last Wednesday to capture him! The project has inspired lots of talking, planning, writing and drawing.



The children have been very inventive in their plans; we hope they had lots to talk about at home each evening!

Parent Governor vacancy

We have one vacancy for a parent Governor. If you would like to know more about our strategic work, and to support the staff and Governor team to make our school even stronger please speak to me, Miss Williams or Mrs Foster. You would be welcome to attend a meeting as an observer to meet the Governors and see how we work together for all the children at this school.

Children in Need Appeal

We were delighted to count £221.60! Thank you for all the contributions to this total.



Football competition

Six of our Yr2 children took part in a mini football competition organised by Great Baddow High school. There were 9 schools taking part and we came 4th overall. Miss Usher, who accompanied the children, was very impressed by their team work and their sporting approach. Well done!

Infection control

With almost 180 children mixing, working and playing together each day it can be difficult to prevent bugs and illnesses from passing between them. Children are reminded to wash their hands after using the toilet, before eating, after Forest Schools, etc. We teach children to wash their hands thoroughly and we try hard to refill soap dispensers promptly. During the October half term break Mr Tee fitted hand sanitisers in several locations around the school. Adults and children are very welcome to use these regularly and hope that it helps our whole school community to stay well!

School Applications

Applications opened on Monday 12th November for September 2019 school places. This year the Local Authority are not sending letters to parents of children due to start school next autumn. If you know of someone with a child born between 1st Sept 2014 and 31st August 2015 please remind them to make the application before 16th January 2019, or talk to one of us in school.

Parents with a child in Yr2 need to apply online for their place at St Michael's, rather than simply signing in the school office as they have before. Please ask us if you would like some help with this process or do not have reliable access to the internet.

Christmas Fair non uniform day

The Christmas Fair on 7th December is fast approaching! We usually hold a non-uniform day and ask Children to bring a filled, decorated jar for our Christmas Fair and this will take place on Friday 23rd November. Please fill jam jars or other glass jars with wrapped sweets, small toys or treats and decorate the jars with bows, stickers or ribbon. Bring the jars to the hall on Friday 23rd November. Thank you for your support.



Flu immunisation letters need to be returned by Monday 19th November- most have been received by the office in good time. Thank you.