



St. Michael's Woolmer Green C of E Primary School

November Newsletter



31st October 2016

Dear Parents/carers

Our value for the month of November is "Courage".

"I command you to be strong and valiant
Do not be afraid because your God is with you wherever you go".

Joshua 1:9

Pumpkin Carving Competition

Well done and thank you to all who brought in Pumpkins organised by the Friends. There were some fantastic entries and a really high standard making the judging very difficult. However the judges would like to commend:

Oak class:	Isabella L
Beech class:	Louisa C
Elm class:	Ella B
Redwood class:	Olivia T
Cherry class:	Keira N
Willow class:	Benjamin B
Sycamore class:	Abigail M

Photo Orders

Please may we have any photo orders in by THURSDAY latest for our courier collection on FRIDAY. Thank you.

Operation Christmas Child: COLLECTION DEADLINE: FRIDAY 21st NOVEMBER

Please send in boxes for collection by this date. Thank you for your generosity.



Remembrance Day (also known as Poppy Day or Armistice Day):

Friday 11th November: 11.00am

We will be observing 2 minutes silence to commemorate the First World War which ended at the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month 1918

(11 o'clock on the 11th November 1918).

This year we have a large selection of items for sale. Children in Year 6 will go round this week to classes to collect your kind donations. Suggested prices are: Poppies for a minimum donation of 50p. Bands £1 and other items are individually priced subject to stock.

We are grateful for your support.

DON'T FORGET ENERGY KIDZ After Care runs

Monday to Thursday 3.15-6pm and operates from school. £12 per session.

Contact 0333 577 1533 to book in advance please.

GOVERNORS NEWS

Governors visit the school on at least one occasion every term during the school working day. These visits help us gain a greater understanding and insight into school life, learn about the aspirations of our children and to see how the school begins to meet the priorities as set out in the School Improvement Plan. This term we are planning something new, a Governor's Open Day (well, afternoon strictly).

On this occasion the pupils will 'show case' some of the work they have been doing this term, talk about what they have been learning and share some of the exciting learning opportunities they have day by day at St Michaels.

We are all looking forward to this day enormously. The visits will be followed by tea and cake with the staff (thanks to Emma Broughton) when we will have the chance to discuss with the staff what we have seen earlier in the day.

Finally, we will hold our Full Governing Body meeting on the same evening, a little earlier than normal, and we hope that some of the staff may join us for this. We aim to work as an integral part of the school where senior leaders, staff, parents/carers value the importance of a strong Governing Body just as we, as Governors, value the outstanding work achieved each and every day by our staff and children.

At our Learning and Pupil Progress Meeting on Monday 3rd October we welcomed Stephen Long as our new Chair. Caroline Fincham agreed to act a Vice – Chair and as minute taker (thank you). This was a really positive meeting. We heard how well our Reception children have settled and about their attainment on entry. Miss Tobin is enjoying the new challenge of working with our Reception children and has ordered some new play equipment to support the work she is doing.

Mr Mallon was able to present an in depth analysis of the end of Key Stage data including EYFS for both attainment and progress. The data looks strong when compared with National and Hertfordshire for like schools. Our School Improvement Plan has been reviewed to include any new areas for development following the analysis. Miss Prentice (Deputy Head) attended the meeting and gave Governors feedback on her work so far to develop the new Maths curriculum. Work is continuing to enhance the role of subject leaders.

At our Parents Consultation Evening on October 19/20th Governors were really pleased to speak with many parents/carers. It really helps us develop our knowledge of the school when meeting and talking to you, thank you.

By the time you read this your children will have returned to school following the half term break. I do hope you had enjoyable times whether near or far.

My best wishes to you all

Sue Gray (CHAIR)

Please continue to view the wonderful Website: www.woolmergreen.herts.sch.uk including up to date information, dates and events.

EVENTS AND DATES

3 rd November	Oak class assembly in the hall at 2.45pm.
w/c 14 th November	Assessment Week
17 th November	RE Thinking Day
1 st December	Beech class assembly
15 th December	9.30am Dress Rehearsal at Woolmer Green Village Hall for Reception, Yr 1 & 2 children
16 th December	2pm Nativity Service at Woolmer Green Village Hall for R, Yr 1 & 2 parents
20 th December	Carol Service at St. Michael's church 6.00pm for Yrs 3-6
21 st December	Christmas lunch all years. End of Autumn Term School finishes at 2.15pm
9th January	Start of Spring Term
7 th February	Candlemas Service at St. Michael's Church for all children. Parents welcome.
13-20 February	Half Term
2 nd March	World Book Day
w/c 6 th March	Assessment Week
20 th March	KNEX Challenge Year 5
22 nd March	Parent consultations: 4.30-7.30pm
23 rd March	Parent consultations: 3.30-5.30pm
30 th March	Easter Service at St. Michael's Church - whole school 9.15am
31 st March	Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Egg Competition Assembly END OF TERM 2.15pm
1-17th April	Easter Holidays - School Closed
18th April	Start of Summer Term
1st May	Bank Holiday - school closed
w/c 15 th May	SATS week
7 th June	Pentecost Service at St. Michael's Woolmer Green school
24-26 th May	Year 6 Residential to PGL at Caythorpe Court, Lincs. Confirmed
29th May - 2nd June	Half Term
5th June	INSET DAY - School closed
8 th June	Tempest Class photos
w/c 12 th June	Year 6 cycling proficiency course
21 st June	Sports Day 1.30pm
22 nd June	Reserve Sports Day
13 th July	Transfer Day - all children spend the day in their new classes
14 th and 17 th July	Year 6 School Performance Dress Rehearsal
18 th July	Year 6 End of Year School Performance 1.30pm Village Hall
19 th July	Year 6 End of Year School Performance 6pm Village Hall
13 th July	Transition Day - all children spend the day in their new class for Sept.
20 th July	6-7.30pm Year 6 Leavers Disco and Yr 6 Parents Buffet Village hall 5-6pm
21 st July	Leavers Assembly 9.15am End of Term - finishes 2.15pm
24th July	Occasional Day - School is closed.

AUTUMN TERM 2016

Inset Days: Thur. Fri. 1st & 2nd Sept.

Mon. 5th Sept. – Wed. 21st Dec.

Half Term: Mon. 24-28th Oct.

PLEASE NOTE: School is CLOSED on
INSET & Occasional Days. End of a full
Term finishes at 2.15pm

SPRING TERM 2017

Inset Days: Thur. Fri. 5th & 6th Jan.

Mon. 9th Jan – Fri. 31st March

Half Term: 13-17th February

SUMMER TERM 2017

Tues. 18th Apr. – Fri. 21st July

Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May

Half Term: Mon 29th May – Fri. 2nd June

Inset Day: Mon. 5th June

Occasional Day: Monday 24th July