



**UPCOMING
DIARY DATES
2016-2017**

13th/14th May

First Holy Communion for Year 3 at St Michael's Church

15th/16th/17th May

Year 6 Reconciliation

16th May

Science Day

17th May

Nursery Turtles Assembly, 9.20a.m

19th May

Nursery Dolphins Assembly, 9.20a.m

19th May

Year 4 trip to Hampton Court

19th May

Year 1 trip to West Wittering

19th May

Deadline for Nursery Admissions

w/c 22nd May

Friendship week

25th May

BP workshop with Year 5

26th May

Inset day—**SCHOOL CLOSED**

w/c 29th May

Half term week

w/c 5th June

Feeling Good Week

6th June

Year 2 trip to the Sealife Centre

6th/7th June

New Reception intake induction morning

7th June

Year 6 life skills workshop

7th June

Nursery Turtles trip to Little Street

8th June

Polling Day—**SCHOOL CLOSED**

9th June

School photographer classes and leavers

9th June

Nursery Dolphins trip to Little Street

Next week, we will be following menu 2

Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents, the Year 6 pupils (and teachers!) breathed a huge sigh of relief yesterday as they finished their SATs tests. They have worked incredibly hard to prepare and we are extremely proud of their efforts. Well done Year 6!

It will be a very special weekend for lots of our Year 3 pupils who will be making their First Holy Communion at Saint Michael's Church after months of preparation. Some have already done so at other parishes and our St David's parishioners will do so in June. We wish all of the children well on this very special occasion as they receive this blessed sacrament for the first time. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

Voting has opened for our **Talking Tree Tops** project in TESCO stores for the last week so we need your votes NOW! The voting between the three projects looks extremely close so every token is important. Please, please could you pop into TESCO as often as possible this week and make sure you vote for our Talking Tree Tops project so that we win the maximum grant of £4,000. We plan to install some social spaces at various heights, perhaps in a giant tepee, so that the children have more opportunity to develop social skills, language skills and imaginative play whilst also having a lookout to observe nature around them. Spread the word and thank you in advance!

The St. Michael's Runners are setting off for their 10k run in Staines on Sunday. Please support this fantastic group of parents by donating and going along to cheer them on. The race begins at 9.00am from the council offices in Knowle Green.

We held a very special mass last week and a fantastic assembly this afternoon to say goodbye and thank you to Mrs Bulfin. She leaves today after 24 years of loyal service to the school in a variety of roles: parent, teaching assistant, bursar and clerk to the governors. She also represented the school on the St. Michael's Parish Council for many years. Throughout her time, she has been instrumental in creating the caring, warm and welcoming ethos that remains a huge strength of the school. This is because Mrs Bulfin has always put the best interests of the pupils first and shown love and support to parents and staff alike. In her role as bursar and clerk, she has ensured our school has been managed effectively so that our children have the resources they need to thrive. We cannot thank her enough and she will be greatly missed. On her behalf, could I thank you for all of your kind wishes, gifts and words of thanks over the last few weeks.

Have a lovely weekend! Mr Lane

Saint Michael's Nursery Applications

If you are interested in your child joining Saint Michael's Nursery in September, please **apply before NEXT FRIDAY, 19th May**. Application forms and further information is now available on our [website](#).

30 Hours Free Childcare

The Government have now released the eligibility checker so that parents can check whether they are eligible for 30 hours childcare provision from September via the [Childcare Choices](#) website. If you have already submitted an admissions application or are about to, and you think you may be eligible, please provide your 12 digit eligibility code to Mrs Wise so it can be included with your child's application.

Sainsbury's Vouchers - DEADLINE NEXT FRIDAY

We are collecting Sainsbury's Vouchers for Schools, which will help us buy gardening and play equipment. Please don't forget to collect them and bring them into school **BY NEXT FRIDAY**

It's a Bugs Life!

We have begun to create a wildlife area and Bug Hotel in a corner of the school field and would like any contributions you may have including: old wellies, logs, old roof tiles and lots more. For a full list and more details, please see the attached flyer. Any donations can be given to the Front Desk.

TESCO Bags of Help

As you know, our St Michael's **Talking Tree Tops** Project is one of three selected to win a grant of up to £4,000. The amount we win will depend on the votes cast by customers in the local Tesco stores. **VOTING HAS BEGUN IN STORE—VOTE NOW!** Thank you for your support!

Fidget Spinners

Please be aware that Fidget Spinners are not permitted in school. If a child needs an aid to help them concentrate, we will provide it through discussions with the school Special Educational Needs Coordinator.

Raffle Prizes for PTA

We are collecting raffle prizes for this year's Summer Fayre. We are aiming to have fantastic prizes that will attract lots of ticket sales. If you have anything that you feel would make a great prize, please e-mail Miss Knipe kknipe@st-michaels.surrey.sch.uk Please talk to local businesses or your employers to see if they are able to donate a prize. Thank you

MANNA Foodbank

MANNA are currently requesting: squash, crackers, rice, jelly, tinned veg, tinned fruit, tinned meats, cereal/breakfast bars, John West tinned meals, washing up liquid, men's deodorant, shaving foam, washing up powder. Donations can be left at the Front Desk. Thank you for your generosity.

