



Newsletter 2

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DATES COMING UP

October

Mon 22nd Y6 Camp week

Th 25th 9.30 Y1 Harvest

2.30 Y4 Harvest

Half Term: Oct 29- Nov 2nd (Superstars Club P3)

November

Mon 5th School restarts

Tue 6th /Thur 8th Parent Consultation evenings

Fri 9th Armistice Day

Dr Bike session

Sat 10th Firework Display

Mon 12th Y5 Camp week

Fri 16th Children in Need

December

Fri 14th Christmas Lunch

Fri 21st End of Term

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Dear parents,

This is an unusually long first term, and already there has been so much great learning going on around the school. The owl days a couple of weeks ago were a great success: children learnt lots about owls, produced some lovely artwork (see next page and website), and of course saw a real owl in the hall.

This term's topics have involved some notable 'wow' moments, including trips to Warwick Castle and Aust Beach; an excellent Stone Age Day on the field; and several local visits. We are due to finish the term off with a whole-school 'environment' themed week, where children throughout the school will engage in a range of fieldwork activities in and around school. The week will finish with a touring theatre company putting on performances of The Selfish Giant for all children (except Y6 who are on camp).

You will be able to find out about how your child is doing at the forthcoming parents' evenings: these will be held on Tues 6th and Thur 8th November. Booking will be online, as usual – please look out for details in the week before half term.

Mark Freeman, Headteacher

Parking Issues

There have been a number of complaints and issues recently about parking at the start and end of the day.

Please DO NOT use the staff carpark to drop off or collect your child, unless you need a disabled access space. Before 8am you are allowed to use the yellow lines outside school: after that you must park further round Ratcliffe Drive. This is for everyone's safety.

Please DO NOT park or wait in the doctor's surgery at drop-off or pick-up times – and PLEASE avoid blocking residents' driveways. We have had complaints from residents in Beaufort Crescent and Dumaine Avenue. The local Community Police Officers will be dropping by regularly to carry out spot checks – and potentially issue fines

Safety around school

The local road safety team will be carrying out 'Be Seen, Be Safe' assemblies in a couple of weeks' time. Please ensure your children take care crossing the local roads. Can all parents also make sure children ride bikes and scooters sensibly: no bikes to be ridden inside the school grounds at all please.

Children should not be playing football on the playgrounds before or after school: there are too many people – including pre-school children – around who may be hit and hurt by stray balls.

St Michael's CE VC Primary School, Stoke Gifford

Absence: who to tell

If your child is unwell, please ring the school office to let us know: **DO NOT USE CLASS DOJO FOR THIS.**

Lunches

We look forward to seeing Reception parents in for lunches the week after next: please see the website for Y1 and Y2 dates next term. Thanks also for the good turnout for lunches on census day: 90% of KS1 had a cooked meal, which ensures additional funding next year.

Fireworks Event

We are looking forward to the Fireworks event on Sat 10th November. We charge more on the night, so early purchase is advised!

Harvest

Many thanks for all of the Harvest donations that have been coming in: these will all be going off to the local foodbank at the end of term.

We look forward to our Harvest services in the final week, following on from our Fairtrade theme, where the children have been finding out about food and how we can help make the world a fairer and better place.

Staff News

Mrs Carter returns after half term to take over the first half of the week in 6.3 from Mrs Abbott.

Relief Lunchbreak supervisors: please contact the office if you are interested.

School Uniform & Lost Property

There are a few children who have been coming to school wearing a non-uniform jumper. I will be sending reminder letters to those parents, and after half term children not wearing a uniform top will be asked to change into one provided by the school. Any un-named items will be available to claim in the family link room during parent evenings.

PE kit – almost all children are wearing correct kit, although we still have a few who regularly have no trainers, or no outdoors sweatshirt. Wearing a school cardigan or jumper for PE is not permitted!

Lost property There are no lost property boxes. Items marked with children's names (hopefully all of them) are returned to the child's class.

Un-named items are hung up in the nearest cloakroom area. Misaid lunchboxes and water bottles usually find their way to the nearest lunchbox trolley, or there is also a rack outside the main children's entrance.

Please ensure everything belonging to your child is clearly labelled.



Children in Need Day

Friday 16th November is Children in Need Day: please start thinking about wearing something spotty! More information after half term.

Sports News

Football A good start for our school football teams. Our first games in the local friendly league were against Meadowbrook. We played two matches, winning one 2-0 and drawing one 0-0.

Our girls' team performed really well in the local schools' tournament, winning their group stage, but losing to a very strong Crossways team in the next round.

We also entered two teams in the Tag Rugby tournament at Aretians this week, coming third overall.

Well done to all children: lots more to come!



Just a few of our owls: lots more on the website

SuperStars Multisport Holiday Course **October Half Term at St. Michael's School** **Monday 29th October - Friday 2nd November**

FREE Morning taster session for all Reception aged pupils!

Simply call 02920 090 503 to book your free taster morning with SuperStars directly.

This offer is valid for all reception children as a welcome to our courses!

You can pick any morning you wish but places are first come, first served.

Two easy ways to book

Online at www.super-stars.org.uk/2018courses Call us on 02920 090 503

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SuperStarsHolidayCourse

We need to make sure we have the correct ratio of staff to children for our courses. If you book late or on the day, we may need to add extra cover at short notice. If we have no staff available we may not be able to accept your child on the course

Days must be booked within the same week for the 5th day discount to apply. Terms and conditions apply.

Book early to secure yours (plus get your FREE SuperStars Mystery gift.)

Course Fees & Course duration

	MiniStars (Age 4) 8:45am – 1.00pm	SuperStars (Age 5+) 8:45am – 3.30pm
1 Day	£16.50	£21.50
2 Days	£33.00	£43.00
3 Day Discount	£42.50	£57.50
4 Day Discount	£52.50	£72.50
5 Day (5th day FREE)	£52.50	£72.50