

Farnsfield St Michael's CofE Primary School Newsletter



15th September 2023

Welcome back to all those who are returning to St Michael's after the summer and a huge welcome to all of our new starters and their families. I hope you all had a wonderful summer break and are ready for an exciting term ahead.

It is our 'Discover' term in school, we have a focus on History topics through the big questions and enquiry approach to the curriculum. The phases have all sent out their newsletters to share with you what will be going on in school for the year groups throughout this term. Please refer to these and our school website to find a wealth of information about our curriculum.

I have attached a very long list of diary dates for you, some of these go all the way to the end of the year. I know this helps some parents to be able to ensure they can plan ahead and book dates in the calendar. If we need to make any changes, we will always endeavour to give you as much notice as possible.

Next week we have two exciting events taking place. The first of these is our Foundation and Key Stage 1 Reading open evening which will be hosted by our early reading and phonics lead, Mrs Okiwe, on Wednesday evening. This will commence at 6pm in the school hall. We would love for all of our families with children in Foundation and key stage 1 to come along and find out about our new reading scheme and how this links to our phonics teaching. It will be very beneficial for you when reading at home with your child and to understand the structure of early reading in our school. There will be a creche available if you need/want to bring your child with you. Refreshments will also be available.

The second of our exciting events is to welcome our Foundation new starters with a church service. All parents of Foundation children are invited to attend and the whole school will visit St Michael's Church for a special welcome service. We will present each child with a bible to mark their start to school life, just as we give all of our children who leave in Y6 a bible to commemorate their time with us. Parents of children in Daffodils and Buttercups please join us at 9:30am for this special service. I look forward to seeing you there.

Best wishes, Mrs Carpenter

**"Whoever welcomes a
little child like this in
my name welcomes me."**

~Matthew 18:5



Key Dates for the coming week

**FS & KS1 Reading and
Phonics Open Evening –
Wednesday 20th 6pm – PSA
refreshments available**

**Connect Thursday at 3:30 -
4:40pm School Hall – All
very welcome**

**Foundation Stage Welcome
Service – St Michael's
Church Friday 22nd 9:30am –
All Buttercups and Daffodils
parents welcome to attend**

No Rainbow Worship Friday

Coming Up ...

**PSA Meeting – School
3:30pm Thursday 28th – all
welcome, we love to see new
faces join and support with
school events and
fundraising**

**Year 3 & 4 York Residential
Parent Meeting 3:30pm –
Monday 2nd October**

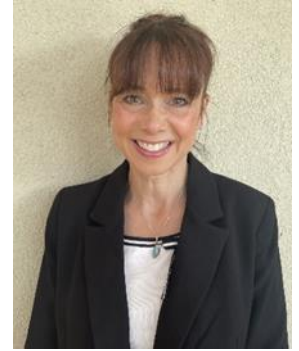
**Harvest Breakfast 8am
Wednesday 4th October**

**Harvest Service in school –
children only – donations of
food welcomed for food
bank – 10am 4th October**

**PSA Spooky Film Night
4:30pm – Wednesday 18th
October**

Staffing Updates

We welcome Mrs Foxall, who has joined us in Buttercups class in Foundation, this academic year. Mrs Foxall comes with a wealth of experience in early years practice and is taking on the role of our early years lead. The children are already settling in well and I think Mrs Foxall will be a huge asset to our school.



Another new face is Emily Cousins who joins us at lunchtimes on a Thursday and Friday. Emily has children in the school and is supporting with supervision of lunchtimes and developing play between children during this time. This is another great addition to our team here at St Michael's. We are always looking for additional support at lunch and I will have another vacancy advert going out for a part time team member to join us at lunches. Please, if you are interested or know anyone who might be able to help us out, do come and chat with me about the role.

It is with great excitement that I announce to you that Miss Beaumont is expecting a baby. She is due at the start of next year and will commence her maternity leave from the Christmas break. We are looking to ensure we appoint someone for Peony class and will update you once we have a staff member in place.



Other exciting updates are that Mr Marshall has been appointed as Assistant Head Teacher. Mr Marshall will support the school leadership alongside Mrs Taylor, who remains as the Deputy Head, as I have decreased my working days at St Michael's. I have been appointed as a School Improvement Lead for the MITRE trust and will be undertaking work for them, usually on a Tuesday and Thursday (although this will be flexible with school commitments). Therefore, you can expect to see me in school mostly on a Monday, Wednesday, Friday. I will still take full responsibility for the school but due to my decreased working hours Mrs Taylor and Mr Marshall will be your go to people for any questions or queries, after your child's class teacher.

And finally, it is with great sadness, that I must let you know that Judith Daykin is leaving us from B&A next Friday. Judith has been with the school for 6 years and has made a positive impact on so many of our children's lives through the care she has shown for them during before and after school club. We will miss Judith and all she does for the school greatly. I know you will join me in wishing her all the very best for her retirement and in new adventures.



An advert is currently out to advertise the position of B&A Supervisor. If you know anyone who would be a suitable candidate for this role, or are interested in applying, then please do come and have a look at the school and we can discuss the role.

Breaktime Snack Option

Monday – Toast and a drink
Tuesday – Crumpet and a drink
Wednesday – Toast and a drink
Thursday – Pizza muffin and a drink
Friday – Toast and a drink

Drinks are a choice of a fruity water/juice or milkshakes – subject to availability

Snacks are 75p
per day and can
be purchased on
Parent Pay

Harvest Breakfast and Service

Compassion UK



This year we will be hosting our Harvest Breakfast once again to raise money for Agatha, through Compassion UK. This will take place at 8am in the School Hall on Wednesday 4th October. Sausage, bacon and vegetarian breakfast rolls will be available for pre-order – look out for the email – along with refreshments of tea, coffee and juice which will be available on the day.

Foodbank Donations

We will also be holding our Harvest Service on this day at 10am for the children in school. We will be taking donations for the local Lifespings foodbank. Donations are welcome from the beginning of that week and will be collected at the school reception area. I thank you in advance for your generous donations to support such a worthwhile local cause.

Other Charity Support

One of our pupils in Year 4, Ziva Turner, has donated 13 inches of her hair to the Little Princess Trust this summer. The Little Princess Trust provides **free** real hair wigs to children and young people, up to 24 years, who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other conditions. They also fund childhood cancer research searching to find kinder and more effective treatments. We are very proud of Ziva and her donating her own hair for such a great cause. Rainbow Values shining through!



REMINDER – please remember we are a nut free school as we have children and staff with severe allergies. Please ensure snacks and packed lunches do not contain nut products, including fillings in sandwiches please. Thank you



THE PSA INVITE YOU TO A

SPOOKTACULAR MOVIE NIGHT

AT FARNSFIELD ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY

18th

OCTOBER

4.30 ARRIVAL
FOR A 4.45
MOVIE START



PG RATED

HOTDOGS
POPCORN
DRINKS
SWEETS
AND CRISPS
WILL BE
AVAILABLE
FROM OUR
MOVIE NIGHT
SHOP

Bring your own chairs, beanbags or cushions.
Relax and enjoy the film!



Tickets £1.50 per person available
through ParentPay

Wildflower Wonder

Beautiful Wildflowers in our school gardens were in full bloom for the start of the new term. The children in Year 3 and 4 planted them last year using the seeds that were to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee. A very poignant sight on the anniversary of the Queen's death last week.



Connect
After School Church



Returning weekly from Autumn 2023

Connect meets every Thursday after school (3.30-4.40pm) at St Michael's Primary School, in the school hall.

Each week we start with games, crafts, and tasty breads & spreads before spending time exploring the Christian faith together with fun teaching, activities and songs.

Whatever age or stage you're at you are really welcome to join us. It's free and there's no need to sign up - just come along when you can!

For more info contact connect.farnsfield@gmail.com

Tuesdays

9:30am

in school term time

@ Farnsfield
Methodist Church,
Chapel Lane.

For toddlers, babies
and their carers.



£2 per family

For more details contact:
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**FIND OUT WHAT'S
HAPPENING**

IN FARNSFIELD

Whether you are a long-term resident or new to the village there are many groups, clubs and organisations that you can join! To find out more about these and have a chat with councillors, come along to the Farnsfield village Forum

**Refreshments
available**

ALL WELCOME

**Farnsfield Cricket Club,
Station Lane**

**Bar open
to buy
drinks**

**Wednesday 20th
September 2023**

6.00 pm - 8.00 pm

**FOR CONTACT DETAILS OF LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, PLEASE VISIT THE PARISH
COUNCIL WEBSITE www.farnsfieldparishcouncil.co.uk**