

Farnsfield St Michael's CofE Primary School Newsletter



14th October 2022

Autumn News

Well, what a busy first half term we have had! There has been so much excitement and learning taking place across school and in all classes.

The Autumn Term is our 'Discover' term in school, where we have a history focus to our topics. Each class have been busy with their 'What if..?' topic learning to gain knowledge about objects, people and places throughout a range of periods in history. They have developed their historical enquiry and have used sources of evidence to find out more about the past. They have also been busy in many other subject areas, linking to their theme.

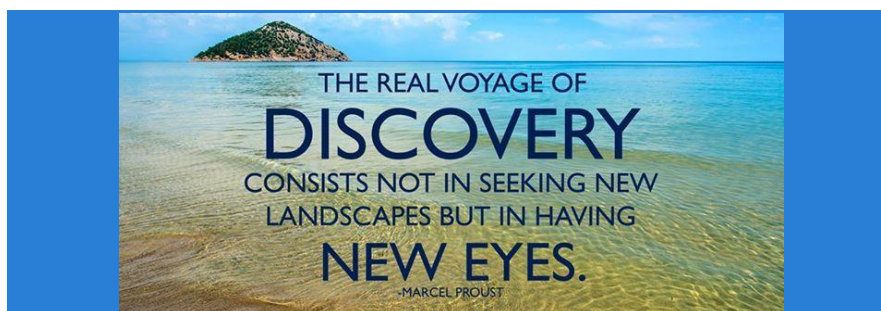
Our Foundation children have been busy learning all about themselves and 'discovering' their new school too. They have all settled in super well to school life at St Michael's and we are so proud of all they are achieving so far.

We have had some exciting events taking place already this term, these have included visitors to school for worship, hedgehog workshops, sports fixtures, Harvest breakfast and service, non-uniform days for charity fundraisers, storytelling sessions, Connect and the Tour of Britain. Thank you all for your ongoing support throughout the term with all of the wider opportunities we offer, in addition to the usual school day.

This term, we have introduced our jacket potato choice option at dinnertime, for Year 1 to 6, and the hot snack at breaktime. These have seemed popular, with the uptake boosting school meal sales. Please do know that if your child is usually a packed lunch but would like a hot meal on the colder winter days, even maybe just once or twice a week, then we are able to cater for this. They just need to make their choice on the day and let the teacher know at registration. Snacks can be pre-ordered for the day on Parent Pay.

I wish you all a wonderful half term holiday and look forward to seeing you back at school for the run up to Christmas! Check out the diary dates for those exciting events that will be coming up.

Mrs Carpenter



Diary Dates

Thursday 3rd November –
Outdoor Learning Day

Parents' Evenings –
Tuesday 8th November 5-7pm
Thursday 10th – 3:30-5:30pm

Bookfair – Tuesday 22nd
November to Tuesday 29th

Saturday 26th November –
Farnsfield Christmas Light
Switch on - Choir

PSA Christmas Fayre –
Friday 2nd December 3:30pm

Monday 5th December – Choir
singing at Notts County Carol
Service

Wednesday 7th December –
BBC Radio Nottingham Nativity
Concert at White Post Farm
6:30pm

Thursday 8th December – Save
the Children Christmas Jumper
Day & Christmas Dinner Day

Wednesday 14th December –
Foundation Nativity 6pm

Thursday 15th December –
KS1 Nativity Performance 6pm

Monday 19th December –
Cinderella Pantomime

Wednesday 21st December –
Last Day of term

All dates and times subject to changes

Harvest Breakfast and Service

Compassion UK



Thank you all so much for your support for our Harvest Breakfast, raising money for Agatha, through Compassion UK. In total we raised £234.10 in profit from the breakfast rolls and refreshments.

This was the first Harvest Breakfast I have had the pleasure of attending; I was staggered by the turn out and staff reported that they felt it was one of the most well attended they had seen. I must also thank Andy Proffitt and Chris Pearse for their hard work in supporting this, along with other volunteers from St Michael's Church and Connect who made this possible.

The money raised will go to support Agatha, our sponsored child in Uganda. The charity will use the money to provide her with a safe place to live, an education and support for her family to earn an income to have everything they need.

Foodbank Donations

We also received an incredible amount of donations for the Foodbank at our Harvest Service too. Thank you all for your support with such an invaluable cause. The Lifespings church were so grateful to receive this produce, just in time for half term, when they will be needed by many families in the locality.



They sent us this message: 'Hi. Just wanted to say again how grateful we are for the donation to the Foodbank from the harvest festival. We were blown away by the incredible generosity of parents, children and staff and know the recipients will be so grateful.'

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

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

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

BBC Radio Nottingham Visit St Michael's

Earlier this term, BBC Radio Nottingham came to school to chat with pupils and staff regarding the start back to school and the Tour of Britain. We all had a great, early morning start. It was a wonderful experience for our students to see what it was like to be live on the radio and in witnessing the production of this first hand.

Along with chatting to us, they ran a competition, The School Olympics, and I was very pleased to note that St Michael's were top of the leader board with the quickest time out of all the schools throughout the week. It was great fun and a valuable experience for all involved.



Tour of Britain comes to Farnsfield

On Thursday 8th September, following on from our radio excitement, we took all of Years 1 to 6 to Main Street to watch the cyclists competing in the Tour of Britain pass through the village. It was very exciting, and we cheered them on into the next stage of the day's event as they entered the sprint through Edingley. The children were all very excited to have witnessed this and will remember this momentous occasion.



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



Discover

Our topics and themes in each phase this term are:

Phase	Big Question	Topic focus	Bible Verse	Real outcome
Foundation	What if we were all the same?	All about me – my family, my home, my body, friendships	Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10	Self-portraits, skeleton models, house models
Key Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2)	What if we were 100 years old?	Victorians, the human body, health and looking after ourselves	For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations. Psalm 106:1	Toy design to pitch to a board – Young Entrepreneurs
Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4)	What if nothing was left behind?	The Stone Age to Iron Age and the Egyptians,	Remember the days of old; consider the years of many generations; ask your father, and he will show you, your elders, and they will tell you. Deuteronomy 32:7	Museum exhibition of artefacts from each period
Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 & 6)	What if the Victorians never existed?	Victorian Britain, Electricity,	One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. Psalm 145:4	Mechanical Sculptures – Design, Make, Evaluate



Key Stage 1 – RE Unit of Work – Creation

KS1 have been creating nature bracelets earlier this term. They looked at creating something and taking care, just like God took care and time when creating the world.



Lower Key Stage 2 – What if..? The Stone Age

LKS2 have been utilising their sculpting skills through art and have been creating Stone Age inspired necklaces out of clay. They have also enjoyed reading the Stone Age Boy in English sessions.



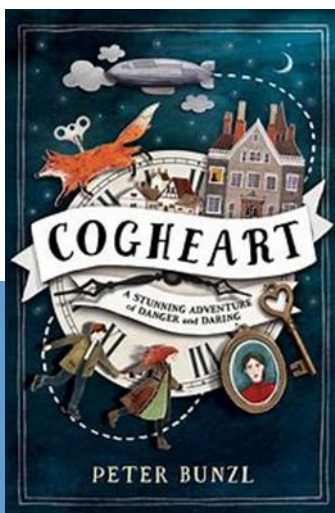
Upper Key Stage 2 – What if..? Victorian Inventions

UKS2 have been creating Thaumatrope, optical toys earlier this term, when looking at Victorian inventions.



They have also been creating Mechanimals – Mechanical Animals – taking inspiration from their book, Cogheart.

They have used their Design and Technology skills to design, make and evaluate a product with a moving part.



Pantomime coming to school the morning of Monday
19th December, kindly funded by the PSA



Cinderella



