

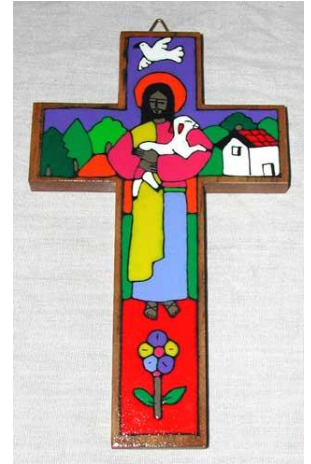


Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you very much for all of the families and friends who joined us at **St Michael's Church** on Sunday. The children in



KS2 who were presenting work about **Rooted in the Community** presented very well and were skilful at using the microphone. All the children who chose to go and stand behind the altar as the priest prepared for communion were very well behaved and showed that they were interested in finding out more about how Christians worship. Most excitingly we were presented with a new cross for our hall, which was received by Sebastian in Y6. The cross that had previously hung in the hall was very old and tatty and it was felt that a more child-friendly cross from St Michaels would be a good way of reminding us of the links with the church and for children to use when learning about Christianity. It has a picture of Jesus as the Good Shepherd and is made in El Salvador. Faith Explorers club have already written some lovely thank you letters to the church.



Yesterday at breaktime the children were treated to a special drink and biscuit sale.



The children in **Reception class** have been learning all about water as part of their topic. As well as learning about how we use water and things that live in or near water, they have been thinking about children who do not have enough water. They decided to raise some money for **Water Aid** by holding their own sale to enjoy water on a warm sunny day. They raised over £30 and did all the work themselves, making the signs, pouring the drinks and acting as shopkeepers. Well done Reception!



It looks like we are going to meet our **attendance target** for this school year, which is good news as it means that children are making the most of the opportunities that school offers. Please can I remind parents and carers that if your child needs to be out of school for any reason other than illness, that leave of absence should be requested. This is done by asking for a form at the office. We know that occasionally there are good reasons for leave to be granted – for example, attending an important family occasion. I would like to remind parents that we can't authorise any holiday or leave in the **first two weeks of September**. It is so important that children get off to a good start in their new classes,

get to know their teachers, understand the ground rules and routines of their classroom and find out about the learning they will be doing during the year. Please do come and talk to us if you want to discuss why there is such an emphasis on this attendance early in the year. Thank you for working with us on this.



I am happy to tell you that today we spent some time rekindling our link with Bishop's College, a school in Colombo in Sri Lanka. Some colleagues who work closely with the school came to visit us today. They have taken with them letters, pictures and work from our children and we hope that next year we will be able to get our e-linking project off the ground with them.



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Thank you to the family and friends who joined us this morning to see the work that **Y2** were presenting in **assembly**. It was so interesting to hear about their trip and the other learning they have been doing recently. I am sure everyone there agrees that it was lovely to see how well that class have developed over the year, which is well reflected in their recent KS1 SATs results.

Finally, a huge thank you to the FOSOPS team that organised our very successful disco on Wednesday night – a fun way to celebrate the end of term. I hope you all have a lovely weekend, ready for our final very busy week!



Yours sincerely

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We take the safeguarding of children very seriously at our school and we appreciate your help with this. If you have any concerns or observations regarding **health and safety**, please contact Jane Astrid Devane, Catherine Ware or Liz Craven. If you have any concerns or questions regarding **child protection** issues, please speak to Jane Astrid Devane, Catherine Ware or Hillary Whitehead.

DIARY DATES

Monday 18 th July	Dress Rehearsal of KS2 production for Reception and KS1
Tuesday 19 th July	Sports Day for Year 3 and 4 in the morning
Tuesday 19 th July	Special picnic menu for school dinners
Tuesday 19 th July	KS2 production (afternoon and evening shows) 2pm and 6:30pm (ALL KS2 CHILDREN TO ATTEND THE EVENING SHOW. IF THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE, PLEASE SEE TALK TO CLASS TEACHER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.)
Wednesday 20 th July	Sports Day for Reception, Y1 & 2 in the morning / Y5 & 6 in the afternoon
Wednesday 20 th July	In school assembly for good attendance
Thursday 21 st July	Leavers' service at St Michael's 11am , friends and family welcome.
Thursday 21 st July	FOSOPS end of year lunch, details by email or see a FOSOPS rep in the playground.
Friday 22 nd July	* Shire Oak's Got Talent – School Council are running a talent show with heats in every class taking place before Friday's final. Potential (adult) judges should volunteer to Miss Ware.

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