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10th February 2016

St. Mary's Church

We missed our visit to St. Mary's this half-term because we weren't able to have our Epiphany Service in church the first week back after Christmas, due to the torrential rain. Our own wise men helped Father David to tell the story of Epiphany in our assembly instead. Class 4 went up to St. Mary's today, to join the congregation for the Ash Wednesday service which marks the beginning of Lent. Several people from the congregation commented on their excellent behaviour. Well done Class 4 I am VERY PROUD!!

Provision for two year-olds

How things can change in a short time! In September, we had no idea that we would be looking at another change in school and now here we are about to extend our age range. This week, we have received the final rubber-stamp on our application to provide places for two year-old children in school. There will be a Pre-Nursery, separate from our Nursery and Reception, with funded and paid places available. Please see the leaflet sent out today for details on eligibility for free places. Enquiries welcome at the school office.

SEAL themes and Christian values

Our SEAL theme this half-term has been **Going for goals**. Our targets at school and at home are to:

- Take responsibility for good and bad
- Wait for what you want
- Show 'bouncebackability'
- Set yourself goals and achieve them

Our Christian value is peace, we are looking at how we can help to promote and achieve peace where we are and in the world around us.

Please encourage your child to talk about their targets and values at home.

British values

The government's PREVENT strategy to work against radicalisation in our society requires all schools to teach British values. Within our curriculum and through our SEAL and Christian values, we cover democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

Attendance

Good news on our Autumn term attendance, three classes beat the school target of 95%. Class 4: 95.8%; Class 3: 96.81%; Class 2: 96.8%. Well done to all those children (and parents) with attendance of over 95%, especially those who scored 100%; enjoy your sparkly pencils!

Curriculum evening

On March 3rd, we will be holding a curriculum evening for parents where there will be examples of the maths and English your children are learning in school. Some of today's year 6 SATs questions are as difficult as those which used to be in the GCSE exams. Come along and test yourself! Refreshments provided.

Don't forget, if you can't speak with us in the playground and you wish to complain, compliment or suggest ideas for change or improvement, you can email us at any time on:

office@micklefieldceprimaryschool.co.uk Staff news



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It's old news now for most of you, but for those who missed it, baby Charlie Gillatt, who was due on December 29th, finally decided to make his appearance on January 5th. We have welcomed Mrs. Watson into our Family Unit to cover for Mrs. Gillatt while she is on maternity leave. Mrs. Marshall has also joined the Family Unit team. Mrs. Potter has reduced her working week to three days and Mrs. Helen Walton has begun a new lease of life, following her retirement in December. Mrs. Gatenby will return to full-time working on March 7th after recovering from minor surgery.

Friends of Micklefield (FOM)

We are pleased to have a group of parents who are willing to give up their time to building and strengthening the school community. It is so useful to have more ways that school and parents can communicate. The Christmas Fair was certainly a success and the bun sales have all gone well. A big thank you is due to all those involved.

Brass tuition

All of the children in Classes 3 and 4 have been learning a brass instrument on Thursdays, our Arts afternoon. We are one of the few schools who provide free tuition and use of instruments. A group of our brass players took part in a joint carol concert at St. Patrick's Church in Leeds and a joint performance in our Christmas Musical Celebration here at school. When your child is ready, he/she will be invited to join our Junior Brass Band on Wednesdays at 6.30; please encourage them to attend, along with any adults you know who used to play, no matter how 'rusty' they think they are. It would be brilliant to grow our own Micklefield Brass Band to play at school, church and village events.

Term time holidays

If you have no choice in taking your child out of school for a holiday in term time, please make sure you send in the supporting evidence from your GP or employer.

Parking

The Blands Arms are always really helpful with school parking by allowing cars to use their car park. However, they have asked me to let you know that the car park will no longer be available for use on **Wednesday afternoons** due to deliveries at that time.

Inspections

We are expecting a routine inspection from the Fire Service this month, a SIAMS inspection of our standards as a church school, including teaching and learning, next month,...and who knows when Ofsted will come along next?!



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Dates for your diary:

February

Thursday 11th **Child of Achievement Awards 9am at school. (**changed); FOM film evening.

Friday 12th Half term

Monday 22nd TRAINING DAY

March

Thursday 3rd Mother's Day Service at St. Mary's Church; FOM bun sale; Parents' Curriculum Evening;

Monday 7th Bewerley Park residential

Wednesday 9th Dayspring Church assembly

Monday 21st Holy Week begins (RE themed week).

Friday 25th and Monday 28th Easter Bank Holidays

Tuesday 29th- Friday 1st April Easter themed week

April

Friday 1st End of term FOM Disco

Monday 18th Summer term begins

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Parents' Evenings

May

Thursday 5th Ascension Service at St. Mary's Church

9 – 13th Key Stage 2 SATS week

27th TRAINING DAY; Half term

June

Monday 6th New classes