



# St Michael & All Angels News

**God counts the stars and calls them all by name. Psalm 147:4**

Welcome back - I hope that you all had a great Christmas and New Year with your children. After a busy first week the children are back in full swing and are working hard. During the first week assessments were carried out across all classes, and the results of these assessments will feed into the teaching content over the forthcoming weeks.

Miss Robins, our new Class 3 Teacher, is looking forward to leading the Year 3/4 Residential trip to Beaumanor Hall in February. Mrs Gill now works from Monday until Thursday lunchtime and is enjoying the challenge of Year 5/6. Mrs Gil and I are running an after school SATs support club for the Year 6 children to prepare them for their upcoming external tests in May. Mrs Gil will also be running a stress buster lunchtime club for any Year 6 children to attend, if they wish to, promoting calming, relaxation, non-worrying support/techniques.

Parents who have entered the school via our Brookside entrance will have noticed our school Bible Verse, Characteristics and School Vision have been expertly painted by a local sign-writer on a few of our corridor walls. The school Bible Verse and Vision tie in with the star badge that the children are so proudly wearing around school. We do have a few spares/replacements available at a cost of £1, available from the School Office, if required. Please note that the back of the star has a very sharp point, so please ensure that the safety cap is always secured.



We are really pleased with the new play equipment (chosen by the School Council), which was installed over the Christmas break. It's now being fully utilised and enjoyed by all the children in school.



Neil Bardsley—Head Teacher

## **Parents, Teachers, Friends Association (PTFA)**

**The PTFA (formerly known as the HSC) will be meeting on Wed 23rd January in school, at 1:30pm. All welcome to attend.**

**Please can we remind all parents to help keep our whole school community safe by *not* parking or 'stopping & dropping children' on the yellow zig zag lines outside the Melton Road school entrance.**

## **RE Day**

On Tuesday 22nd January the whole school will be taking part in an RE Day and looking at the Big Question "Why is prayer so important to some people?" All classes will take part in RE workshops throughout the day (from a visiting company) and visit the Church to carry out some RE activities with Mrs Meade and Reverend Sister Mary.

[www.gov.uk/browse/education/school-life](http://www.gov.uk/browse/education/school-life) This government website includes a range of useful information from bullying to how to get help buying school uniforms and school meals.

Ofsted [www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk)

You always have the opportunity to share your thoughts about our school through Parent View



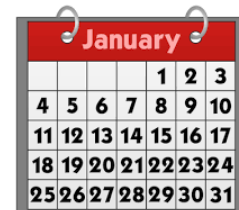
## Global Neighbours Bronze Award

We are proud to announce we have achieved Bronze Award status in Christian Aid's Global Neighbours scheme, in recognition of our wide-ranging steps to love our global neighbours. The children have written letters to local business' about plastic use, donated food to homeless local people and as a whole school we have been working hard to take our place as global citizens. The accreditation scheme celebrates schools that are helping pupils learn about global poverty and the Christian responsibility to tackle it, as well as giving pupils the tools to play a confident part in creating a fairer world.

The pupils learnt about lack of sanitation in poorer countries and took part in World Toilet Day on 19.1.19, raising enough money to twin with five toilets in other countries. Our world is increasingly connected and our hope is for our children to grow as responsible global citizens, who care about issues such as the environment and access to healthcare.

### Dates for the Spring Term

22.1.19	Whole School RE Day Year 2 Swimming lessons begin until 2.4.19 inclusively
23.1.19	PTFA Committee Meeting, 1.30pm in school, all parents welcome
25.1.19	Beaumanor Residential meeting for parents, 3.05pm, in Class 3
30.1.19	Under 11 Football league match at Wreake
7.2.19	9.30-11.30am School Nurse Drop-in Session in school
13.2.19	Under 11 Football league match at Wreake
14.2.19	Bradgate House's British Heart Foundation charity fundraising day - details to follow Yr6 & Foundation Height's & Weights with the School Nurse
18-22.2.19	School closed for half term
27-28.2.19	Class 3 Beaumanor Hall Residential
7.3.19	Parents Evening, 3.10-5.30pm
12.3.19	Parents Evening, 3.10-7.00pm (Parents Evening for Yr1, 1-2.30pm)
13.3.19	Fire Safety Talk for Yr1 & Yr5
20.3.19	Under 11 Football league match at Wreake
3.4.19	Under 11 Football league match at Wreake Yr5/6 High 5 Netball match at The Cedars
4.4.19	9.30-11.30am School Nurse Drop-in Session in school
5.4.19	Yr5/6 High 5 Netball match at The Cedars
15-26.4.19	School closed for the Easter break



### Attendance for the Autumn term:

Class 1:	96.98%
Class 2:	96.94%
Class 3:	96.13%
Class 4:	98.08%

Attendance is so important in order for your child to succeed. We do not authorise any holidays during term time and you will receive a letter from the school if your child's attendance drops below 95%. The Government has identified any children falling below 90% attendance, as being persistent absentees.

