



Our value for the month of November is 'Courage'  
'I command you to be strong and valiant. Do not be afraid, because your God is with you wherever you go.'

### Remembrance



Over the last two weeks, the children have been supporting the 'British Legion', by donating money for poppies and other items. We thought about Remembrance in collective worship this week and the significance of the poppy. We looked at a framed memorial to four soldiers who died in World War 1. All were former pupils of St Michael's School.

### School Council



Our school council have had their second meeting this term. They have many plans for the future, but their first fund-raising event is next week. They will be selling 'Pudsey' keyrings and

bands at break times in the hall. We are limiting these to one per child to begin with. On Friday, please support the school council with a non-uniform day (spots if you can) and a donation at the gate for 'Children in Need'.



### Consultation Evenings for Years 1-6

Consultation evenings are on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November. You will be able to book appointment times online from 12pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November. The ten-minute appointment includes looking at a short, termly report with an overview of different subjects and the focus within a subject for this term. A copy of this report is available for you to take home. The next consultations are on March 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> 2018 and again you will have a similar, short report focussing on the learning for the Spring Term. The final report in the Summer Term will focus on the learning during this term with the addition of general comments about attitudes to learning throughout the year and levels of confidence. Our aim is that together these termly reports, gathered over the year will form a more detailed and meaningful method of feeding back to parents about the learning that has taken place.

### Willow Class (Year 1)

The children have been busy in Year 1 this week. They have enjoyed reading 'Oi Frog' by Kes Gray and have been writing rhyming sentences. They also had fun making frogs. In Art they made pictures using natural materials in the style of Andy Goldsworthy. Each Friday they are getting active with outside PE lessons delivered by 'Super Star Sport', who we are fortunate to have every week until February 2018.



### School Games Silver Mark

St. Michael's has, once again, been recognised for its commitment to school sport and has been awarded the School Games Silver Mark. We are working hard already this year to find further ways to ensure that our school encourages ALL children to adopt a healthy lifestyle and that ALL children experience a wide range of sporting opportunities. We are investing in resources to deliver the best quality PE lessons and successful higher-level competition experiences for the pupils at this school. In addition to this, we are also extending leadership opportunities for our older pupils (Sport and Health Ambassadors and the Young Leaders programme), linking with Sharks and Saracens (rugby), A Chance to Shine (cricket) and multi skills specialist coaches throughout Key Stage 1 and EYFS to develop the pupils' skills in and enjoyment of this subject. Thank you to Miss Prentice for all the hard work she puts in to organising these enriching opportunities for the children.

### Handwriting

The teachers have spent some time in staff meetings thinking about neatness and presentation in books. We have decided on a set style for our handwriting, which the children have already begun practising. Please see the attachment for the KS1 and KS2 styles, which differ slightly. The children will begin to join their writing, during the year in Cherry Class (Year 2).

### The Friends

Last Friday there was a very enjoyable and successful quiz evening held in the school hall. Black table coverings and coloured lights transformed it. The teachers had a table as well as many parents



and the competition was fierce. The final scores were close (we did not win) and a good time was had by all. Thank you to all the parents who supported this event and those that helped on the evening, selling drinks, setting up and clearing at the end of the evening. Special thanks must go to Mrs Byles, Mrs McGuinness, Mrs Rothwell and Mrs Whelan for organising the event and to Mr Corke and Mr Pinney for hosting the evening. As a result of the money raised, Miss Prentice has purchased a table tennis table for use inside and outdoors, in the better weather. Please read the newsletter sent out yesterday by the ladies organising the 'Winter Wonderland'. Speak to your class reps or any of the Year 6 Mums if you are able to offer help on the Friday evening or on the day. It looks set to be a great day of festive fun!

### A few Reminders

- Photograph orders by today.
- Operation Christmas Child boxes are due back on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November
- Christmas card orders by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November.
- Programme covers for the Winter Wonderland by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November.

### Author Visit

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, we have author Jack Trelawney in school. He will present an assembly to children in Years 2-6 and then will stay to do a book signing for children that purchase any of his books. Please see attached letter outlining his offer, but there is no obligation to buy. Teachers will do some work with the children prior to his visit to familiarise them with some of Jack's writing. Unfortunately, Year 4 will miss the assembly due to their rugby coaching, but they will be able to meet Jack and join the book signing if they wish to.

### Car Parking

Again, we have had complaints from some of our neighbours about parking around the village. Please, please try to walk if you are able, park at the Community Centre (walk a little way) and use the pub car park (front spaces only at pick up). Please park safely and do not park on verges or block our neighbours in. Our local community is important to us and we must be responsible and courteous, setting a good example for the children.

### Sickness

We have had staff and pupils away with a sickness bug this week. Please remember that if your child is sick they must not return to school for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness.

### Lost Coats

We have a number of coats that have gone missing. They are the reversible fleeces with the school logo on and the nametags are in the pocket. If you have one of these coats, please check the tag in the pocket to ensure you have the correct one.

### Good Work Assembly

Congratulations to the following children, who shared their work in Thursday's assembly.

- Willow:** Maddy & Ubuhle  
**Cherry:** Daisy  
**Redwood:** Sarah & Sophie  
**Elm:** Daniel & Olivia  
**Beech:** Jayla

### What's On:

- 15.11.'17-NSPCC assembly (Years 1-6)
- 16.11.'17-Oak Class assembly (Year 6) 2:45pm
- 17.11.'17-Mufti Day for Children in Need (School Council)
- 20.11.'17-Jack and the Beanstalk (Friends)  
Programme covers in to the office
- 24.11.'17-Mufti Day for bottles for the Winter Wonderland (Friends)
- 29.11.'17-Consultations Years 1-6
- 30.11.'17-Consultations Year 1-6
- 2.12.'17-Winter Wonderland (Friends)
- 5.12.'17-Open morning for prospective parents
- 6.12.'17-Author Visit (Year 2-6)
- 12.12.'17-KS2 Carol Service (pm)
- 14.12.'17-KS1 Nativity (am) Carol Service (eve)
- 15.12.'17-Christmas Dinner & KS1 Nativity (pm)

### Attachments:

- St Michael's Church (remembrance)
- Author visit
- Handwriting
- Knebworth Football (girls)
- Herts Natural History Society
- Welwyn Anglo-French Twinning Association Meeting