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Clover Hill VA Infant and Nursey School
& St. Michael's VA Junior School, Bowthorpe

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart.

Governors' Newsletter 22

Spring Term, February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to thank you for all the support you have given to our two schools since the beginning of this school year. Your children have been a pleasure to work with as we continue to explore every opportunity to expand their learning in a caring, stimulating and safe environment.

When challenges arise children thrive when there are systems in place that ensure that there is the very best available to them and, very particularly, when families and schools work closely together. We really appreciate your collaboration at all times and celebrate what we have achieved together.

Since September we can celebrate the exceptional outcomes of two inspections which endorse the thriving culture of our two schools as places where children love to learn.

We are looking forward to everything that has been planned for rest of this school year. There will be a whole range of interesting opportunities and activities that will continue to recognise the importance of hard work, success, celebration and having fun.

We wish you many blessings as we continue to work together to help your children be the very best they can be, so that they can take their place in the world with confidence and self-assurance.

Rosemary Games

Chair of Governors

Voluntary Funds and Fundraising

A huge thank you to all the children and parents who have contributed to raising funds for both of the schools in All Angels' Federation. Small donations at these events pile up quickly into large amounts to help pay for the extras that make unforgettable memories.

50p Fridays, movie nights and the Christmas Fayre have all raised a large amount of money to use towards trips and events. The money raised can now be used to subsidise trips so that all children can enjoy extracurricular activities to enrich their experience at school.

It is a valuable lesson for the children to learn that saving and raising money for each other and working towards a financial target, to purchase an exciting experience, is very worthwhile and rewarding.

Well-Being and Mental Health

There has been much discussion about children's mental health and well-being in the media recently, and not without cause. The current cohort of primary children have been through a pandemic and unprecedented upheaval in their daily social interactions.

NHS England found that 20.3% of 8 to 16 year-olds had a probable mental disorder in 2023. ADHD, anxiety problems, behaviour problems and depression are the most commonly diagnosed mental disorders in children.

The Federation has an exceptional record of early identification of need. Because of the integrated approach across the two schools as a Primary Federation there is continuity for all children as they move on from Clover Hill into St Michael's.

Many schools have had to reduce the budget spent on Pastoral Care. However, All Angels' continues to invest in staff who concentrate on making sure that the children are prepared for learning and their life ahead. There is an ongoing commitment to identifying those who are facing challenges, by ensuring that they have the right support from the start, which will ease their way through school to a successful future.



Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) at Clover Hill and St Michael's

The Diocese of Norwich have a legal duty to make sure that the Voluntary Aided (VA) schools in their care are espousing the christian nature and ethos expected of a church school. This academic year, both St. Michael's and Clover Hill were visited by a SIAMS inspector. He came to look at how the schools teach religious education and encourage the children to think about the ethos, community and spirituality of themselves, the schools and the wider community.

Governors met with the inspector on both occasions to enthusiastically tell him of the way the schools awaken the children's understanding of themselves, the community and their place in the wider world.

At the feedback to Staff and Governors, he was effusive about how everyone involved with the schools are aware of the mission and aims of the Federation, working together to provide not just academic learning, but to also provide support for the whole child and awareness of life beyond the school.

Governors are very proud of the achievements of both schools as mentioned in the written reports given by the SIAMS inspector.

St Michael's: https://www.stmichaelsjuniorschool.co.uk/key-info/ofsted/
Clover Hill: https://www.cloverhillschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/SIAMS-report-Clover-Hill-VA-Infant-and-Nursery-School-140033-180124.pdf

Magic Breakfast

Our children have been enjoying breakfast club with free food provided by the charity Magic Breakfast.

Magic Breakfast makes a difference to over 200,000 children and young people every day by offering breakfasts and expert advice in schools across England and Scotland.

A good breakfast is essential to aid concentration for learning at the start of every day. Magic Breakfast donates provisions to schools so that children can have a free breakfast with everything a child needs to prepare them for the day ahead. Parents report that children are eager to come to school for breakfast, making sure they are in school in plenty of time for registration.

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