ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

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Thursday 14th November 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

Contained in this week's newsletter! –

1. **Posada Box**– letter to all families from Mr Morley inviting families to have a turn looking after a box for a couple of days in the weeks leading up to Christmas. This will be sent tomorrow.
2. **Year 6 Hoodies** – letter for Year 6 parents.
3. **Year 1 and 2 trip to Warwick Castle –** Wednesday 4th December leaving school 8.15am and back for 4pm - letter coming home today.
4. **Aylesbury Vale Y5&6 Boys Football League v Overstone AWAY** – Wednesday 20th November. Letter for team members went home yesterday.
5. **Aylesbury Vale Y5&6 Girls Football Cup match v Swanbourne HOME** – Thursday 21st November. Letter for team members went home yesterday.
6. **School Lottery –** flyers from the Friends Association. A fantastic way to support fund raising at our school. Just £1 a week! Next draw Saturday 16th November - £25,000.00 jackpot!

This week/Next Week :

TOMORROW – NON UNIFORM DAY FOR CHILDREN IN NEED £1 DONATIONS PLEASE PER CHILD
TOMORROW YEAR 4 CLASS ASSEMBLY 9.10AM. PARENTS OF YEAR 4 PUPILS WELCOME TO ATTEND

REMINDER - Friends Association Fundraising Personalised Tea Towels – T Towels £4.50 each and coasters £3 each. Payments to be sent into school for The Friends by **TOMORROW** Any cheques made payable to 'The Friends of St Michael's School' Thank you for your support. Form attached again if needed.

REMINDER - 'Beauty and the Beast Day' – Friday 6th December – for the whole school - a visiting pantomime company and everyone dressing up! A voluntary contribution of £2.50 per pupil via Parentpay please by **TOMORROW**. https://www.parentpay.com/ Thank you

TOMORROW – Girls KS2 Cross Country Event at Thornton College – 1.30pm
Wednesday 20th – Boys Cup Football Match v Overstone AWAY 3.45pm
Thursday 21st - Parent Governor Election 3.30pm
Thursday 21st - Girls Football League Match v Swanbourne HOME 3.45pm
Friday 22nd - 'Be Bright Be Seen Day' – pupils can wear bright accessories with their school uniform
- Year 6 Class Assembly 9.10am

Contacting School Staff

Please can we remind parents not to make contact with any school staff about school matters via text messages, WhatsApp or social media messaging? If you have concerns, please call into school, phone us or email the school office. Staff wellbeing is vital to a healthy school and our staff are entitled to normal family life away from school.

Appeal – School Voluntary Funds Account Auditor

If anyone with a knowledge or experience of accounting would like to volunteer to audit our School Voluntary Fund Accounts, please get in touch with the school office staff. Thank you in anticipation.

Appeal from Year 5 and Year 6

We are looking at puppets in DT this half term. Please could we borrow any puppets for us to evaluate. If you happen to have any old puppet that you no longer wish to keep would you let us know too as we need to disassemble them to see how they are made.

Road Safety Week – next week

We will be having a 'Be Bright Be Seen Day' on Friday 22nd November. Children can come into school wearing any bright accessory such as socks, hair bands, wrist bands, bibs as well as their normal school, uniform

Messsage from Stewkley Pavilion and Recreation Ground – BINGO

Bingo –Friday 15th November. Door open 6.30pm, eyes down 7pm, Pizza £1 and Bar open. Entry £2.50 with a book. Fun prizes for all. Everyone is welcome. Funds raised go towards the up keep of Stewkley Pavilion and Recreation Ground.

ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL SPORTS INFORMATION

Buckingham School Sports Partnership Years 3/4 Quicksticks Festival – Tuesday 12th November

On Tuesday, 12 pupils from Years 3 and 4 participated in the annual Buckingham Schools Sports Partnership Quicksticks hockey family festival at the Fremantle School. Thanks to their hard work and preparation in PE lessons, all children played with great determination and excellent sportsmanship. 5 of the pupils were from our Year 3 class and playing their first competitive games; they rose to the challenge and equipped themselves well against Year 4 opposition.

With ten teams taking part, the St Michael's A team of John, Alfie, Angus, Evie, Ellie & Georgia finished in 2nd place and our B team of Izzy, Georgie, Harry, Poppy , Oliver and Finley finished in joint 7th.

Well done to all of the players and many thanks to all of the parents who transported the children and supported them throughout the long competition.

Aylesbury Vale Boys Football League B match v Edlesborough B AWAY Thursday 7th November - report by Jacob

Year 5 boys including Lew, Jack, Jacob F, Archie, Jack, Thomas, Ethan, Zachary and Jenson all played in a very tight football match.
When the game kicked off it was up and down up and down the pitch there were two good shots from Archie and Jacob and superb play from the two Jacks at half time. Ethan then came on and did some exceptional tackles and then with a brilliant shot Jacob hit the post, deflected off the keeper and in! Then Lew made a splendid save off the line at the other end. We saw some good passes by Thomas who set Zachary up for a splendid shot, it went through the hole in the goal, 2-0! Some wonderful touches from Jenson saw us through the rest of the game to bag our win. All credit to Mrs Munday for brilliant coaching and helping us out!
By Jacob Ford

Cottesloe Team, Mursley Deanery St. Michael & All Angels Church email
November and December 2019 and January 2020
Our apologies if anyone has not received this email directly - please contact us at stewkleychurch@gmail.com
Enquiries regarding Church matters should please be directed to myself -Revd. Philip Derbyshire on 240287 or revphil16@gmail.com or to Churchwardens Neil Dickens on 242253 neil@dickens1.com or Judith Walker on 240444, jude@stewk.co.uk

Upcoming Church Services at St. Michaels' Church
17th November (2nd before Advent) – 10am Messy Church at school
20th November (Wednesday) – Midweek Communion 10am
24th November (Christ the King) – NO SERVICE IN STEWKLEY -10am Team Eucharist in Mentmore
1st December (Advent Sunday) – 10am Parish Communion
8th December (Advent 2) – 10am Parish Communion
15th December (Advent 3) – 6pm Carol Service
22nd December (Advent 4) – 10am Parish Communion
24th December (Christmas Eve) – 3pm Christingle / Crib Service, 11:30pm Midnight Mass
25th December (Christmas Day) – 10am Family Communion
29th December (Sunday after Christmas) – 10am Cluster Holy Communion
5th January (Epiphany) – Farewell Service for the Team at Soulbury (No Services in other Churches).
12th January (Baptism of Christ) – 10am Parish Communion
19th January (2nd of Epiphany) – 10am Messy Church at School
26th January (3rd of Epiphany) – 10am Parish Communion
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Diary Dates
for more detailed information on these dates, please see 'Notices' below:
20th November - Midweek Holy Communion 10am
5th December – Coffee Stop
15th December – Carol Service 6pm
18th December – end of term School service 9:30am
24th December – Crib / Christingle Service 4pm

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5th January – Farewell Service at Soulbury 10am
19th January – Messy Church at School 10am
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Notices

Sunday School (Now called Second Sunday) – recommences Second Sunday in December.
Third Sunday services; There will be an opportunity to socialize after our service in our usual fashion.
Messy Church 10am in school.
Café Communion at 4pm. Family friendly service with coffee and cake.
'Sacred Space': Midday Prayer – Philip will be in Church on Thursdays at 12noon for prayer for the mission of the Church. Please feel free to join him as you can to share in this fundamental element of our discipleship.
The COFFEE STOP 10.30am – 12noon, every first Thursday of the month at the Rec. Pavilion. Many thanks to everyone who supports this event. Last month's Coffee Stop raised £358 for The Royal British Legion, which was added to the collection at the Remembrance service, making a grand total of £932.
The next Coffee Stop will be on Thursday 5th December and will support The Children's Society. The January CoffeeStop will be on Thursday 2nd and will support International Mercy Ships.
"Pass the Port"
The History and Traditions of Port Wine - A talk for the festive season by Dr Michael Fopp
Soulbury Village Hall, 7pm on 6th December. Tickets £5, please call 01525 270279
In a light-hearted presentation to match the Christmas traditions associated with Port Wine, Michael will explain how the production and export of Port has been significantly influenced by the English and their taste for wine which would 'travel'. The close ties between Portugal and England over centuries have ensured this trade has been a bastion against French wine monopolies, political and military upheaval, and government tax collection. The military for their part have remained loyal to the wine, with traditions and ceremonies involving Port still practised today.
A big thankyou
…. to the Church Yard Mowing team for their hard work keeping the church yard looking neat and tidy this summer; including the gentleman who trimmed the front hedge.
Have a good break. Best wishes and Christmas greetings from Judy Walker
…. to the church cleaning team for all their labours keeping the church inside dusted, swept, vacuumed and polished. Best wishes and Christmas greetings, Judy Walker.
PARISH GIVING SCHEME

It costs £939 per week to keep St Michael's open for worship and costs continue to rise. This is why we have introduced the Parish Giving Scheme for our church. The scheme is being used in lots of churches in this Diocese and many others as an alternative to standing orders and weekly envelopes.

It is a Direct Debit Scheme which is easy to implement and gives a number of advantages to the church (and to the treasurer). We get regular income and the gift aid is paid monthly instead of the treasurer having to claim it annually.

It is centrally run at no cost to the church. The donor can also opt to have their donation increased annually in-line with inflation. Leaflets are available at the back of the church giving full details of the Scheme as well as Gift Forms for anyone willing to join straight away. I will try to answer any questions you may have.

Since we launched the scheme in May this year 16 people have signed up to the scheme and a big thank you to them - it really helps our finances. I would like to encourage more people to sign up, particularly those who currently use the weekly envelope scheme, it really will be less time consuming for you and for the treasurer!

Geoff Ball

Needed: we need more people to go on Server/Chalice bearer Rota. If you are interested, please contact Peter Wade.

Some people who mowed the churchyard have retired and Judy is looking for volunteers to go forth and mow. More "mowers" would decrease the areas to be cut. QED (See map in church porch). If you can help, please contact Judy: 240444 or jude@stewk.co.uk

Church flood light Sponsorship.
Would you like to sponsor the lighting for a week in celebration of a special event e.g. birthdays, wedding anniversaries etc. for £10 per week with publicity in the Grapevine too? If so, please contact Geoff Ball on 01525 240765. Sponsorship can be Gift Aided to provide a further 23p for every pound given at no extra cost to the donor.
Will Aid - St Michael's church welcomes legacies from anyone wishing to support the church in this way.
Geoff Ball.
God Bless,Revd. Philip Derbyshire
To all our readers,
Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year

We are happy to share this information from a past pupil

Kind Regards
Alison Cooper
School Secretary