ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have all managed to stay cosy during the icy snap this week.
There are some news dates to note for your diaries, including information on Friends' EGM on 9th December and other Friends' events.
Mr Day has written a bumper roundup for the numerous sporting fixtures that have taken place recently. Some children are heading off to a Handball tournament this afternoon so good luck to everyone in the team.
All the children will have gone home this afternoon with an order form for this year's tea towels and coasters. Please return the forms to the office before Friday 29th November. Payment can be by cash, cheque or Parentpay.
The Wooden Hill Coffee Van will be with us again on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. If you haven't yet tried the Gingerbread Hot Chocolate, I can highly recommend it as a warming treat!

Have a wonderful weekend and we will look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday morning.

Wishing you a restful weekend.

Best wishes
Mrs Fiona Phimester

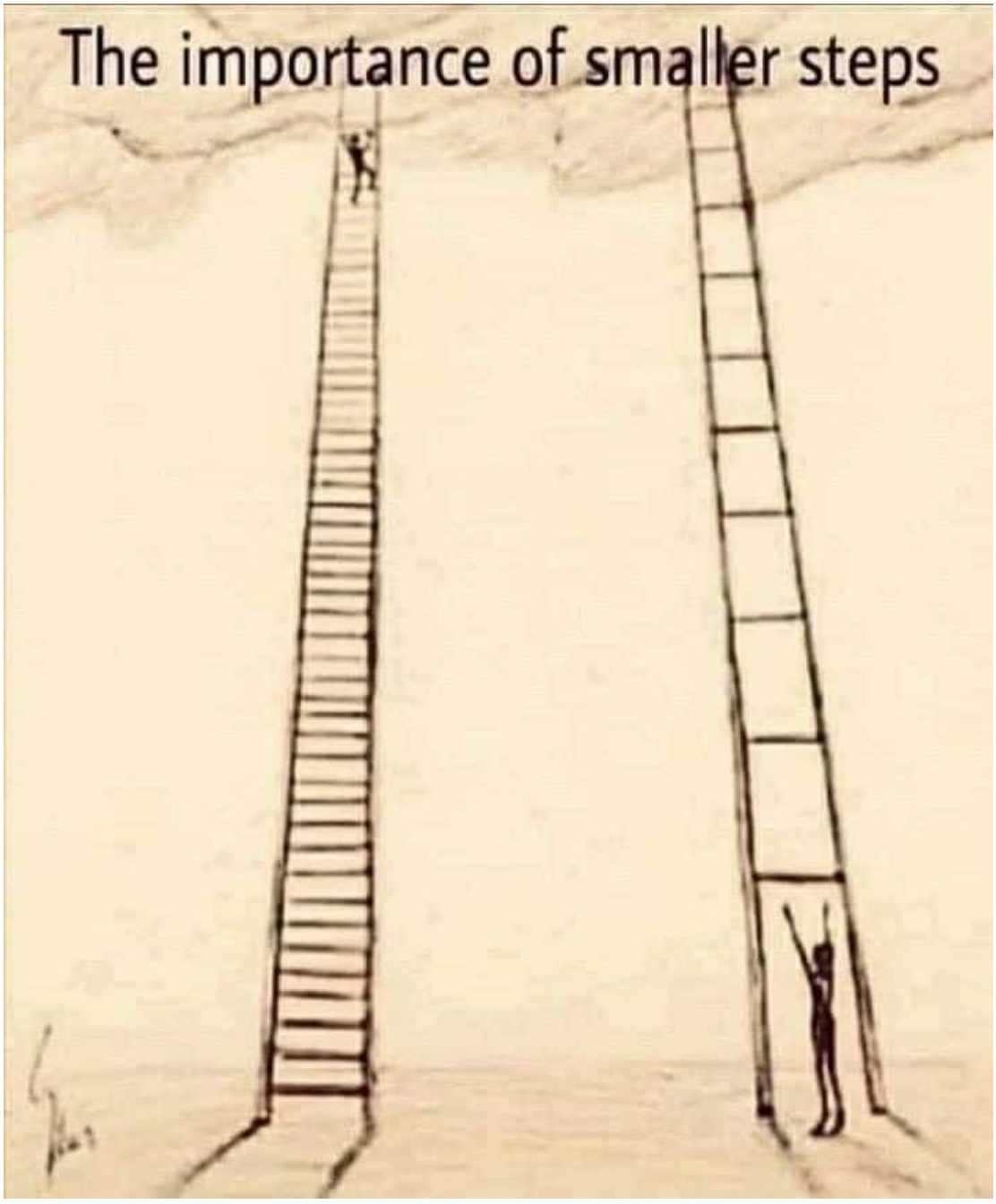
DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Friday 29th Nov – Year 6 Class Assembly
Friday 6th Dec – Non Uniform – in return for an item for Friends' Christmas Treat Tombola
Mon 9th Dec – Friends' Association EGM – electing of Chair and Secretary. 8pm at The Swan pub.
Wed 11th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch
Wed 11th Dec – School Discos
Thurs 12th Dec – Year 1 Nativity 9.10am
Friday 13th Dec – Year 4 Christingle Service 9am
Friday 13th Dec – Foundation Nativity 2.45pm
Tues 17th Dec – Christmas Fayre – 3.15pm on playground (weather permitting)
Wed 18th Dec – Year 2 Nativity 9.10am
Friday 20th Dec – End of Term
Mon 6th Jan – INSET DAY
Fri 14th Feb – Year 1 Class Assembly
Fri 28th Feb – Foundation – Tring Museum
Mon 3rd March – Class group and Leavers' photos
Fri 7th March – Year 2 Class Assembly 9.10am
Fri 14th March – Year 3 Learning Fayre

Fri 21st March – Year 6 Learning Fayre
Fri 28th March – Foundation Stay & Play 2.45pm
Fri 4th April – END OF TERM
Tues 22nd April – Start of the Summer Term

MESSAGE FROM MRS HANN

This can be a tricky time of year for many of us so please remember…



Best wishes as always
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Learning Mentor, DSL and Acting SENCo
My usual working pattern is Monday to Wednesday in school.

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MR DAY'S ST MICHAEL'S SPORTING ROUNDUP

The last few weeks have been extremely busy for the PE department with numerous fixtures and tournaments all over the County. Massive thanks to our brilliant parents for all your support in getting children to events and supporting them whilst there. The recent cold weather and staff issues at other schools has meant a number of postponements for sporting fixtures and we want to thank you again for all your patience. We are trying to make sure that all postponed fixtures and tournaments will be played at a later date.
As the nights draw in, we will have a bit of a winter break for outdoor after school sports, these will resume in February.

Thanks again.
Mr Day

Girls Football County Finals
As the Aylesbury Vale reigning champions, our year 5 and 6 cup team travelled to Chalfont St Peter on Saturday morning for the Buckinghamshire County Finals. This is a tournament for the best 6 school teams from around Buckinghamshire and we were very proud to be in attendance for the third year running.
A 0-0 draw in our first game against Gerrard's Cross was followed by an excellent 2-0 win against Hamilton (2 goals from Rosie Taylor). This was enough to send the girls through to a semi final against William Harding, which they dominated from start to finish and won 1-0 through another goal from Rosie.
This meant that St Michael's were now in the final and were up against Gerrard's Cross again. The final was by far the hardest game the girls have played this season, and although they ultimately lost 2-0, St Michael's were always in the game and unlucky not to get something.
A massive thanks to Gracie who played all the games in goal, even though she is one of our best outfield players, she is the reason that we got to the final without letting a goal in.
I think we take for granted sometimes just how high the standard of girls football is at our small, village school. We have gained such a reputation and have achieved so much in the last few years, that other schools look scared when they see the sky blue of St Michael's. Once again our girls have shown great effort and a real togetherness that is hard to see in other teams.
A huge thanks to our parents, grandparents, siblings, dogs and other family members who roared on the team on Saturday. The girls still have a big chance to win the cup this year and am sure will do us proud, like they always do.
St M's - Rosie Ta, Rosie Tu, Gracie, Madison, Emily C, Emily B, Luisa, Olympia

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Newton Longville 7-0 St Michael's

A really tough league game was played on Friday afternoon by one of our year 6 boys teams, away at Newton Longville. The boys came up against one of the best goalkeepers we have seen at school level and an amazing number 10 who ran the show for the hosts. St Michael's were 3-0 down at half time, although this didn't reflect the half of football played. Unfortunately we shipped another 4 goals in the second half and couldn't quite find the net ourselves.

The boys have a chance for revenge next Wednesday when we travel to the same school to play them with our cup team. Hopefully we will get a different result on Wednesday!

St M's: Josh, Riley, Benjamin, Harry Br, Harry Ba, Eddie, Zed, Cade, Edward S, Edward T

Thornton Trail

On Friday afternoon, 16 of our best cross country runners travelled to Thornton Ladies College for their annual all girl cross country races. This is always a highlight of the year as the girls take on a really tough course through the grounds of the school.

The first race was for our year 3 and 4 runners and all the girls were amazing. Top 10 finishes for Mia (who was leading towards the end) and Charlotte, followed by a top 20 finish for Siena S, meant that our girls finished second in the team race. Even more impressive for Siena was that this was her first ever cross country and she was one of the first year 3 finishers.

Next was the longer year 5 and 6 race, where they have to do 2 laps of the course. Again, St Michael's got two top 10 finishers, amazing running from Chloe and Madison, and the rest of our team ran their hearts out to do the school proud.

This is such a tough event, but is always an event where our team help and support each other so much. The girls spent the whole afternoon charging around the course cheering on all of their team mates, and we even managed to get a whole box of KitKats at the end (from one of our old pupils, thanks Jemima!).

The girls should all be so proud of their efforts and look forward to more races in the New Year.

Big thanks as ever to our parents who are such a help in races like this.

St Michael's Girls Cross Country Team:

Year 3 - Vidya, Siena

Year 4 - Mia, Cecily, Charlotte, Grace, Raegan, Siena

Year 5 - Luisa, Olympia, Aaliyah, Edith, Emily

Year 6 - Madison, Chloe, Rosie Turnbull

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Year 6

Our Year 6 class had a very exciting guest this morning. Stuart Green is the top mechanic for F1's George Russell and came with lots of interesting stories of his career.
The children got to see lots of paraphernalia such as Lewis Hamilton's helmet, driving suit and steering wheel. An incredible morning in Year 6!

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GOLDEN LEARNERS

Well done to these superstars for being this week's Golden Learners.

Foundation	**Arthur, Duke, Max**
Year 1	**Rosie, Dilly, Rory**
Year 2	**Lily K, Albert, Bradley**
Year 3	**Alexander, Oscar, Reggie**
Year 4	**Isabelle, Oliver, Grace**
Year 5	**Blake, Edith, Beau,**
Year 6	**Freddie, Edward T, Rosie Tu**

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Well done Year 2! Lots of coughs and colds to steer clear of this week and you have managed a fabulously healthy 99% attendance this week.

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ST MICHAEL'S CELEBRATIONS

This superstar performed in front of hundreds of people at the Wycombe Swan when she joined her street dance squad (KFPA) along with the best dance troops from across the country. They had working on their performance for several weeks. Well done! Everyone at St Michael's is very proud of you.

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Friends of St Michael's School

EGM

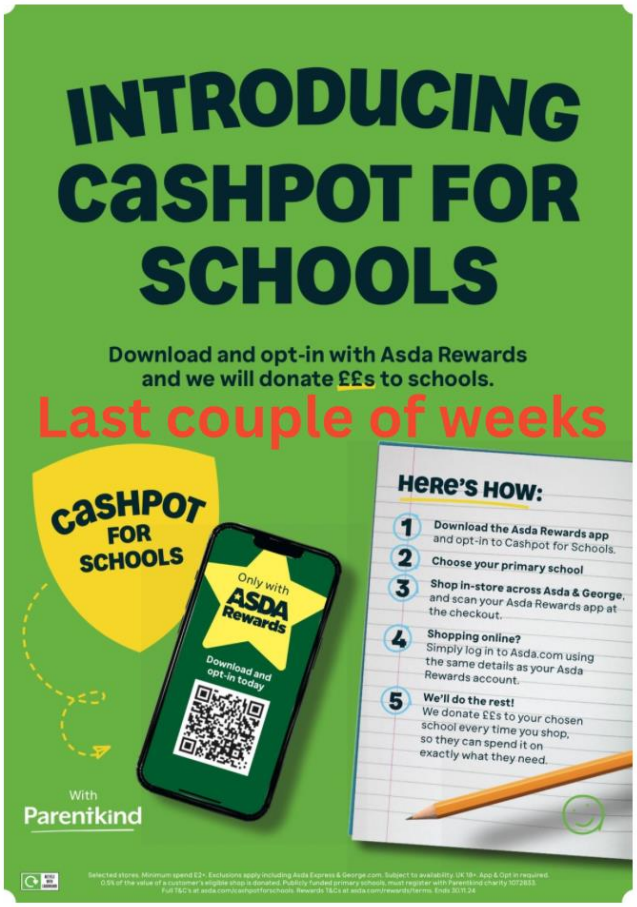
Monday 9th December

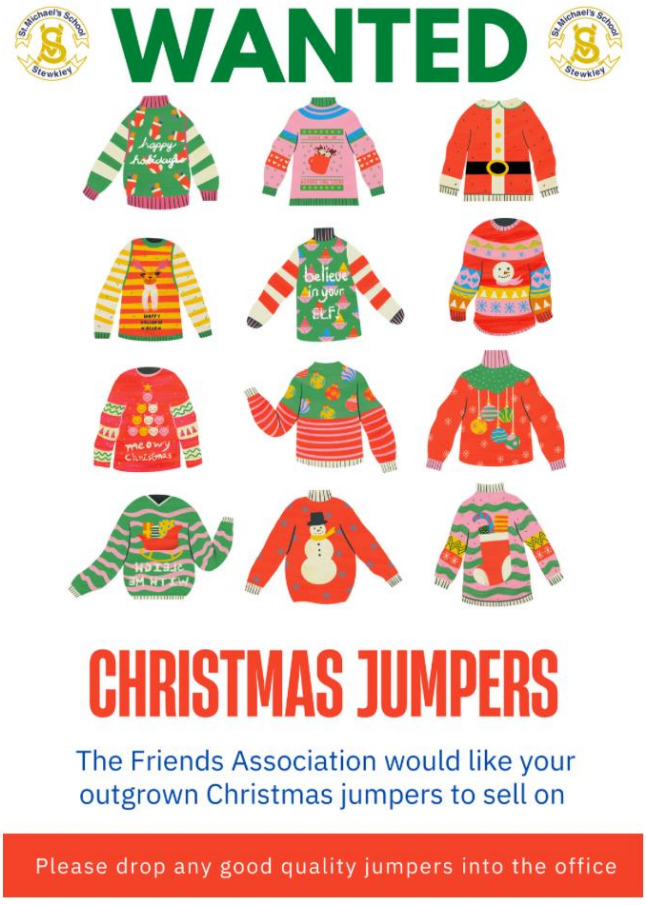
8pm - The Swan

Everyone Welcome

WE WILL BE ELECTING THE CHAIR & SECRETARY POSITIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR AND MAKING PLANS FOR FUNDRAISING EVENTS

GET INVOLVED TO HELP ENRICH YOUR CHILDS SCHOOL EXPERIENCE





St. Michael's Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2024

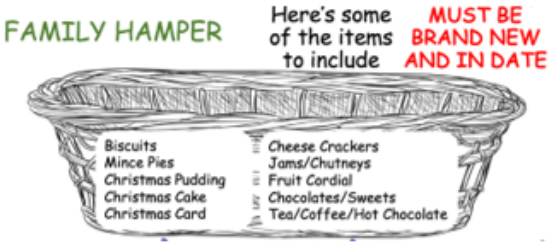
"Kindness is giving hope to those who think they are alone in the world"

We are pleased to announce that we will again be supporting this very worthy charity. Women's Aid is the national charity working to end domestic abuse against women and children.

How can we help?

Collecting shoeboxes or giftbags and filling them with gifts and essential items.

You can either bring in a filled shoebox/giftbag, or bring in any individual items for us to fill a shoebox, giftbag or hamper for you.



DO NOT INCLUDE

- ANY USED/DAMAGED ITEMS
- OUT OF DATE FOOD ITEMS
- WAR/POLITICAL/RELIGIOUS MATERIAL
- ALCOHOL
- MEDICINES
- SHARP OBJECTS OR MADE OF GLASS
- CANDLES

ALL DONATIONS HAVE TO BE DROPPED OFF AT THE SCHOOL RECEPTION BY TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER

Thank you in advance to everyone who is able to help in any way.

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GENERAL SCHOOL INFO

Details of our school policies can be found on the school website

ABSENCE

If your child is absent for any reason, please contact the office via phone/email/ text prior to 9.15am. Please confirm on every consecutive day they will be absent, until they return. Please note: If we do not know the reason by 9.15am, we will text or ring you and any unexplained absences will be reported as unauthorised.

If they have suffered from vomit or diarrhoea, please do not return your child until **48 hours** since their last episode.

Please also note that if your child is on a course of anti-biotics, we are able to administer the medication if they are prescribed 4 doses per day. The medication must be delivered to the office by a parent and a medical consent form completed before we can administer the anti-biotics.

SCHOOL DINNERS

School dinners can be ordered via Parent Pay.

The deadline for booking is a **Sunday at midnight, 1 week in advance**. If you require a Special/Medical Diet Menu please contact the office.

If you need to cancel a school dinner after the deadline, you must give 48 hours' notice and call Chartwells on 01908 615705 or email creativekitchenadmin2@comp.

BREAKFAST CLUB & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please book your sessions for Breakfast and After School Clubs via Parentpay before midnight on Thursday for the following week.

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ATTENDANCE

Just to remind our parents if any child has an attendance rate of less than 92%, Mr Morley will be in contact with parents to make them aware of the situation with a view to improving the child's attendance at school which has a direct impact on their learning.

Our Attendance Policy states that all holiday related absence in term time will be recorded as 'Unauthorised'. From 1st September 2023, the school will be submitting this data to the local authority and Buckinghamshire Council will begin the process of issuing fines.

Penalty Notices for School Attendance

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following will come into force for absences that start after 19th August 2024. This is nationwide and across borders if you move school or house. **Term Time Leave is only allowed in exceptional circumstances when communicated in advance with evidence provided as soon as possible to the Headteacher.**

FIRST OFFENCE

The first Penalty Notice issued for Term Time Leave of Absence or Irregular Attendance, the amount of the fine will be £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days and reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid with 21 days

SECOND OFFENCE

For the second Penalty Notice (within three years of the first offence) issued for Term Time Leave of Absence or Irregular Attendance, the amount of the fine will be £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered

THIRD OFFENCE AND SUBSEQUENT OFFENCES

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave of Absence or Irregular Attendance, a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. If found guilty there could be up to a maximum fine of £2,500 or a term of imprisonment not exceeding 3 months.

PLEASE ENSURE YOU COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL

In law only the headteacher of a school can authorise a child's absence. A pupil's attendance forms part of their official school record.

Parents do not have an automatic right to remove their child from school during term time for the purpose of a leave of absence and are strongly advised not to do so.

Headteachers are unable to authorise leave of absence during term time unless they are satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances.

The fundamental principles for defining 'exceptional' are rare, significant, unavoidable and short. 'Unavoidable' implies that an event could not reasonably be scheduled at another time.

10 sessions in 10 weeks

Penalty Notices will be considered for any 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in 10 weeks.

5 consecutive days of term time absence can trigger a Penalty Notice.

Do not forget that Penalty Notices are issued Per Parent. Per Child.
i.e. Two siblings absent would result in each parent receiving 2 fines. This could amount to £640

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Christmas Tree Festival
At St Michael and All Angels Church
Stewkley
Mulled wine, mince pies cake and raffle throughout
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DECEMBER
Open for viewing
3.30pm - 7.30pm
Santa's Grotto
opens its magical doors
from 3:30pm
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DECEMBER
Open for viewing
3.00pm - 7.00pm
Live Organ medley
of Christmas numbers
from 3.15pm
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DECEMBER
Open for viewing
3.00pm - 7.00pm
Songbirds
from 3.15 pm

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