ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

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Thursday 5th December 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

Donations of Books

Thank you so much for all the donations of good quality/new books we have been given recently – Mrs Cockroft is putting nearly 200 books on our Accelerated Reader Scheme as a result of your donations. A HUGE thank you – keep them coming!

*****TOMORROW – 'Beauty and the Beast Day'** –for the whole school - a visiting pantomime company and everyone dressing up! A voluntary contribution of £2.50 per pupil via Parentpay https://www.parentpay.com/ Thank you. Don't forget a chocolate donation for the Christmas Fayre!

*****Saturday – Friends' Association Christmas Fayre – 12-3pm. *****

On line booking system is open for booking to see Father Christmas!

Booking to see Santa at the Christmas Fayre

Visit- https://stmichaelscecombined.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/

The booking system close at 2pm tomorrow. Many thanks, The Friends.

Can we please ask for donations of chocolate and bottles for the tombola stalls at the Christmas Fayre. Can children please bring in a donation of chocolate on Beauty and the Beast dressing up day – TOMORROW - for the Chocolate Tombola Stall at the Christmas Fayre. Thank you for your support**

Wanted: any items, unwanted gifts etc, that would be suitable as prizes for the Christmas Fayre Raffle. Please drop off any donations at the school office. Thank you in advance, the Friends Association.

Next week's reminders: w/c 9th December

Tuesday – BSSP Y5 Badminton Festival 3.45pm
KS2 Music Concert – 6.30pm to 8pm
Wednesday – Year 5 Christingle Service 9.15am to 10am
Christmas Dinner and wear your Christmas Jumper if you want!
Thursday – Flu Vaccinations and YF and Y6 National Childhood Measurement Programme by School Nurses
Friday - Foundation Class Nativity 9.45am. Refreshments from 9am.
Sunday - St Michael's Church Carol Service 6pm

Year 5 Christingle Service

in school Wednesday 11th December 9.15am to 10am in association with St Michael's Church and Stewkley Methodist Chapel. Parents and family of Year 5 pupils welcome to attend. There will be a collection for The Children's Society.

Tickets for the KS2 Christmas Music Concert on
Tuesday 10th December 6.30pm to 8pm (Details from Mrs Deverill to follow)

Tickets for the Foundation Christmas Nativity Friday 13th December 9.45am

Tickets for the KS1 Christmas Production ' Children of the World' – Monday 16th December 2pm and Tuesday 17th December at 6pm

We have set up the online booking system (https://stmichaelscecombined.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/ once again for booking seats for the above forthcoming events. Actual tickets will not be issued but you will be asked to check in at school reception before each event. There is no charge for the tickets but there will be charity collections after the performances.

Two tickets per family please:

- If your KS 2 child is involved in the **KS2 Christmas Music Concert on Tuesday 10th December at 6.30pm** you can book up to **2 tickets per family.** If more tickets are needed please contact the school office. Details from Mrs Deverill will follow.
- **KS1 families** can book up to **2 tickets per family** for the **KS1 Christmas Production 'Children of the world' on Monday 16th December at 2pm or Tuesday 17th December at 6pm .** Can we please request that **no babies or toddlers** are at the evening performance, and if they are present in the afternoon performance can parents please be mindful to take them out if they become unsettled? Thank you.
- **Foundation families** can book up to **4 tickets per family** for the **Foundation Christmas Nativity** on **Friday 13th December at 9.45am**. (Join us for coffee from 9am)
- **If you require additional tickets for any of the events please contact the school office and we will endeavour to meet your requests if space is available.**
- If you are not able to gain access to the internet or have any difficulties with the booking site, please contact the school office who will make bookings on your behalf or you can use our school IT facilities on site

Thank you to The Friends for serving refreshments for us at all these events!

Video recording – May we clarify that if you did want to video a performance for your own use, you may do so discretely. Please remember any recordings by parents MUST NOT be uploaded onto any form of social media.

Christmas Cards

In recent years we have discouraged our children from sending individual Christmas Cards to all of their friends for environmental reasons. However, if children would like to write one card for all of their friends, these can be displayed in classrooms. Thank you

Wide Awake Club (WAC)

Can we remind families that our Wide Awake Club only provides a snack at 8.30am – a piece of toast and a piece of fruit and not a full breakfast. Depending on how much breakfast your child eats in a morning, they may need something at home before WAC. Many thanks.

Spring Term 2020 After School Clubs – details in next week's newsletter. Most clubs are carrying on next term BUT there will be a fresh start with registers so make sure you sign up next week for the ones you wish your child to join. Mr McClellan's Chess Club proper restarts – beginners this term and any existing club members from last year can join. Most clubs will start w/c 13th January.

ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL SPORTS INFORMATION

Buckingham School Sports Partnership KS1 Skip2Befit Festival Tuesday 3rd December

On Tuesday ten pupils from Years 1 & 2 travelled over to the Fremantle school in Winslow for the KS1 skipping festival . This event was a fun participation festival where children took part in 10 rotational activities relating to skipping and jumping. A great time was had by all and the children should be congratulated on their enthusiasm, determination and support for each other.

Well done to Peggy, Chloe, Sophie, Isla, Stanley, Nye, Holly, Georgie , Hattie and Emmie who also received an extra medal for exhibiting the School Games Value of 'Self Belief.'

Many thanks to the parents for transporting them and staying to support.

Years 5/6 Football / Cross country

Due to the condition of the field and staff commitments football and cross country at lunchtime will now resume in January in preparation for events in February and March. Apologies for not passing this information onto parents, and well done to the children who have remembered to bring their kit in each week.

PE Kit - a reminder

There are several children in KS2 who don't seem to have kit in school on relevant PE days. Please remember to send kit in with your child if they have worn it home and ensure they have warm items (and socks!) in their bags. Thank you.

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Team Kit

Please could all outstanding football kit and team polos be returned to school by the end of the week so we have our full quota ready for events starting early January. Thank you.

****Date for your Diary****

Go Green and Bacon Butty Breakfast – Friday 17th January 2020 from 7.30am to 9.30am in school !!! Organised by parent Mrs Phimester and Mrs Clarke Year 5 teacher in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. .

Kind Regards
Alison Cooper
School Secretary