St Michael's C of E School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers & School Community,

Happy New Year!

It was so lovely to see everyone back in school, full of excitement for the year ahead, telling their stories of fun times with their loved ones and lovely gifts that Father Christmas had bought them.

It's the start of the spring term and I would love to be able to share some more stories of our pupil achievements in the coming week's. Please send a photo and description to me at office@st-michaels.bucks.sch.uk if you are proud of something your child has achieved and would like the St Michael's School Community to know about it too.

Warmest Regards,
Mrs Dena Gardner,
School Secretary

ATTENDANCE
Well done to Foundation Class who achieved 99% attendance this week!

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SCHOOL OFFICE
To report a school absence or for any concerns or enquiries:
Call 01525 240248
Email: office@st-michaels.bucks.sch.uk
Text: 07786208889 (Text Only)

ABSENCES
Please report if your child is absent for any reason before 9.30am and please confirm on every consecutive day they will be absent, until they return.
Please note: Any unexplained absences will be reported as unauthorised.

Please remember DO NOT send your children into school if they are displaying any of the following symptoms:
New continuous cough and / or high temperature and / or a loss of, change in normal sense of taste or smell. Go for PCR Test.
Please contact the school by text, email or phone for advice if unsure or visit the following website:
https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/

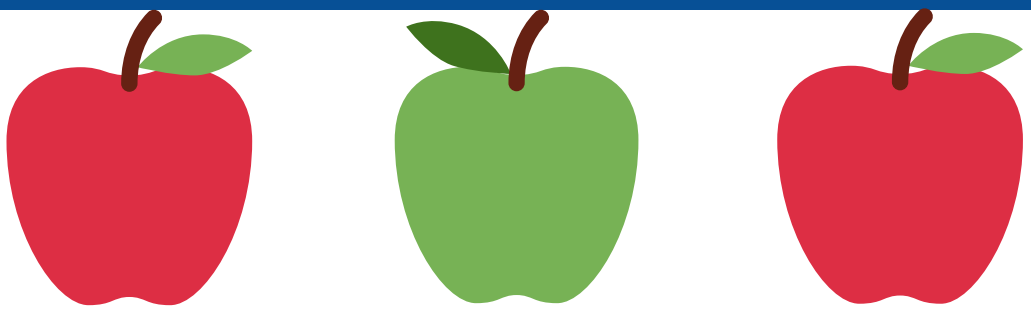
Swimming Reminder

Year 4 start their swimming lessons on Wednesday 12th January.

Please send your child to school with their swimsuits on, underneath their PE clothes, with underwear, towel and swimming cap in a waterproof bag to take with them.

Chartwells Celebration Menu

Please see poster below of the tasty food on the menu for the New Year Celebration Lunch run by Chartwell's. If you would like your child to take part, please place your order on Parent Pay by Tuesday 11th January at midnight.



St Michael's Children's Snoods

You will recall last year we sold these St Michael's Snoods, to raise funds for the Year 6 Leaver's Committee.

We still have 22 left in stock, if anyone would like to purchase one.

£7 for one or £12 for 2.

Please send cash in an envelope and snoods will be given to your child.

First come, first serve basis.

Street Dance Taster

Today we had the dance teacher in from Tenacity Dance, giving our KS2 pupils a taster of a new club to be added to our after school club activities this Spring Term.

We would love to give pupils that wouldn't normally take part in sporting activities a chance to take part in this fun and active club.

More details will follow next week, on how to sign up.

School Uniform Reminder

- From September 2023 it will become compulsory for the outdoor PE to have the St Michael's Sports Logo. These can be purchased from our normal uniform supplier, Kedaph: www.kedaphschoolwear.co.uk
- Long hair should be tied back at all times. Any ribbons or hair bands should be royal or dark blue.
- No jewellery (except watches).
- The wearing of earrings is not allowed in school. However, if pupils have recently had their ears pierced, studs may be worn for the first 6 weeks and then removed. For this 6 week period, these must be taped over for P.E./Games/Swimming with micro pore tape supplied by parents.
- Children are not permitted to bring mobile devices / gadgets into school. The only exception to this rule is mobile phones for children in Year 5/6 who walk home entirely unaccompanied. In this situation, phones must be handed into the school office at the beginning of the day and collected at the end of the day. The school will not accept any responsibility for these items.

ST MICHAEL'S SPORT

After-school clubs

There are still spaces for most clubs, so please send any remaining slips into the office asap. We would love to encourage as many children as possible to attend an extra-curricular club and we are attempting to offer a range of activities within the restraints of space and staff/coach availability. Many pupils have asked about attending clubs who are not on the registers, so please speak to your children about it and let us know if they would like to come along. All clubs are open to ALL pupils regardless of experience or ability.

- **3/4 Parkour** restarts on Tuesday 11th Jan with a NEW group of children and parents have already been notified if your child has a space. There will be an opportunity for other pupils to re-join the club in the summer term.
- **5/6 Netball (Mon),5/6 Hockey (Tues), 3/4 Football (Thurs)and 5/6 Basketball (Thurs)**will start week beginning Jan 24th. All those who have requested a place have been accommodated. Please ensure your children have the correct equipment / kit for their activity outdoors.
  Mrs Munday has spare football boots for those who require them .
- **1/2 Multiskills (Tues)** will restart with the same pupils as last term plus any other Year 2's who have asked to start. There are still 2 spaces available for Year 2's for this term. All Year 1's who have requested a place will start in the summer term.
- **KS2 Street Dance (Fri)** all pupils will enjoy a short taster with Tenacity Dance today and details of the club will follow shortly.

KS2 Cross Country

Lunchtime running/cross-country club will hopefully resume on Monday 24th January, weather permitting. All children in KS2 are welcome to attend, regardless of whether they would like to participate in races or not.
This year the District Cross Country will take place on Saturday 19th March at Ascott House, where the 3/4's will run 1100m and the 5/6's 1500m.

Inter-school Competitions

The netball and football leagues will resume at the beginning of February, when we have longer days and the basketball league will resume when we can return to play at The Fremantle School. Presently the Mandeville & Buckingham School Sports Partnership have plans in place to deliver festivals and events, across a range of activities and year-groups and we aim to include as many pupils as possible in those events.

GOLDEN LEARNERS

YEAR 1
Reagan Willis
Sam Lewington
Alex Pettigrew

YEAR 2
Deany-Lee Horwood
Jacob Dixon
Beau Sheridan

YEAR 3
Rosie Taylor
Scarlett Krause
Henry Smith

YEAR 4
Tegan Goss
Sean Metzler
Evie Woodland

YEAR 5
Azura Munnelly
Alfie Smith

YEAR 6
Robin Carey
Jonah Scott
Matilda Mardlin

#together

#together Bell Ringers

Well Done to our first St Michael's Superstar of 2022!

First of all, I would like to wish people Happy New Year.
There are of course a variety of 'New Years' celebrated across the globe according to different customs and cultures.
In the church calendar the liturgical year starts at the end of November/beginning of December with the season of Advent, but there is liturgical provision for marking New Year's Eve/Day as well.
Whether and to what extent this provision is used may vary significantly from one parish to another but the form used in the Church of England generally emphasizes how we respond to change and opportunity for self-renewal, which may for some people tie in with making New Year resolutions. Liturgically this also involves an invitation to people to renew commitment to the important biblical concept of the 'new covenant' between God and the Church.
In terms of suggested prayers the emphasis is on an acknowledgement that God's mercies 'are new each returning day' and that there is an open invitation to rethink, realign and renew as we learn more about what it means to live as creatures whose view of the present is always coloured both by our still developing ways of remembering the past and by what we have thereby learnt more responsibly to expect of the future.

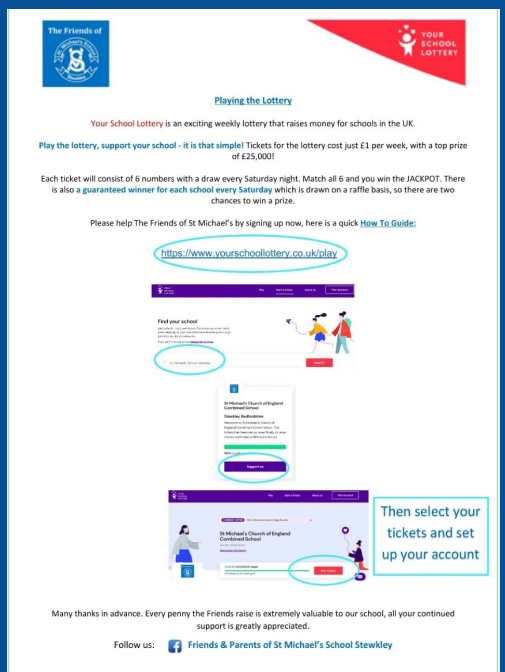
With every blessing
Andrew Krauss

The Friend's Association

Join our facebook page: @friends&parentsofstmichaelsschool stewkley

Be part of the school community and help raise funds for different school projects and activities!

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Chair: Kerry Turbull
Treasurer: Alex Towse
Secretary: Rachel Boonstra
Teacher Representative: Mrs Fraser



Playing the Lottery

Your School Lottery is an exciting weekly lottery that raises money for schools in the UK.

Play the lottery, support your school - it is that simple! Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 per week, with a top prize of £25,000!

Each ticket will consist of 6 numbers with a draw every Saturday night. Match all 6 and you win the JACKPOT. There is also a guaranteed winner for each school every Saturday which is drawn on a raffle basis, so there are two chances to win a prize.

Please help The Friends of St Michael's by signing up now, here is a quick How To Guide:

https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play

Then select your tickets and set up your account

Many thanks in advance. Every penny the Friends raise is extremely valuable to our school, all your continued support is greatly appreciated.

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