ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and may I take this opportunity to with you all a very happy and healthy 2023.

It's been great to welcome all the children back to school this week - a nice two day week to ease everyone back into normal routines again.

As a result of our short week, we have a short Newsletter! Normal service will resume in full next week as we look forward to another jam-packed term here at St Michaels. ☺

MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH

Welcome back!

Today is the start of the season known as Epiphany, a follow on from Christmas. The word itself means 'manifestation' and it considers the unfolding of the newly arrived Christ's presence among us. The classic prayer for the day asks for a continual developing of our knowing of this presence, looking forward also to the day when such knowing will be 'face-to-face'. As the season emphasizes growing and learning it seems very fitting to start a new term on this of all days.

All best wishes

Andrew Kraus

BOOK DONATION REQUEST

Thank you for the kind donations of pre-loved books for our library. If anyone else is having a New Year clear-out and would like to donate any books for our library, please drop them into the office.

FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

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FLU UPDATE

Sent on behalf of Dan Flecknoe: Consultant in Public Health

Cases of flu and Covid are currently circulating at high levels and this is likely to remain the case over the forthcoming weeks.
As a community, we can all contribute to reducing the spread of such illness in order to protect ourselves, children and wider community.

#together

Simple steps to help reduce the spread of illness:

1. If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay at home until they feel better and the fever has subsided.
2. Encourage regular washing of hands with soap and warm water.
3. Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues and binning the tissue.
4. Adults should also try to stay at home when unwell or are advised to wear a face covering if you have to go out.
5. If you are unwell, avoid healthcare settings and any vulnerable people unless urgent.

Please remember that flu vaccination is still available for all eligible groups and is the best protection against the virus. There has been good uptake in older age groups but vaccination among young children remains low. Flu can be very unpleasant and in some cases can lead to more serious illness. Getting your child vaccinated protects them and others they come into contact with, and it's still not too late.

Eligible children include:

- those aged 2 and 3 on 31 August 2022
- all primary school-aged children
- some secondary school-aged children

You can get more information getting your child vaccinated against flu on NHS.UK.

We would also like to remind Buckinghamshire schools that advice regarding risks to health or possible outbreaks of infectious disease is available from publichealth@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes

Fiona Phimester
School Secretary