ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers
I hope you have been able to take a moment to enjoy the incredible sunrises and sunsets that this 'fresh' weather has given. The colours have been amazing!
We are delighted to end the week with being able to share our Ofsted report with you and thank everyone for all the lovely messages we have received today.

Wishing you all a great weekend.

Best wishes
Mrs Fiona Phimester

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Mon 22nd Jan – Y5/6 Boys Football Tournament
Fri 26th Jan – African/Caribbean Dance Workshop
Fri 26th Jan – Year 4 Multi Skills – St Michael's Secondary School 10am – 11.30am
Wed 31st Jan – Year 5/6 Girls' Football at Cottesloe 9.30am – midday
Thur 1st Feb – Girls Football V Halton – Home game
Fri 2nd Feb – 9am Year 2 Stay & Play
Wed 7th Feb – Parents Evening
Thur 8th Feb – Parents Evening
Thur 8th Feb – Heart Day – non uniform – wear hearts/red
Thur 8th Feb – Year 6 Cake Sale
Thur 8th Feb – Boys football cup game V High Ash – Home game
Fri 9th Feb – INSET DAY
W/C 12th Feb – HALF TERM
Mon 19th Feb – Back to School
Thur 22nd Feb – Y6 girls football V Halton – Away game.
Wed 28th Feb – Jump Start Johnny
Fri 1st March – Year 6 Learning Fayre

Please see the link below for term dates on our website.

https://www.st-michaels.bucks.sch.uk/Parents/Term-Dates/

MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH

Congratulations from the Ministry Team to Mr Morley and the staff for the result of the Ofsted report.

This week's Pop Up Church saw us on an obstacle course. Following on from not having packed Jesus away with the Christmas tree, we explored the journey the infant Christ took with Mary and Joseph in the first years of his life; the obstacles He encountered, not least of all Herod and having to flee as refugees.

Further obstacles were rejection from those around him, the traps set for Jesus by the religious authorities and then the failures of the disciples as Jesus drew nearer to Jerusalem. Negotiating the obstacles meant kicking a football round the course; how do we think Jesus felt?

That led into what obstacles do we face in our lives today and how might we deal with those? And might faith help? As always, we had great fun and brilliant conversations.

With every blessing,
Rev'd Howard Robson.

MRS HANN – LEARNING MENTOR

This week I'm sharing a simple breathing technique that maybe useful to use with your child. It looks simple and is simple, but it works really well... even on ourselves if we need to calm.

Use a finger to slowly trace the outside of the hand. Use the breathing instructions to focus on your breathing. You could also count slowly to 5 as you do this.

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Best wishes as always

Helen Hann
Learning Mentor and DSL
My usual working pattern is Monday to Wednesday.
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CHRISTMAS READING CHALLENGE

Our Christmas Reading Challenge provided impressive results in every class. A grand total of 9840 pages were devoured by our top 12 readers over the Christmas holidays. How amazing is that? Well done to all our avid readers who took part – I hope you read some great books.

	1ST PRIZE	PAGES READ	2ND PRIZE	PAGES READ
YEAR 1	LILIA	253	OLIVER	191
YEAR 2	LUCY	350	ALEXANDER	122
YEAR 3	HARRISON	526	WILF	374
YEAR 4	BEAU	1231	KATHERINE	209
YEAR 5	CASPIAN	1610	EDWARD S	793
YEAR 6	AVIYA	3006	AMELIE	1175

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Year 2 win the cup this week with a fantastic 100% attendance. Absolutely amazing!

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RECYCLE, REDUCE AND RE-USE

WHAT CAN I PUT IN RECYCLING?

- plastic bottles
- plastic pots, tubs and trays
- newspaper, magazines and books
- envelopes and greeting cards
- cardboard and wrapping paper (without foil or glitter)
- glass bottles and jars
- tins, cans
- tin foil, foil trays
- aerosols
- milk, juice and soup cartons

WHAT CAN I PUT IN GARDEN WASTE?

- grass cuttings
- plants & flowers
- leaves
- tree & hedge trimmings
- weeds (non - noxious)
- small branches

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GOLDEN LEARNERS

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

Foundation	**Mila, Ellie, Maya**
Year 1	**Elizabeth, Charlie, Betsy**
Year 2	**Darcie, Theodore, Oscar**
Year 3	**Oliver M, Carys, Poppy M**
Year 4	**Kaitlyn, Ben, Emily**
Year 5	**Edward T, Sienna, Layla**
Year 6	**Kian, William, Harry**

FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
Join our Facebook Page - @friends&parentsofstmichaelsschoolstewkley
Or email us at – pta-stmichaels@outlook.com

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ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL

Big Breakfast

Year 6 Fundraiser

Saturday 3rd February

The Pavilion Stewkley Recreation Ground

8am - 11.30

Supporting... Little Hearts Matter | Child Brain Injury Trust "hope for tomorrow - today" | APA All People Active

Bacon or Sausage in a roll £2.50

Full English
Adults £6

Child £4

Limited Spaces so Please contact
Lynsey 07810 300256 or
Fiona 07841845145 to reserve.

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St. Michael's ASC After School Club

At our in-house after-school club we have fun activities on offer

Stay and Play

Join us for Play-worker led activities on Mondays & Fridays

Changing Tuesdays

We will be doing these activities :

09/01/24 - Minute to Win it Championship
16/01/24 - Lego Club
23/01/24 - Magic Club
30/01/24 - Big Screen Pictionary
06/02/24 - Well Being Club

Art Club Wednesdays

Each week we create different types of art and crafts throughout the year. Learning new techniques.

Book Club Thursdays

Children will be able to relax and listen to a story.
We sometime make listening dens
and just like book club we will stop at an
appropriate point, to discuss as we go.

To book a place on the after-school club for either **1** hour or **1.5** hours please do this via Parent Pay by **Thursday** at midnight for the following week.

Children to be collected at 4.30pm or at 5pm

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Saturday 16th March 24

7:30pm-12:00
Stewkley Village Hall

Raising Money for Stewkley FC and the Year 6 Leavers Party and their chosen charities - Little Hearts Matter, Child Brain Injury Trust & All People Active

Tickets £15 each,Please contact Dan 07921-867261, Fiona 07841-845145

ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL SPORTS INFORMATION

Monday saw the first sports fixture of 2024 as our year 5 handball team went to Aylesbury to play against a number of our local schools. Handball is becoming very popular and a definite favourite amongst St Michaels children.

Our Year 5's were playing against year 6 teams but more than held their own. A narrow 1-0 defeat in the first game against Thomas Hickman A (last minute goal that shouldn't have been allowed) was followed by a 5-1 defeat to Thomas Hickman B (Zed getting our goal). Heads were down as we went in to our final match against Haddenham but you could tell that the team were slowly coming to terms with the tactics of a handball match. St Michaels got off to a great start and stormed to a 4-2 win with 2 goals each from Rosie Taylor and Zed. All the team played brilliantly and are looking forward to suture fixtures.

St Michaels Year 5 handball: Rosie Turnball, Arnie Henney, Noah Roadknight, Scarlett Krause, Rosie Taylor, Zed Day, Eddie Hill and Harry Balaam

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GENERAL SCHOOL INFO

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, a text will be sent to 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 **Tuesday at midnight, 2 weeks 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.

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.