St Michael's C of E School Newsletter

NO 17

Dear Parents, Carers & School Community,

Another week comes to a close and as always it's been a super fun one for all!

This week we have had some awesome topics of learning:
Foundation have been learning about the Three Little Pigs and all of the materials that houses are made from.
Year 1 and 2 have been learning about the explorer Earnest Shackleton and expeditions to the Antarctic and have been documenting his timeline.
Year 3's topic this week is Town's and Cities and they have made some lovely sketches of Stewkley.
Year 4 have had some fun experimenting in Science, looking at what happens when solids melt or freeze.
Year 5's topic is Our Changing World and they have been looking at climate change and in Science have been learning about different planets.
And finally Year 6 have been learning to write formal letters and reading the prizewinning novel, Floodland by Marcus Sedgewick.

I wish you all a well rested and a lovely weekend.

Warmest Regards,
Mrs Dena Gardner,
School Secretary

ATTENDANCE
Well done to Year's F, 2 & 6 who all achieved 98% attendance this week

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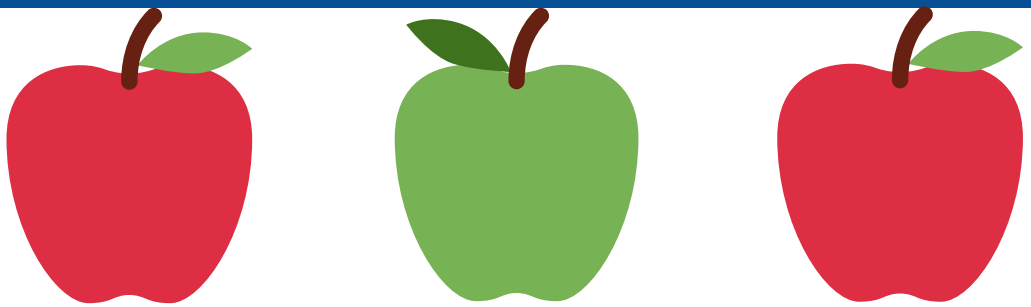
SCHOOL OFFICE
To report a school absence or for any concerns or enquiries:
Call 01525 240248
Email: office@st-michaels.bucks.sch.uk
Text: 07786208889 (Text Only)

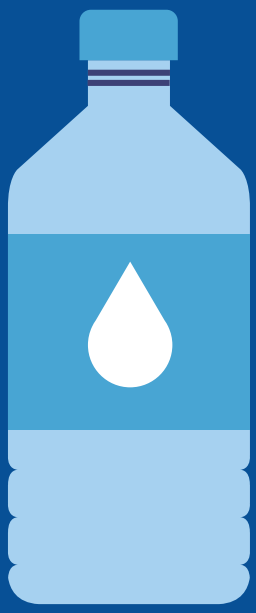
ABSENCES
Please report if your child is absent for any reason before 9.30am and please confirm on every consecutive day they will be absent, until they return.
Please note: Any unexplained absences will be reported as unauthorised.

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/



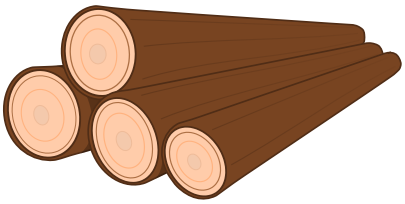
Water Bottles in School

Please can we remind parents to send your children in with a plastic water bottle, ideally with a sports lid, for drinking water throughout the day.
Water aids lots of vital functions of the body, like waste removal, and distribution of nutrients, oxygen and immune cells.
Hydration has been associated with energy levels and physical endurance, as well as concentration and focus.
To enable our children to get the most out of every day, staying hydrated is, therefore, both logical and important for a balanced mood and your child's wider health. Headaches, mood swings and irritability are often indications of dehydration.
We do sell water bottles for just £1.40, if you would like to purchase one, please make your payment via Parent Pay and then message the office to let us know, so that we can send it down to your child's classroom.



Wood for Secret Garden

If any of our school community has any spare wood the would like to donate to burn in our Secret Garden, we would be most grateful.

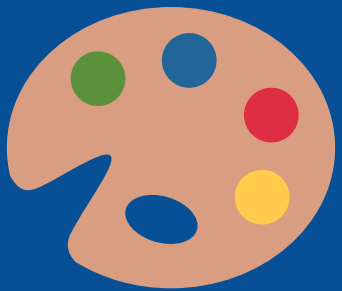


School Bursar Position

We are delighted to announce we have appointed a new School Bursar. Miss Victoria Coombes, will be joining our office team in the next few weeks. Mrs Cristofoli will be here for the hand over and we can't thank her enough for stepping in and acting as temporary bursar, she has done an amazing job!

Wide Awake & After-School Clubs

The numbers for these clubs are happily increasing. The children attending have been having super fun playing games, engaging with each other and creating wonderful artwork. Reminder, if you would like your child to attend, the deadline for booking is on a Thursday at midnight, for the following, week via Parent Pay. And remember Miss Hart's Art Club runs on a Wednesday after school and is booked as a 1 hour after-school club session in the same way.



Little Hearts Matter

....supporting children with half a heart

Big Hearted Friday

Date for your diary!
On Friday 11th February we are encouraging children to be Big Hearted and make a difference to children born with half a working heart, by donating money to the charity, Little Lives Matter and having a no school uniform/mufty day. Little Hearts Matter support children and their families born with half a heart. Like our very own pupil Lucia, in Year 4.

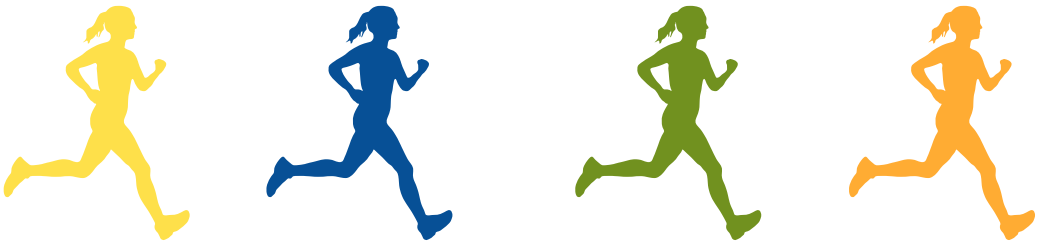
ST MICHAEL'S SPORT

After-School Sport Clubs

All sports clubs start back from next Monday 24th January onwards.
There are still spaces left in the following clubs:
Netball
Basketball
Hockey
Football
If your child would like to sign up, please send a message to the office.

Cross Country

Lunchtime Cross Country Club will start again on Monday 24th January.
All pupils in Years, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are invited to take part.
Please bring suitable sports clothes and footwear to change into.



Abandoned Bike

The bike pictured has been left, chained, in our bike park, since the children took part in the Bikeabilty courses.
If this is yours, please collect it asap. Or, if you know who's bike this is, please contact the office to let us know.
It is a shame for it to be sitting, getting rusty, in this icy weather.

GOLDEN LEARNERS

YEAR 1
Bobby Collins
Owen Bevis
Grae Cunningham

YEAR 2
Samuel Wheeler
Alfie Alcock
Darcie Pettigrew

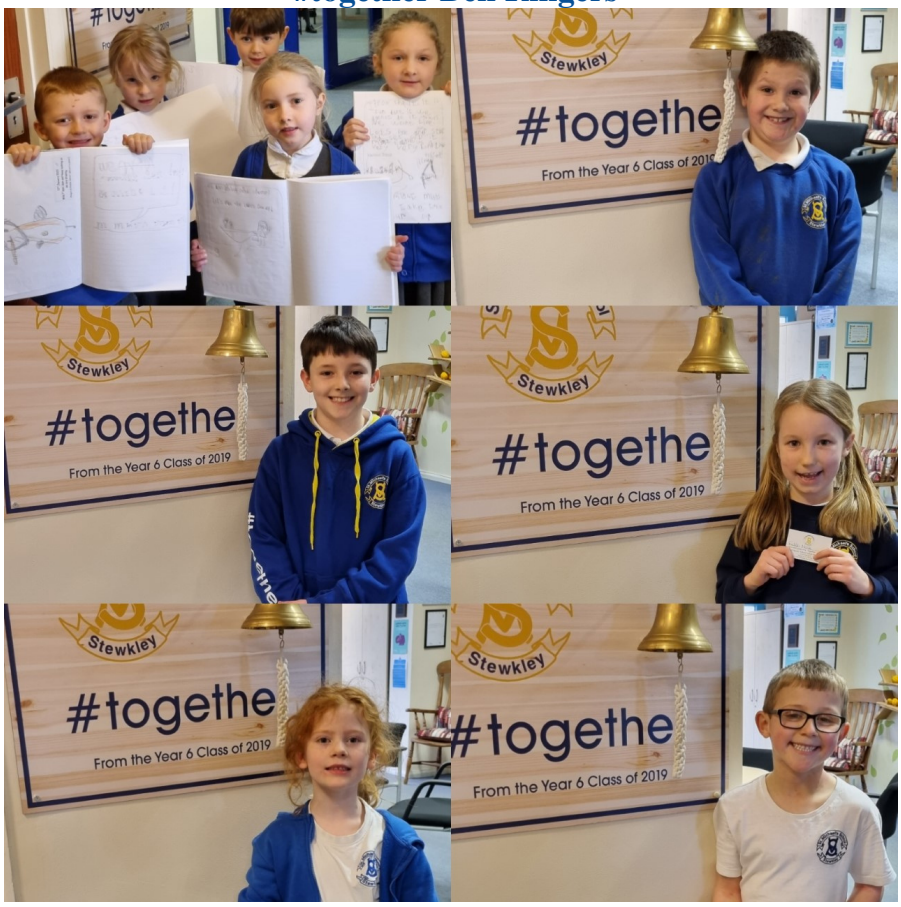
YEAR 3
Azaria Kirchin
Isla Lewington
Freddie Hayers

YEAR 4
Tegan Goss
Josie Boonstra
Emmie Jones

YEAR 5
Oliver Tutt
Imogen Gold
Daisy Krause

YEAR 6
Matilda Robinson
Emily Bennett
Sofia Mee

#together Bell Ringers



Well Done to these St Michael's Superstars!

This week saw the start of The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which originally began back in 1908 and invites Christians always to aim to seek a deeper unity with conscious effort, and it therefore seems most fitting to use today a simple prayer specifically provided for the occasion.

Heavenly Father, forgive us the sins which tear us apart
and give us the courage to overcome our fears
and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will.
Amen.

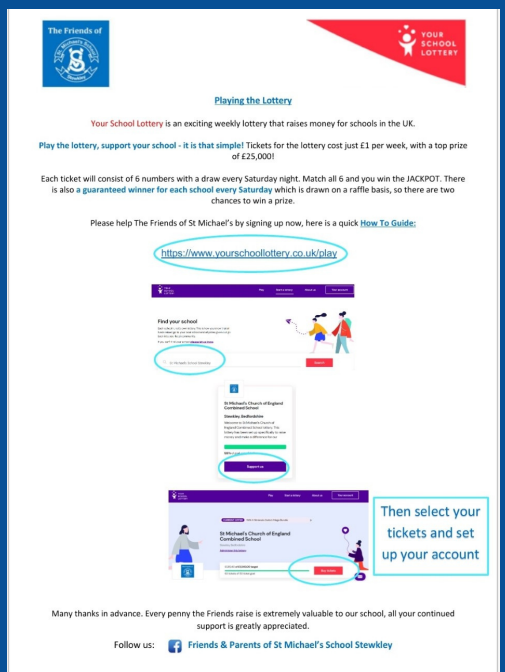
With every blessing
Andrew Krauss

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.

Follow us: Friends & Parents of St Michael's School Stewkley

- Help give our fundraising a much needed boost
- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Guaranteed cash prize winner every week
- Jackpot of £25,000!

Play Now! Go to:
YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play
and search for: St Michael's

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. See website for T&Cs. Closing dates: 26th February 2022