# ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

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**Dear Parents/Carers**

**Another cold snap has descended upon us this week. As the frost lingers, please take care when dropping off and picking up your children as some patches of the pavements and playground can be icy. It was particularly cold on Wednesday, but Mrs Toland came prepared and stayed cosy in Y1 in her Tigger onesie on Winnie the Pooh Day. Please see below for photo!**
**Lots of the After School Clubs start back next week so please note the dates below so your child can come armed with the appropriate kit.**

Until next week - ***"It never hurts to keep looking for sunshine." Eeyore*** – a great thing to keep in mind until Spring is here!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Monday 23rd January – Netball 5/6 After School Club starts
Tuesday 24th January – MK Dons 5/6 Football After School Club starts
Thursday 26th January – MK Dons 3/4 Football After School Club starts + Hockey Club
Friday 27th January – Year 2 Class Assembly
Wednesday 8th February – Parents Evening
Thursday 9th February – Parents Evening
Friday10th February – Year 1 Class Assembly
Friday 10th February – last day of school before half term
Saturday 11th March – District Cross Country

*****Multi Skills After School Club will now start after half-term. *****

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH

This week is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, for which annual resources are available online throughout the world. One of this year's offered prayers seems especially suitable at this time, in which it is increasingly important that we are aware of the finely-balanced complexity of life. The prayer reads…

'Gracious and loving God, expand our vision that it may be wide enough to recognise the beautiful complexity of the tapestry you chose to weave with each and every one of us. Gather our frayed edges, our loose ends and bind us together for your glory.'

All best wishes

Andrew Krauss

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**GOLDEN LEARNERS**

Congratulations to all these superstars this week:

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| **Foundation** | |
| **Year 1** | Teddy Graham, Stevie Ilic, Joseph Coulson |
| **Year 2** | Albie Stanbrook, Jacob Glover, Tyler Keen |
| **Year 3** | Joseph Webb, Ben Pollard, Deany-Lee |
| **Year 4** | Joshua Bamford, Harry Brown, Rosie Taylor, Corey Fitzsimmons |
| **Year 5** | Jake Bevis, Josie Boonstra, Abigail Harris |
| **Year 6** | Mia Bignell, Reuben Dewick, Seth Munnelly |

**ATTENDANCE AWARD**

Attendance this week as been fantastic across each of the classes, but this week's winner of the attendance trophy is FOUNDATION with 100% attendance!

Well done Mrs Fraser and all your little people!

**MESSAGE FROM OUR LEARNING MENTOR, MRS HANN**

I hope you are all keeping safe and well.

The colder weather this week may be putting a bit of a strain on keeping your home warm and January can be a long month until payday. The link below may help you find help, if these things are proving difficult to manage.

https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living/

With best wishes
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@MrsHannStMSch

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## #together bell ringers from this week – Well done!!

Muriel and Elizabeth from Foundation were also #together bell ringers this week.

***"The things that make me different are the things that make me, me."* - Piglet**

**Chess News from Mr McClellan**

Children who have enjoyed the intensive "Introduction to Chess" course that takes place every September may have now been joined by other children in the school who have previously completed this introductory stage. Club members are now engaged in the school stage of a four stage competition, the Delancey U.K. Chess Challenge.

The boys and girls will play a series of 7 competitive games scoring 3 for a win, 2 for a draw and 1 for a loss or authorised absence.

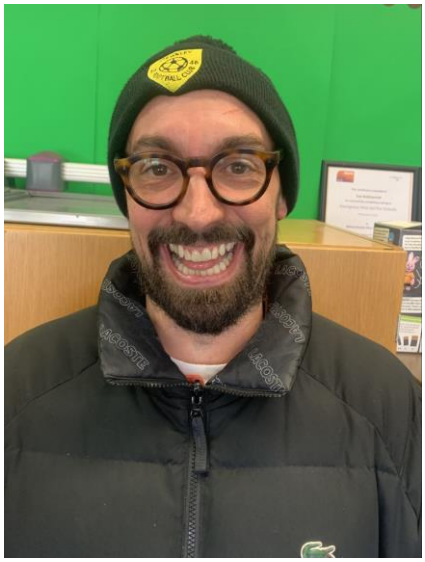
Children will win prizes as the games progress and the school champion receives a trophy.

All children are eligible to take part in the later stages of the Chess Challenge, where they have the opportunity to compete against juniors from other schools and the standard of play is much higher.

Details will follow later.

This term each lesson will include a match game and further guidance in how to improve the standard of play, or the reinforcement of an area that has already been introduced. There is much to learn and a boy or girl who enjoys the disciplined nature of chess will never become bored. I have taught some children for over 10 years and they will not have received the same lesson twice!

**ST MICHAELS NEWS**



As we prepare to wave goodbye to Mrs Munday, we are delighted to announce that Mr Day will be our new PE and Sport Lead when we return to school after Half Term. Huge congratulations to Mr Day – we know he is going to do an amazing job at building on Mrs Munday's fantastic sporting legacy.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE ST MICHAELS FAMILY?**

We currently have two part time vacancies for TA positions.
One is a Teaching Support Assistant (14 hours) and the other is a PE & Sports Teaching Support Assistant (7.5 hours). Please see the attachments on the email for further details.

In addition we also have a vacancy for a relief cleaner to cover in the event of staff absence. The role is Monday to Friday, 3.45pm – 5.45pm, 10 hours a week at £10.74ph. If interested, please get in touch with the office to request an application form.

**LEAVERS OF 2022**

The Leavers of 2002 have made their charity donations from their epic fundraising efforts last year. They have split a whopping £955.50 between 3 charities – Child Bereavement Trust, Something to Look Forward to, and TOFS. The charities were chosen by a vote and represent causes close to the children's hearts. They raised their money through a variety of events, a sponsored event equivalent to the whole class climbing Everest, a charity breakfast, book sales & a gin bar at the Jubilee celebrations. They raised enough to give themselves a fantastic Leavers' party, purchase some lovely mementoes of their time at St Michaels as well as make the charity donations. We are very proud of their hard work and a huge thank you to everyone who supported them.

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**WINNIE THE POOH DAY**

**It was officially Winnie the Pooh Day on Wednesday 18th Jan and we had a surprise visit from Tigger in Y1 aka Mrs Toland.**

***"You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think." – Christoper Robin***

**HEART MONTH**

Friday 10th February 2023 will be a non-school uniform day for all pupils for a donation. The charities that will benefit are Little Hearts Matter, St Michael's Friends association and The British Heart Foundation.

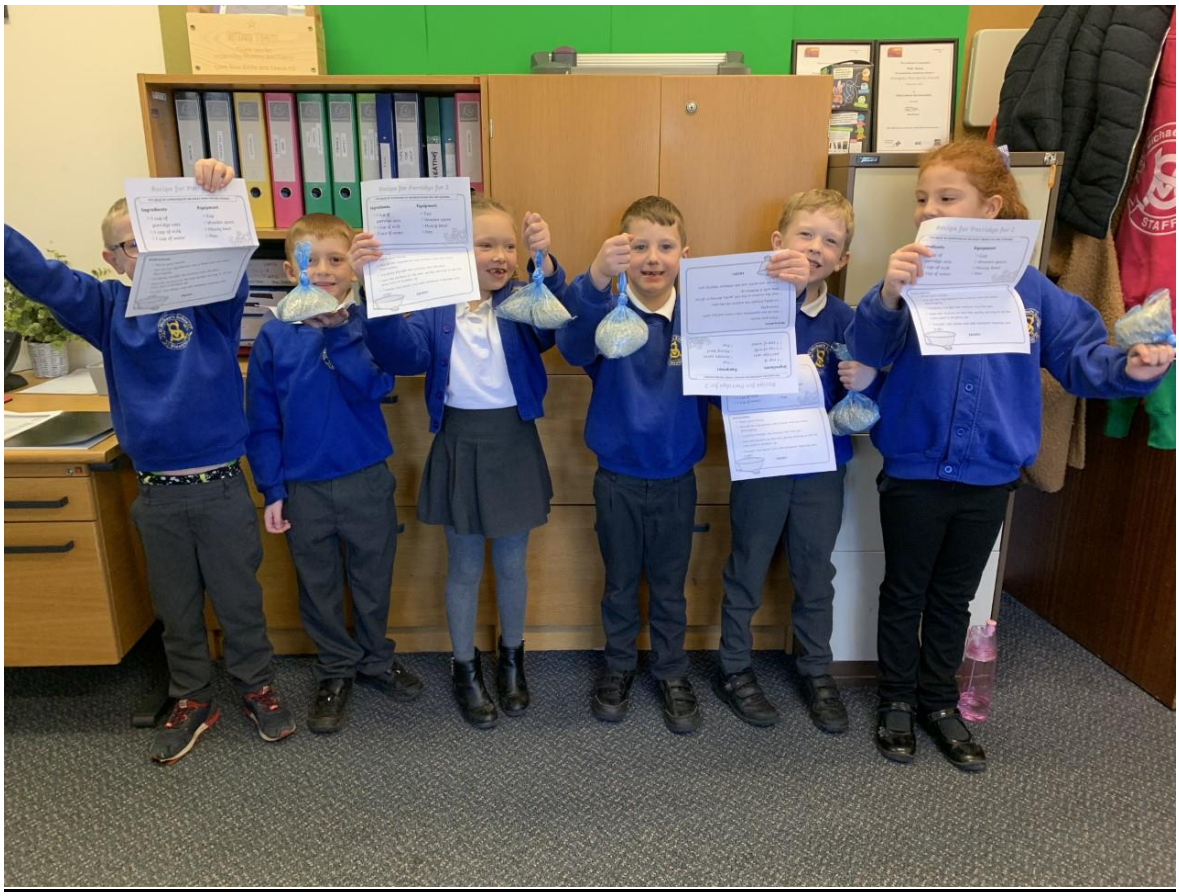
Year 5 will also hold their class cake sale the same day after school in the playground.

Lucia Pollard in year 5 was born with half her heart missing and has undergone three open heart surgeries. Lucia and her family are supported by the charity Little Hearts Matter.

Monies raised on Friday 10th Feb will go to Little Hearts Matter, St Michael's Friends Association and The British Heart Foundation in memory of Gaynor Brown.

**COOKING**

We had some budding Masterchefs in Year 2 this week. They were so proud of the porridge oats they made with Mrs Hann.



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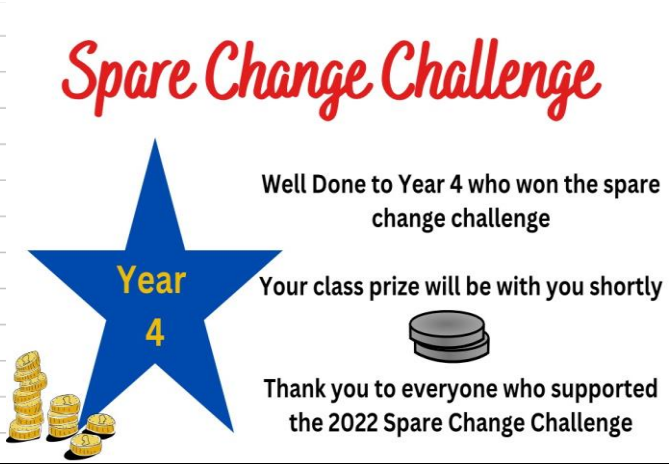


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# ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL SPORTS INFORMATION

**Y5/6 Basketball League**

On Wednesday the St Michael's basketball team played their final games in the Mandeville SSP league. Buckingham Park and Long Crendon proved tough opposition but our team played well to give them a tight game, but just lost the game by a single basket. The final game resulted in a fine victory against Oak Green. Well done to Seth, Primrose, Azzie, Daisy, Mia, Emmanuel, Reuben, Zaynab, Seb & Harry and thank you to the parents for transporting the children.

*A reminder that Netball, MK Dons and Hockey clubs will all be on after school next week. Please remember to bring the correct kit on those days.*

***"Well, I better be bouncing along now, chum! Cheerio! Hoo-hoo-hoo-hoo!" – Tigger***

Wishing you all a lovely, bouncy weekend!

Best wishes,
Fiona Phimester
School Secretary

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