ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Attached to/contained in this week's newsletter:

1. **Buckingham School Sports Partnership Y3/4 Basketball Festival** – Tuesday 28th January 3.45pm to 5.45pm at The Fremantle School. Letter for selected Y3/4 pupils went home yesterday.

REMINDERS:

Tonight -	**On line bookings open at 8pm for Parent Consultations 11th and 13th Feb** https://stmichaelscecombined.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/
28th	Buckingham School Sports Partnership Y3/4 Basketball Festival
27th	Hockey After School Club restarts – Y5&6 to 4.45pm
30th	Netball After School Club restarts – Y5&6 to 4.45pm
31st	Year 4 and Year 5 – an instalment due for residential trips
5th Feb	Y2 SATS parent meeting in school - 6pm – let us know you can come by booking in the usual way: https://stmichaelscecombined.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/
5th Feb	Y6 SATs parent meeting in school – 6.30pm - let us know you can come by booking in the usual way: https://stmichaelscecombined.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/

Parenting Support Workshop - a message from Mr Morley

Following our very successful 'Parenting Workshop' last Tuesday, focusing on behaviour, we are delighted to announce that we will be running **parenting support 'drop ins' on Monday afternoons from 3pm until 3.30pm.** This will provide an opportunity to sit down informally, with a cup of tea, with our Nurture Team who are pictured opposite - Teaching Assistants Mrs Corkett and Mrs Quainton - and discuss issues at home relating to parenting.

Our team are keen to support parents/carers and provide practical ideas that might help to make family life a little easier. None of our children come with instruction manuals, so the opportunity to talk through the challenges we face can be enormously beneficial.

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Speed Indicator Device (SID)

The Parish Council have installed a socket for the village SID alongside the school fence on High Street North. This position has been chosen as it should enable the device to warn people of their speed as they approach the school from the War Memorial direction. When the Parish Council approached us about the siting of the SID here, we were very happy for this to go ahead.

Message from Stewkley Village Hall

We have been asked to remind those parents that park in the Village Hall car park at drop off /pick up to please park in the marked bays. Recently the kitchen door could not be opened as someone had parked across the door. Thank you.

Charity Haircut

Charlotte Handsley from year 6, has been raising money for charity. Every year she tries to raise some money for a different cause. Recently she has been selling homemade jewellery for The Blue Cross, and The Red Squirrel Charities.
This week Charlotte had 13 inches cut from her hair which has been sent to the Little Princess Trust for making into wigs for children. On the day she had her hair cut, she was delighted to receive a Blue Peter badge for her charity work.

A message from Bucks County Council - New 'Respect Me' plea to STOP abuse towards County's beloved School Crossing Patrollers

A new campaign is being introduced this week to help protect the small army of lollipop men and women across Buckinghamshire from rising levels of abuse and aggression they receive.
Launching 'Respect Me', Buckinghamshire County Council's School Crossing Patrollers team say it's time to raise awareness about the issues sometimes faced by lollipop men and women and to highlight the importance of their role in the community.
The 'Respect Me' project, which will see patrollers wearing new orange tabards bearing the slogan, focuses on the rise in incidents over the past year as well as urging residents to support their local patroller by reporting anything they witness.
There have been rising concerns as incident reports have increased over 2019, with 12 reports recorded in December alone. Cases have included drivers refusing to stop or experiences of aggression or abuse.
Currently, there are 60 patrollers devoting their time morning and afternoon to helping children safely reach school as well as assisting adults across the road.
Bucks' school crossing patrollers have become valuable members of their communities, with the longest serving lollipop woman Christine Walker crossing pedestrians for 42 years and 91-year-old lollipop man Gilly Fryer who is well-loved by the pupils he helps.
The team are also on the lookout for more permanent patrollers as well as relief patrollers who can be available at short notice to stand in if someone is unable to work.
Buckinghamshire County Council Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Transportation Mark Shaw said of the campaign, "It's important to not only raise the awareness about the fantastic work done by our school crossing patrollers, but also talk about the difficulties they face. Any case of abuse or aggression is one too many in my book, so I'm firmly behind the new campaign."

Mark added, “We hope that communities will continue to support their local patroller and that more people will want to help ensure everyone crosses safely.”
To report any incidents involving School Crossing Patrollers, please contact:

Corinne Randall—Aylesbury Vale and Wycombe (West):
Tel: 01296 383432
Georgina Longley—Chiltern & South Bucks and Wycombe (East):
Tel: 01494 586639 Job share welcome.

For more information on current vacancies, please visit www.buckscc.gov.uk/scp

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ST MICHAEL’S SCHOOL SPORTS INFORMATION

Buckingham School Sports Partnership Year 5/6 Badminton Finals – Friday 17th January

Thanks to their festival win last term, four pupils from Year 6 enjoyed a full day of singles and doubles badminton matches at the Partnership Finals at Buckingham School on Friday.

With nine schools taking part, there was a high standard of badminton played, but the team improved throughout the day to gain some fine victories. They finished the event in 6th place and should be proud not only of their performance but also of their sportsmanship, determination and positive attitude which was evident throughout.

Well done to Baylie-Rae, Fred, Matthew & Aimee; I thoroughly enjoyed my day out with you ; it was obvious how much you enjoyed yourselves and you were all a credit to the school. Many thanks to Mrs Cristofoli for transporting the children to Buckingham School.

KS2 Cross Country at Wendover School – last Saturday 18th January

Report by Max, Patrick and James in Y6

On Saturday, some of the children in St Michael's participated in the Wendover Junior School cross country race. 23 schools took part running on a cold, sock- freezing morning. We received amazing results as the Y5 boys came third as a team and the Y3 girls came first as a team, with Primrose coming 3rd , Daisy coming 2nd and Harry, the only Y3 boy participating, coming 3rd! It was a very tough race for all of us but we really enjoyed it! Thank you Mrs Dyer and Mrs Giles for the photos.

Yours sincerely,

Alison Cooper, School Secretary

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