ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

It's a short half term this year and already we are catapulting into our last few days before the February break.
This week saw our Year 5 and 6 girls' football team take part in an event at Cottesloe School. They had a great morning and please scroll down for Mr Day's sporting round up of the week.
Next week may be a short one, but it's a busy one with Netball, Basketball and Football games booked in as well as Parents' Evenings on Wednesday and Thursday. Please contact the office if you are having any problems booking an appointment online.
It is also Heart Day on Thursday 8th February. All the children are invited to wear red/hearts for the non-uniform day. Donations are welcome via Parentpay and proceeds are going to the British Heart Foundation, Little Hearts Matter and Year 6 Leavers. Please see below for details for raffle tickets being sold prior to next Thursday.

Wishing you all a great weekend.

Best wishes
Mrs Fiona Phimester

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Mon 5th Feb – Y6 Netball at Kingsbrook School
Tues 6th Feb – Y4 Basketball Aylesbury High School
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
Wed 6th March – Y 5/6 Dodgeball - Cottesloe
Thurs 7th March – World Book Day
Fri 8th March – Foundation Stay & Play 9am
Wed 13th March – Y5/6 Girls Football – Waddesdon
Fri 15th March – Learning Fayre
Sat 16th March – Cross Country at Ascott House

ONLINE SAFETY TRAINING for PARENTS

If anyone missed the online safety training session this week, please use the link below to access the presentation.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1PlDj3ZAChnY6aVeFbuClgr_9wQUeHGXt

MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH

Today is a major landmark in the church's liturgical year, called the Feast of the Presentation of Christ (otherwise sometimes known as Candlemas), which remembers the infant Christ being presented in the temple in accordance with the custom of the time. The deeper significance of this event for us today is seen in the fact that the New Testament talks of a 'new temple' as constituted by the Body of Christ in and throughout the world. One of the set prayers for today therefore asks that God – addressed as 'the springing source of everlasting light' – may pour into our hearts, that we may light up this new temple to his glory. This seems like a good prayer on any occasion, of course, so I thought I would share it today.

With best wishes
Andrew Krauss

It was another close call for the Attendance Cup this week with Year 1 and Year 2 almost neck and neck. Congratulations to both classes for over 99% attendance, but the cup goes to Year 1 this week.

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MRS HANN – LEARNING MENTOR

This week we have been listening to "Clair de lune" by Debussy.

It's played by Daniel Barenboim, who is now mainly known as a world famous conductor. He learned to play this piece in his childhood piano lessons. It started his journey in music- a reminder that, with practice, from small starting points, amazing things can develop.

Debussy · Clair de lune · Daniel Barenboim
youtu.be

As we listened, the whole room fell into a quiet, peaceful hush of calmness. Have a listen- 4 minutes of peace. Lovely stuff!

Best wishes as always

Helen Hann
Learning Mentor and DSL
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GOLDEN LEARNERS

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

Foundation	**Trystan, Frankie, Grace**
Year 1	**Antonio, Joseph, Maisie**
Year 2	**Tyler, Max, Albie**
Year 3	**Harrison, Reagan, Grace**
Year 4	**Deany-Lee, Sophia, Luisa**
Year 5	**Oscar, Corey, Gracie**
Year 6	**Tegan, Given, Cameron**

#together bell ringers this week – Well done!!

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ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL SPORTS INFORMATION

On Wednesday morning we took a Year 5 and a Year 6 team to Cottesloe School to play in the girls football Aylesbury Vale Tournament. We were joined by 7 other schools and spent the morning playing each other to find a winner. The first game for St Michaels was Year 5 v Year 6! Our Year 5's came out 2-0 winners but it was a very tight game. The Year 6 team then went on to win their next 2 games and ended up winning 5, drawing 2 and losing one game, meaning they finished fourth overall.

The Year 5 team won 7 games in a row (including a 7-0 win in an 8 minute match!) and even though they lost their last game, the year 5's won the tournament and have become Aylesbury Vale champions.

All the girls were fantastic and have continued St Michaels legacy as a school with amazing girl footballers. Both teams are now looking forward to league games and more tournaments.

Year 6 – Chloe, Poppy, Peggy, Emmie, Aisha, Aviya, Josie, Georgie and Evie

Year 5 – Rosie, Maddie, Chloe, Willow, Scarlett, Layla, Rosie, Gracie and Carys

PERM

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

YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER

Year 6 will be selling raffle tickets to win a Piñata and guess the weight of a delicious heart cake at school next week ahead of heart day on Thursday 8th Feb.

50 p a go!

Tickets also available to purchase on the day after school.

Proceeds to Y6 leavers.
The British Heart Foundation (in memory of Gaynor Brown) and Little Hearts Matter

British Heart Foundation

Little Hearts Matter

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ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL STEWKLEY

Heart Day

THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

Raising funds for Y6 leavers
Little Hearts Matter
& The British Heart Foudation
in memory of Gaynor Brown

British Heart Foundation

Little Hearts Matter

NON UNIFORM DAY
WEAR RED OR HEARTS

CAKE SALE AFTER SCHOOL, PIÑATAS AND GUESS THE WEIGHT OF HEART CAKE !

cash or donations via parent pay

St.Michael's School Stewkley

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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.