ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the start of another great academic year at St Michael's!
We extend a special welcome to all our new Foundation children and our other new pupils who have joined us this term. It's fantastic to all the eager faces, excited to be in their new classes and making new friends. Our Foundation class have done amazingly well in their first few days and I'm sure they are ready for a rest tomorrow before coming back next week.
I hope you all had a wonderful summer – the sun is now splitting the sky so it's obviously the start of term again! How lovely to finish the scorching week with a cold ice lolly courtesy of Friends.
For all our new parents, we have our weekly newsletter on a Friday afternoon and hopefully it'll provide valuable information about St Michael's as well as being a platform to celebrate successes and achievements both in and out of school. Please contact the office if there is anything you would like to be included.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Mrs Fiona Phimester

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Tue 12th Sept – Transfer Test practise test (Y6)
Tue 12th Sept – 3pm Mathletics & Mathseeds Session for parents
Thur 14th Sept – Transfer Test (Y6)
Fri 29th Sept – Macmillan Coffee Morning & Wear It Green Day
Fri 29th Sept – Friends Magic Show
Mon 2nd Oct – Individual & sibling school photos
Thur 12th Oct – 2.30pm Secret Garden Visit for Year 1 parents
Fri 20th Oct – INSET Day
Mon 13th Nov – Robin Hood Day

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.

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER AND CLASS INFORMATION

Please use the links below to access the class curriculum newsletters and general information regarding each class e.g. PE days.

If you have any trouble accessing these, please let me know.

https://www.st-michaels.bucks.sch.uk/Class-Information/

https://www.st-michaels.bucks.sch.uk/Curriculum/Year-Group-Curriculum-Newsletters/

FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

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Join our Facebook Page - @friends&parentsofstmichaelsschoolstewkley

Our Friends Association are an amazing source of support to our school – both financially and socially. Throughout the year they organise many fun events for our children and their families and the monies raised pay for various coaches for school trips and residentials as well as a fabulous panto that is planned for later this term.

If you are interested in joining the Friends committee, please check their Facebook page or express an interest via the office where we will be able to pass on some contact details. It's a great fun way of meeting new people, becoming further involved in our school community whilst raising funds that will benefit the whole school.

ROBIN HOOD PANTO

We are delighted to announce our panto for this year will be Robin Hood and this is being entirely funded by Friends Association – thank you!
We will have a Robin Hood themed day on Monday 13th November when all the children will be invited to dress up as a character/prop from Robin Hood i.e. anything from Friar Tuck to a tree! There will be a performance of Robin Hood during the afternoon. More information to follow nearer the time.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH

Stewkley Newsletter.

This week at Pop Up Church we played "The Game of Life". Amazing what you can do with scrap carpet samples numbered 1-20 with some leftover emulsion paint and two yoghurt pot counters! Two groups/teams and with progress by dice, there were question squares, 2 forward, 3 back squares and the questions were about holidays and bible place names. Also pointing out how several of today's holiday destinations are in the bible; Crete, Malta, Greece, Rhodes, N Africa.

We explored how we journey in the world and how the Gospel message journeyed as well, from Bethlehem to Jerusalem and beyond. And ultimately, to our shores; and that, long before the 6th century when the first emissary arrived from the Roman Church.

As always, great fun and good to engage with a new group of Year 3 pupils who have met with Pop Up Church for the first time. If you had a holiday this summer, we in the ministry team hope it was enjoyable and refreshing. If, for whatever reason, you didn't and would like to chat through any issues associated with that, please make a point of discussing it with somebody. Perhaps with the school or, via Mr Morley, someone in the church team.

With every blessing,

Rev'd Howard Robson.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Please see the below poster for details of our After School Club facility which is run by Miss Hart.

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ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL SPORTS INFORMATION

SPORTING NEWS

After School clubs will return on the 18th September and will feature some great activities for our children. We will feature parkour, streetdance, netball, football, multiskills and some new sports (to be announced next week).
Places will be available to all children except Foundation and more details will be sent out at the start of next week. Please encourage your children to attend after school clubs as we have some amazing coaches coming in to school and this gives our children opportunities that you don't get in most Primary Schools.

Mr Day