St Michael's C of E School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers & School Community,

This week, at St Michael's, we have been celebrating Children's Mental Health Awareness, with the children at home and in school.

Today, we all wore colours that expressed the way we felt. I found these quotes, from a few of our Year 1 pupils, just lovely:

"Blue makes me feel like sun shining on a bright blue day" Lewis

"I like pink because it makes me feel loved" Amelie

"It's got green, my favourite, green makes me feel happy" Joseph

"...because It's my favourite colour and it looks really good on racing cars!" Beau

Please remember to send me photos for next week's newsletter to share.

Take care, and stay safe, everyone!

Warmest Regards,
Mrs Dena Gardner,
School Secretary

ATTENDANCE

Critical Worker and Vulnerable Children in only

Remote Learning for all Children

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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 absence for any reason before 9.30am and please confirm on every consecutive day they will be abscent until they return.

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.
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/

Parent Consultations

Parents Evening appointment slots for next week, were released at 3pm today. By 5pm on Friday, class teachers will have sent parents a copy their summary, ahead of their meeting with you.

All of the meetings will take place on Teams, via your child's account. Meetings will be strictly limited to 10 minutes and I have asked teachers to rigorously enforce this, as we want to minimise situations, where parents are left waiting and unsure if their meeting will happen.

For safeguarding reasons, we would like all parents to blur their background. Your child(ren) will show you how to do this if you are unsure!

To book go to:

https://stmichaelscecombined.schoolcloud.co.uk/

Free School Meals

We have been sending out supermarket vouchers to parents of children entitled to a free school meal since January. However, we are worried that some of our families may be missing out on these.

The criteria for being able to access a Free School Meal / Supermarket Vouchers can be found here - https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals .

If you feel that you are eligible to apply,

please phone or email Mrs Gardner in the school office.

Laptops

We currently have 10 laptops available, to send out to children who need to borrow one. These are available to any of our families, who feel they would benefit from a laptop, perhaps because of situations where siblings are sharing a device, where Teams does not work effectively or the screen size is too small. Please let us know immediately if we can help.

Bag 2 School

If you have any items that you no longer require, please start getting them bagged up ready for our next collection, which is on:

Friday 26th February 2021

They accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE:

Men's, Ladies' and Children's Clothing

Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)

Handbags, Hats, Bags, Scarves and Ties

Jewellery, Lingerie, Socks, Belts,

Soft Toys

Linen, Curtains, Towels, Bedding (sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

ST MICHAEL'S SPORTS

YST After-School Club

Please check out the live after-school clubs organised by the Youth Sport Trust.
These take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5pm
https://www.youthsporttrust.org/AfterSchoolSportClub

Jumpstart Jonny

Head to the following website https://www.jumpstartjonny.co.uk/home
For fun and lively routines set to music.

PE Photo's

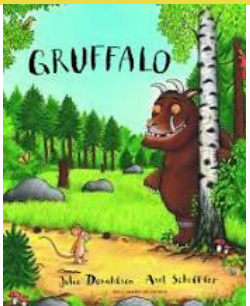
Please send your Real PE Action Shot photo's to Mrs Munday via the office email for next weeks Newsletter article.

MK Dons Virtual

On MK Dons YouTube channel, they are posting weekly videos with their 'Stay Active exercise classes' and 'Stay at Home skills sessions'.
Visit: (23) MK Dons - YouTube

#together

During lockdown, I have taken the opportunity,
to do some reading before bed.
Despite my children getting older, I do still have some picture story books on my shelf, which I often use in worship and school.
Yesterday I came across my favourite one!
“Who is this creature with terrible claws and
terrible teeth in his terrible jaws?
His eyes are orange; his tongue is black; he has purple prickles all over his back” thought the mouse.
“Oh, help!! Oh, no!!! It’s a Gruffalo!
”The Gruffalo" by Julia Donaldson, is the story of a journey.
About a little mouse who goes into the wood and is met by some animals who would like to eat him for dinner.
To frighten them off, the mouse uses their imagination, to create a scary character called a Gruffalo.
As the story continues, the mouse becomes braver and braver.
The Gruffalo certainly isn’t someone that I’d like to meet.
But the mouse (after a ‘oh no’) stands up to yet another creature and claims to be the ‘scariest creature in all the wood’.
This is a lovely story, and one I think describes our journey of faith.
A journey of faith begins with a decision to follow Jesus.
Like the disciples when they were called by Jesus,
they made the decision to follow or not.
On our journey of faith it's important to sometimes, like the mouse, to have courage, and use our imaginations to see a world through God's eyes.
Just like mouse experiences, we know life is full of its challenges and difficulties, but our prayer is that as we grow and learn more about Jesus, we will find the courage to face even the hardest of times - even when sometimes they look like a Gruffalo.
With God, we know that whatever challenges we face, he is with us.
We are not alone.
Rev. Donna



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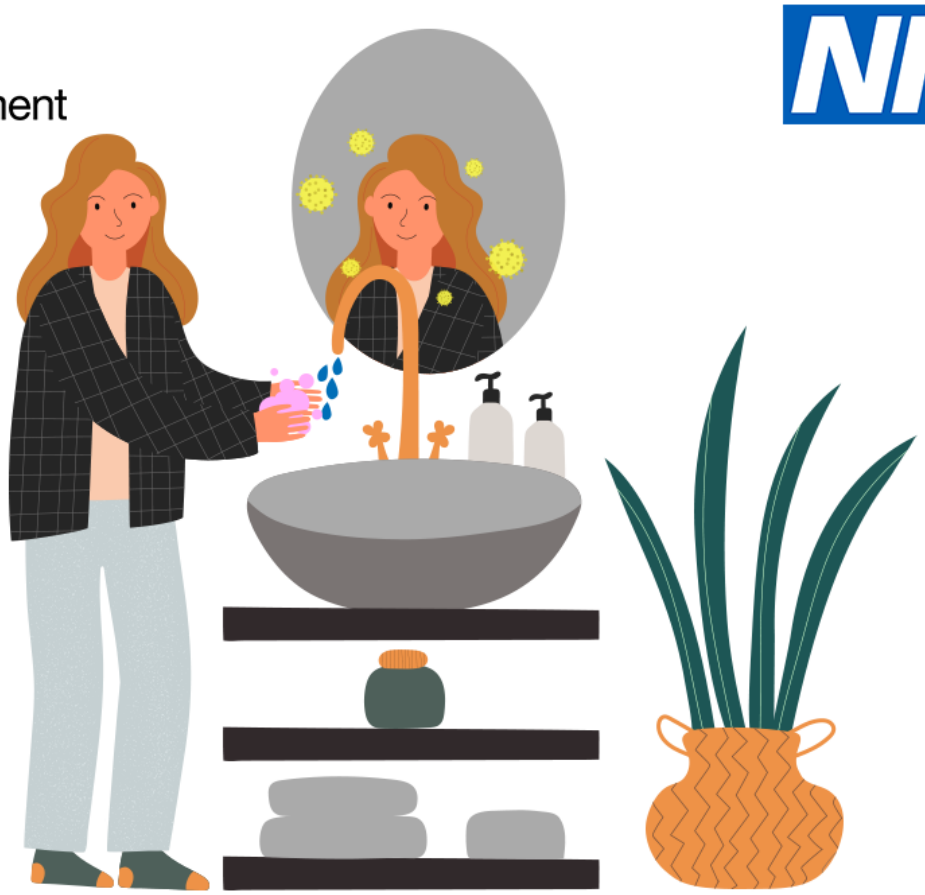

You could have coronavirus and not even know it

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STAY HOME

PROTECT THE NHS

SAVE LIVES