ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers
Welcome back after our February Half Term! I hope you had a lovely week and are ready to embrace the other half of our Spring Term. The daffodils are breaking through, the days are stretching and Easter will be upon us before we know it.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Tues 28th Feb – Y5 Farm Visit
Thurs 2nd March – World Book Day & Reading Breakfast – 8.15am – 8.45am. All children need to be accompanied by an adult.
Wed 8th (9.30am) & Thurs 9th (6pm) March – Year 4/5 Performances
Friday 10th March – Y6 Class Assembly
Saturday 11th March – District Cross Country
Friday 17th March – Comic Relief Red Nose Day – more details to follow
Friday 21st April – Y4 Class Assembly
Friday 5th May – Y3 Class Assembly
Friday 19th May – Y2 Class Assembly
Wed 7th June – KS1 Sports Day
Thurs 8th June – KS2 Sports Day
Friday 9th June – Y1 Class Assembly
Friday 23rd June – Foundation Class Assembly
Friday 14th July – Y5 Class Assembly

***** Please note the change of date for the Year 5 Class Assembly – this will now be on 14th July rather than 23rd March*****

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.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH

Lent has begun – perhaps you've given up something you enjoy for Lent, or alternatively, decided to do something extra up until Easter. Always a challenge, the idea is to concentrate our mind on self-examination, either to recall Christ's time in the wilderness in preparation for his ministry or because you believe self-examination and reflection to be a good thing.

If we spend Lent worrying over our ability to withstand temptation from what we have chosen to give up however, or congratulating ourselves on what we are doing extra, then we miss the point of the exercise. That being to take oneself away from the usual, to interrupt the norm, to interrupt "me" and spend a little time asking searching questions about our norm – whoever we are.

This week at Pop Up Church we introduced the pupils to sackcloth and ashes; brilliant! A real interruption to the lives of most children and we invited them to don sacking and wonder at being sprinkled with ash. Historically, sackcloth and ashes meant a wholesale change in outlook following a challenge to one's norms hence its place in Lent.

In the bible however, the wilderness was never a final destination; sure, we might see the benefit in Lenten reflection, but the idea is that we return to the life we usually lead perhaps with a particular matter in our life a bit clearer, or a possible new direction more certain. Just as Christ then left the wilderness to start the next stage of his earthly life, so we prepare for the next stage in ours'

With every blessing,

Rev'd Howard Robson.

GOLDEN LEARNERS

Congratulations to all these superstars this week:

Foundation	Jack, Louis, Lily T
Year 1	Charlie, Tyler, Theodore
Year 2	Regan, Maddie, Grace
Year 3	Monty, Lewis, Kaitlyn
Year 4	Rosie Ta, Ted, Rosie Tu
Year 5	Jack, Henry, Dennie
Year 6	Harry, Alfie, Sofia

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ATTENDANCE AWARD

YEAR 4! Well done for keeping fit and healthy this week with a magnificent 98% attendance.

MESSAGE FROM OUR LEARNING MENTOR, MRS HANN

After a break from school, it can take a few days to get back into the swing of the school routine. This usually settles after a day or two. If this isn't the case, let me know and I can help.

Below is information for Bucks Family Information Service. Its's worth exploring what they offer as there may be some activities etc that are just right for you and your family. I hope it's useful.

"**Buckinghamshire Family Information Service (0 to 19 or up to 25 years with SEND**)
The Buckinghamshire Family Information Service (BFIS) provides information, advice and guidance to families with children aged 0 to 19 or up to 25 with SEND. The website and directory of organisations, activities and childcare is always available allowing you to find; local support available to help with issues affecting your family, what's on at family centres, things to do and holiday activities, support and inclusive activities if your child has SEND, childcare and early years providers.
Information and Outreach Officers can help with sending information and providing advice via the email and phone number below.

Web: https://familyinfo.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/

Directory: https://directory.familyinfo.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/

Telephone: 01296 383293 Email: familyinfo@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
Location: Online and countywide"

Best wishes as always
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Mrs Flavahan

For the last year Mrs Flavahan has been providing non-contact time for teachers in Foundation and Year 1. Mrs Parker (Previously Mrs Croucher) has now returned from maternity leave and will be now be covering the non-contact time. However, this is not the end of Mrs Flavahan's 20+ years at St Michael's School as she will continue to provide some periodic supply teacher cover across the school. We greatly value Mrs Flavahan's knowledge and experience and the children will still continue to see her across the school in different classes.

Heart Day

Thank you to everyone for supporting Heart Day on Friday 10th February. A total of £1055,55 was raised for the British Heart Foundation in memory of Gaynor Brown, Little Hearts Matter and Friends Of St Michael's school.

The winner of the piñata was Jacob in Y3. The Piñata was kindly donated by Mex-Mex piñata's Stewkley based company. They have a face book page so please check that out. The Teddy was called Geoffrey and the winner was Scarlett in Y4.

Thank you to all the people who baked and helped on the stall.

INTERNET SAFETY

Please find below a copy of the online safety survey we completed with our Year 6 children on Safer Internet Day on Tuesday.

The NSPCC produces some really useful resources on keeping children safe online - https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/

Childline also have some excellent resources available to parents- https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/staying-safe-online/

Online safety is an integral part of our school curriculum and reminding children of our SMART Rules features in every Computing lesson. I have attached a copy to this email.

From next month, we will be sharing the first of our new monthly online safety bulletins with parents.

Please take the time to have a look at the results in detail and examine ways in which you can, where it is appropriate, discuss them with your children at home.

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Year 6 Online Safety Survey 2023

	Yes	No
Has anyone ever been horrible to you on the internet, in emails, text messages or messenger?	52%	48%
Do you think you have ever been a victim of cyberbullying?	16%	84%
Have you ever seen bad language used on the internet, in emails or messages?	58%	42%
Have you ever felt uncomfortable at what a stranger has said to you online?	45%	55%
Have you got on line friends you have never met?	13%	87%
Has a stranger ever suggested you meet up?	13%	87%
Has a stranger ever mentioned sexual things to you?	16%	84%
Have you ever used a chat room / video chat with teenagers and adults?	23%	77%
Have you ever seen any 'sexual' things online?	42%	58%
What social media do you use? (for example, FB, Twitter, Instagram, Musically, WhatsApp, Snapchat, YouTube, Instagram etc)	You Tube =97% Instagram=13% Snapchat=20% WhatsApp=61% TikTok = 35% Twitter=13% Pinterest=23% Messenger=45% Roblox=6% Discord=3% No social media=6%	
Do you play video games that are 18 Certificate?	16%	84%
Have you ever played an 18 certificate game without your parents knowing or realising?	6%	94%
Have you ever watched an 18 certificate movie without your parents knowing?	3%	97%
Have you ever been on websites that your parents would not be happy about?	13%	87%
Have you ever posted a message online or sent a message by email or text and then regretted it later	48%	52%
Have you ever posted a photo online or sent a photo by email or text and then regretted it later	19%	81%
Have you ever watched live streaming?	65%	35%
Have you ever live streamed yourself?	19%	81%
Who knows more about electronics, apps, phones, the internet? You or your parents?	52%	48%
Are you confident you know the School's SMART Rules?	97%	3%

St. Michael's ASC After School Club

At our in-house after-school club we have fun activities on offer

Stay and Play

Join us for Play-worker led activities on Mondays & Fridays

Changing Tuesdays

We will be doing one of following activities :

21/02/23 - Minute to win it - pancake day themed
28/02/23 - Lego Club
07/03/23 - Spy School
14/03/23 - Computer Club
21/03/23 - Lego Club
28/03/23 - Big Screen Charades

Art Club Wednesdays

Each week we create different types of art and crafts throughout the year. Learning new techniques.

Book Club Thursdays

Children will be able to relax and listen to a story. We sometime make listening dens and just like book club we will stop at an appropriate point, to discuss as we go.

To book a place on the after-school club for either **1** hour or **1.5** hours please do this via Parent Pay by **Thursday** at midnight for the following week.

Children to be collected at 4.30pm or at 5pm

Miss Hart hosts our After School Club with fun and varied activities for the children to engage in. Please see the above poster for details of forthcoming activities and book via Parentpay prior to midnight each Thursday for the following week.

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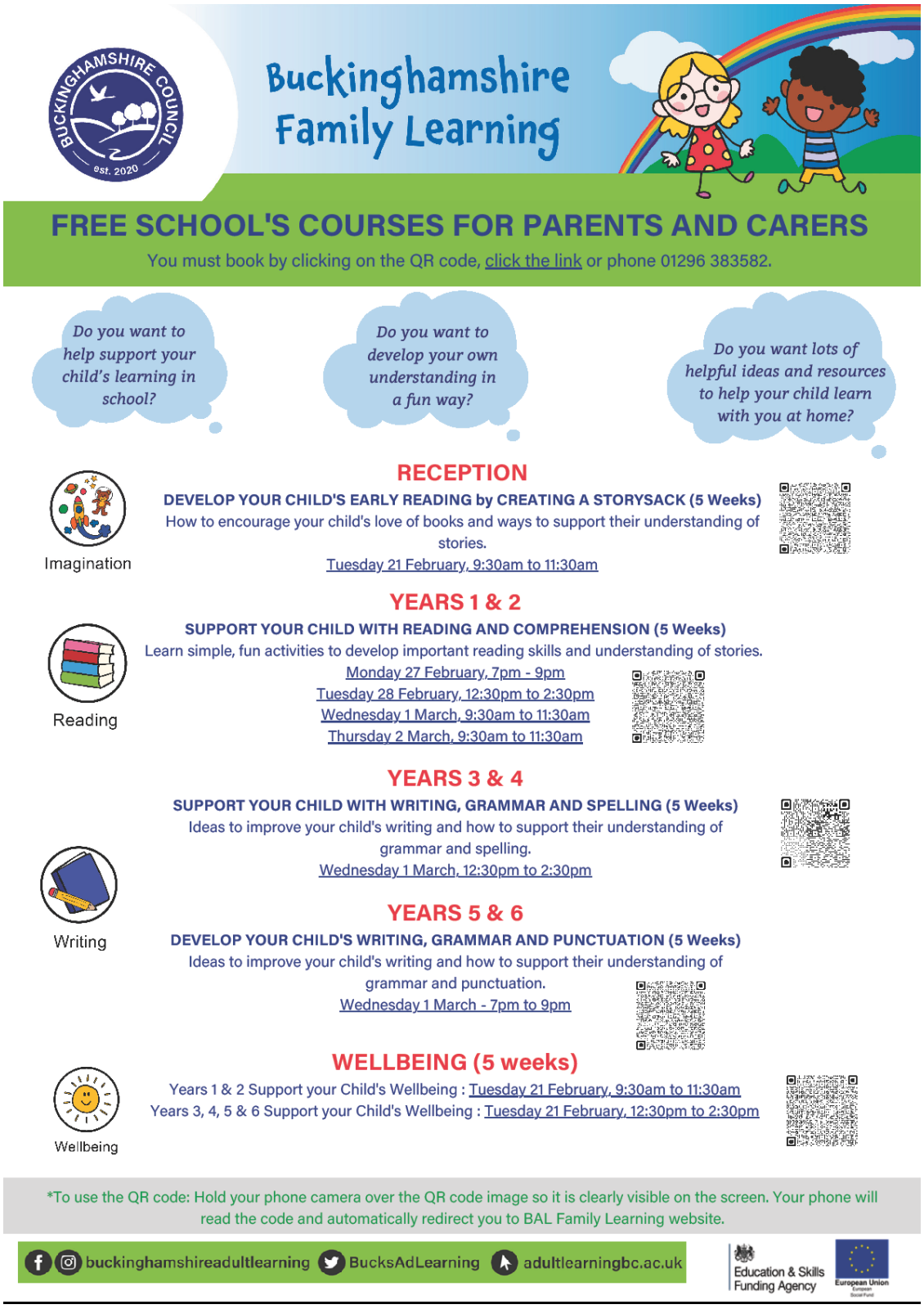

Only a few available spaces left on these great courses – have a look and see if they would be suitable for your family.

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ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL SPORTS INFORMATION

On Wednesday the year 6 boys travelled to High Ash for a league fixture. Travel congestion meant they didn't get the warm up required, but the boys started the game well with some good link play between John and Toby. Unfortunately by half time they found themselves 3-0 down due to some strong play from the High Ash wingers. Emmanuel switched to central midfield in the second half and put in a man of the match performance, making some dazzling runs though the opposition. The game ended 5-0 to the hosts but there were some strong performances from the St Michaels boys.

Team: Alfie, Emmanuel, Harry D, Kian, John, Seth, Finley, Oliver H, Toby

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Best wishes,
Fiona Phimester
School Secretary

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