ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

WHOOPA! I'm sure you heard all about our visitor to St Michael's this week. Jump Start Jonny really is as bright and energetic as he appears on screen! You may even have heard him if you happened to be passing through the village! The children (and staff!) had so much fun with him – there were high levels of energy and positivity whipping through the school.

Year 6 welcomed parents and carers into their classroom this morning to show off a selection of all the great work they have done. I hope you enjoyed spending time in the class.

There was much excitement in our Foundation class this morning as they embarked on their first school trip to the National History Museum in Tring.

May you all have a great weekend and as always, we will look forward to welcoming you back on Monday morning.

Best wishes
Mrs Fiona Phimester

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Mon 4th March – Y5/6 Girls Football Tournament – MK Dons all day
Wed 6th March – Y 5/6 Dodgeball - Cottesloe
Thurs 7th March – World Book Day – Pyjamas and teddy
Fri 8th March – Foundation Stay & Play 9 – 9.45am
Wed 13th March – Y5/6 Girls Football – Waddesdon
Thurs 14th March – Swimming County Finals – Stoke Mandeville
Fri 15th March – Comic Relief Day
Fri 15th March – Year 3 Learning Fayre
Sat 16th March – Cross Country at Ascott House
Mon 18th March – Last Chess Club
Thurs 21st March – Echoes rehearsal in Aylesbury 9am
Fri 22nd March – Non uniform day in return for chocolate
Fri 22nd March – Year 3 Cake Sale
Mon 25th March – EYFS / KS1 Awards
Tues 26th March – Year 4/5 morning performance
Tues 26th March – KS2 Awards
Wed 27th March – Y5/6 Handball – Kingsbrook
Wed 27th March – Year 4/5 Evening performance
Thurs 28th March – Church Service – 9.30am
Thurs 28th March – Chocolate Tombola at 3.30pm
Thurs 18th April – Year 2 Cake Sale

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Thurs 2nd May – Year 1 Cake Sale
Thurs 6th June – Foundation Cake Sale
Thurs 11th July – School Discos

SCHOOL PATROL CROSSING

It was disappointing to receive a report of someone being abusive to our School Crossing Patroller last week. Although there are no road markings to indicate a school crossing, the patrol crossing is consistently in the same place and is providing a safe place for our children and their families to cross the road.
As a polite reminder, please avoid parking close to the patrol crossing thus obscuring her view of the road and impeding her ability to safely cross the road.

MESSAGE FROM MRS HANN

I'm sharing this graphic about co-regulation, as it's a helpful reminder about what we can do to help children gradually calm. Co-regulation can be challenging to do when we are tired/hungry/cross but it does work. Let me know if you would like any help with this.

Best wishes as always
Helen Hann
Learning Mentor and DSL
My usual working pattern is Monday to Wednesday.
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MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH

In our school assemblies we are exploring the theme of Lent. First, we had the wilderness and this week, Jesus visiting the home of Martha and Mary. The wilderness is the encouragement to put aside the distractions of everyday life and concentrate a little more on faith, our spiritual awareness; Lent is a good time to try that. Mary and Martha puts that idea into an everyday scenario – Jesus has been invited for a meal and Martha is getting on preparing that. Mary however, has put aside such earthly considerations and is sat at Jesus' feet listening intently to his teaching.
For our assembly we had some excellent miming for sitting and listening and some absolutely NOT miming when Martha got increasingly cross about doing all the work alone; there was much banging of metal cooking utensils. Eventually Martha can take it no more and asks Jesus to tell Mary to come and help. Jesus however says that Martha should join Mary and listen.
Perhaps we think Martha had a point – how did Jesus imagine he was going get some dinner otherwise? That's not the point. The point is that too often we fill our days with doing and we just need to stop and spend some time being. Maybe all too easy to say and very hard to achieve, but Lent is the impetus to try. After all, I'm sure the dinner did get cooked in the end.

With every blessing,
Rev'd Howard Robson.

Congratulations to Year 2 this week with an incredible 100% attendance! Fabulous work!

GOLDEN LEARNERS

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

Foundation	**Freddie, Koby, Barnaby**
Year 1	**Teddy, Lily-May, Reuben**
Year 2	**Darcie, Siena, Oscar**
Year 3	**Grae, Eliza, Adelaide**
Year 4	**Joseph, Oliver, Jacob**
Year 5	**Emily-Rose, Harry, Riley**
Year 6	**Dennie, Evie, Given**

#together bell ringers this week – Well done!!

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JUMP START JONNY

Did you spot this flash of bright orange energy pass through the village yesterday? Jump Start Jonny was a huge success with all the children. He got everyone bopping around in the hall and then spent some time visiting each of the classrooms.

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FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
Join our Facebook Page - @friends&parentsofstmichaelsschoolstewkley
Or email us at – pta-stmichaels@outlook.com

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH
Join us at St Michael's Church at 10am on 10th March for our Family Worship for Mothering Sunday.

Stewkley Vicarage Cricket Club Needs You!

Are you a parent of a child in year 2 and have an interest in cricket? We are actively looking for someone to help run that age group, you will be supported by the wider club. Training is on Saturday mornings at the Rec.

If you're interested please contact David on 07767690231

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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 these activities :
20/02/24 - Minute to Win it Championship
27/02/24 - Big Art Picture
05/03/24 - Bingo
12/03/24 - Computer Club
19/03/24 - Lego Club
26/03/24 - Big Screen Pictionary

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

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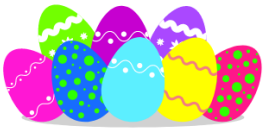
Friends of St Michael's School

COMING UP

Fri 22 March	Non Uniform Day in return for Chocolate & Year 3 Cake Sale
Thurs 28 March	Easter Tombola
Thurs 18 April	Year 2 Cake Sale
Thurs 2 May	Year 1 Cake Sale
Fri 10 May	Bingo Evening
Thurs 6 June	Foundation Cake Sale
Thurs 11 July	End of Year Discos



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The Friends Association of St Michael's School

Non Uniform Day

FRIDAY 22 MARCH

Please bring in a donation of
Easter Eggs or other chocolate for the
Easter Chocolate Tombola

Thank you for your support

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ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL SPORTS INFORMATION

North Marston 0-0 St Michaels (year 5)

On Wednesday one of our year 5 boys teams travelled to North Marston for a league game. We had mixed up the squads a bit so this was the first game the boys had played together and they gelled straight away, dominating the first half. Shots were raining in on the North Marston goal but we went in to half time goaless. The second half saw more of the same as St Michaels hit the post and the bar and smashed in over 20 shots. Big praise for Arnie in goal who had nothing to do all game but flew off his line to smother a North Marston attack in the last minute. The game ended 0-0 but it was a dominant display from our boys. Harry Balaam got man of the match for his non stop energy.
St M's – Cade, Eddie, Arnie, Zed, Noah, Benjamin, Tom, Henry, Harry

Whitchurch 4-0 St Michaels (year 5)

Thursday saw another year 5 boys team head to Whitchurch on a horrible, rainy afternoon. The grass was very long and hard to pass the ball on and our boys struggled in the first half to deal with Whitchurch's fast midfielders. We went in to half time 4-0 down, but the boys rallied at the break and came out determined to get back in to the game. The second half was much better and no further goals were scored, thanks to a massive effort from our team. This is one of the best teams we have come against and they were so impressed that this was our year 5's. They are going to have a great season next year, thanks to the experience they have had this season. Man of the match was Eddie who was a rock in defence.
St M's – Edward T, Riley, Noah, Josh, Eddie, Ted, Cade, Zed, Tom

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.

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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.