ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Oh the excitement on Wednesday when the rain stopped for 24 hours and the sun came out! It's amazing how a little sunshine and warmth can lift everyone's spirits. It was definitely a wee taste of Spring for the day. With the talk of Spring, we will be selling daffodil badges for Marie Curie next week. Please send in a donation with our child if you wish them to have a badge and our wonderful year 6 pupils will be promoting them next week.

Mrs Toland would like to put out a call for help for the Year 1 courtyard/garden area. If anyone would like to volunteer to do a garden tidy up, perhaps once a half term, please contact the school office. Any help to smarten up the area would be much appreciated and the Year 1 team pass on their thanks in advance.

REMINDER: World Book Day is next Thursday and children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character or come to school in their pyjamas. I look forward to seeing a wide variety of costumes arriving in school.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes
Mrs Fiona Phimester

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Thurs 5th March – World Book Day – dress as your favourite book character or come in your pyjamas
Friday 6th March – Year 6 Learning Fayre
Wed 11th March – Friends Movie Night – 3.30 – 5.15pm
Saturday 14th April – County Cross Country – Ascott House
Thurs 19th March – Year 4 Cake Sale
Friday 20th March – Crazy Heads Day – in exchange for chocolate tombola donation
Friday 20th March – Grandparents Assembly – 2.45pm
Tues 24th March – Year 4/5 performance – afternoon
Wed 25th March – Easter Church Service at 9.30am
Wed 25th March – Year 4/5 performance – evening
Thurs 26th March – Foundation Stay and Play – 2.45pm
Thurs 26th March – Easter Fayre and Easter Bonnets
Friday 27th March – INSET DAY
Mon 13th April – Start of Summer Term
Thurs 16th April – Year 5 Cake Sale
Wed 22nd April – Year 3 Swimming lessons start

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Thurs 23rd April – Class photos and Leavers' photos
Friday 24th April – Year 3 Learning Fayre
Thurs 14th May – Year 6 Cake Sale
Wed 6th May – Foundation visual screening
Thurs 14th May – Year 6 Cake Sale

MESSAGE FROM MRS HANN

I came across this and thought it could be very useful to have on hand. Maybe try 2 or 3 of the most relevant ones with your child.

The brain does a clever thing when we say things out loud- it can process/perceive them as if they are established facts, even if we are having a wobbly day.

Best wishes as always
Helen Hann
Learning Mentor, Music Lead and DSL
My usual working pattern is Monday to Wednesday.
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MR DAY'S SPORTING ROUNDUP

St Michael's 2-0 High Ash

Tuesday saw the visit of High Ash to play our year 6 girls. It was a very dominant display from our girls, who came against the best keeper we had seen all season. An own goal in the first half, then a screamer from Luisa in the second, maintained the girls position at the top of the league.
St M - Luisa, Reagan, Emily, Olympia, Bethany, Ella-Louise, Katherine, Amelie

St Michael's 5-0 Bierton

Thursday was the turn of Bierton to come to St Michael's to play our year 5 girls. Goals from Eva and Grace put the home team two nil up at halftime. Both added another goal each after the break before Sophie scored a fifth just before the end. A great team effort with amazing performances from Mia and Charlotte, and Maddie on her debut.
St M - Grace, Reagan, Mia, Charlotte, Sophie, Eva, Emily, Maddie

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Mandeville League Champions 2025/26

Our girls cup team have been competing in the Mandeville League, a 6 school tournament where each team played each other twice in a league format. The first round of games took in November and they finished off the fixtures on Thursday in Aylesbury. St Michael's finished with 8 wins, 1 draw and 1 defeat and ended up winning the league on goal difference! This is a very tough tournament featuring most of the biggest Aylesbury schools and yet again, St Michael's proved we are still a force in girls football.
All the girls were so supportive of each other and are becoming real experts at tournament football.
St M - Luisa (capt), Sophie, Emily, Reagan, Eva, Olympia, Grace, Bethany

MARIE CURIE DAFFODILS

With Spring just around the corner, it's time for our Marie Curie daffodil collection.
Next week our Year 6s will go round the classrooms and the children will have the opportunity to make a donation in exchange for a daffodil. Please send your donation in a sealed envelope.
Many thanks,

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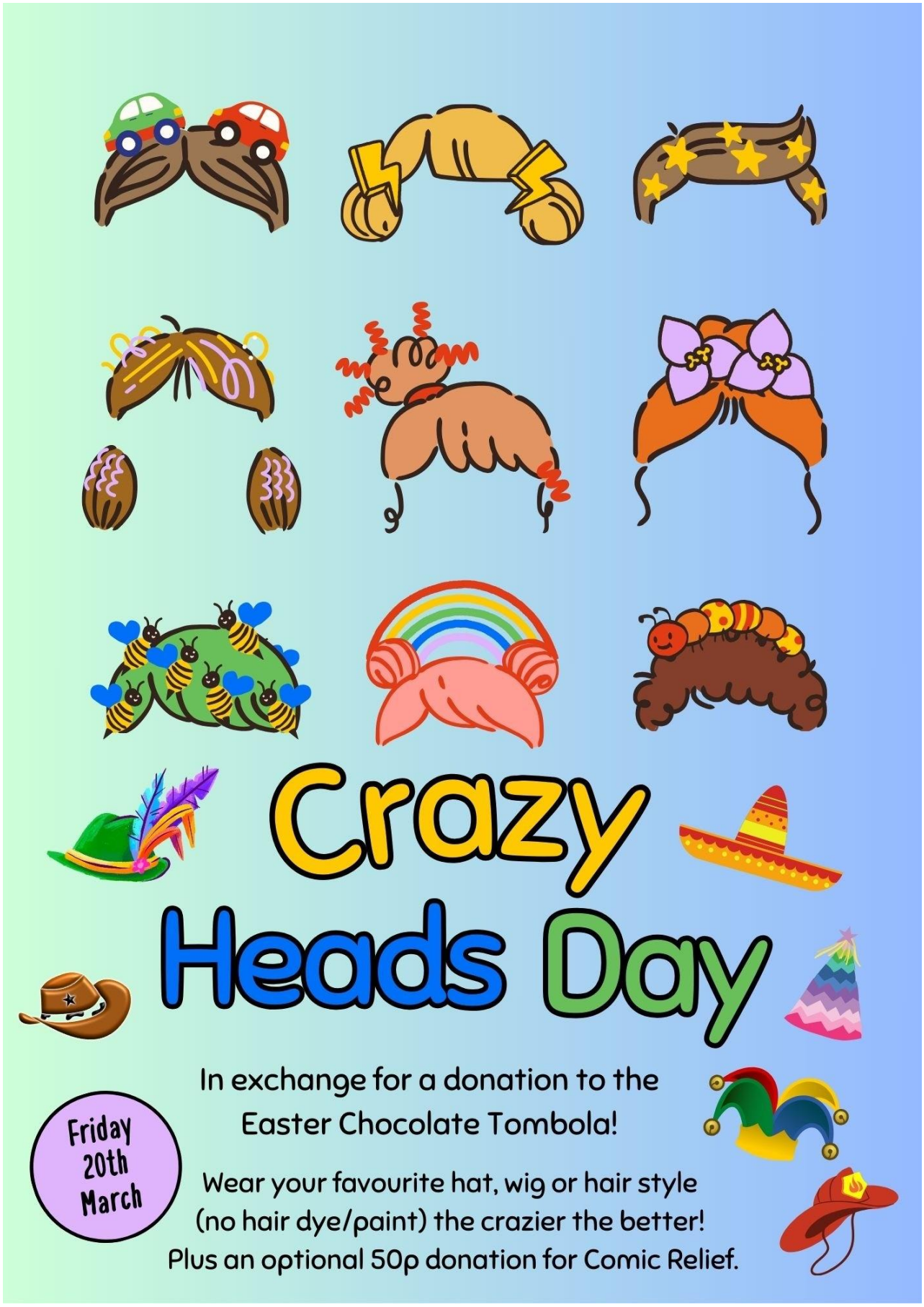
FRIENDS ASSOCATION



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FRIENDS OF ST MICHAEL'S PRESENTS

MOVIE NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH | 3:30PM - 5:15PM

SHAUN THE SHEEP MOVIE

POPCORN AND JUICE CARTON
INCLUDED IN THE TICKET PRICE

TICKETS PURCHASED VIA PARENT PAY BY SUNDAY 8TH MARCH

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As part of our

Easter Fayre

Friends of

invite you to take part in the

Easter Bonnet or Hat or Hairband or Headwear Competition

We invite all children to design and make their bonnet (or hat or hairband or headwear) at home and bring them into school on

Wednesday 25th March

Please ensure all bonnets have the child's name and class on the **inside** of the hat to be entered into the competition,

To be celebrated as part of the
Easter Fayre on
Thursday 26th March 3.30-4.30pm
In the school playground

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Topic	Date	Link	QR code
Exam Stress	Monday 12th of January 2026	Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams	
Awareness and understanding of eating disorders	Monday the 26th of January 2026	Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams	
Understanding childhood development and behaviour	Tuesday the 10th of February 2026	Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams	
Understanding low mood	Monday the 9th of March 2026	Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams	
Understanding adolescent development and behaviour	Monday the 20th of April 2026	Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams	

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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, we will text or ring 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 **Sunday at midnight, 1 week 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.

DOGS

Dogs are not permitted anywhere on the school premises at any time. Please ensure that anyone accompanying you is also aware.

Penalty Notices for School Attendance

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following will come into force for absences that start after 19th August 2024. This is nationwide and across borders if you move school or house. **Term Time Leave is only allowed in exceptional circumstances when communicated in advance with evidence provided as soon as possible to the Headteacher.**

FIRST OFFENCE

The first Penalty Notice issued for Term Time Leave of Absence or Irregular Attendance, the amount of the fine will be £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days and reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid with 21 days

SECOND OFFENCE

For the second Penalty Notice (within three years of the first offence) issued for Term Time Leave of Absence or Irregular Attendance, the amount of the fine will be £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered

THIRD OFFENCE AND SUBSEQUENT OFFENCES

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave of Absence or Irregular Attendance, a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. If found guilty there could be up to a maximum fine of £2,500 or a term of imprisonment not exceeding 3 months.

PLEASE ENSURE YOU COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL

In law only the headteacher of a school can authorise a child's absence. A pupil's attendance forms part of their official school record.

Parents do not have an automatic right to remove their child from school during term time for the purpose of a leave of absence and are strongly advised not to do so.

Headteachers are unable to authorise leave of absence during term time unless they are satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances.

The fundamental principles for defining 'exceptional' are rare, significant, unavoidable and short. 'Unavoidable' implies that an event could not reasonably be scheduled at another time.

<u>10 sessions in 10 weeks</u>

Penalty Notices will be considered for any 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in 10 weeks.

5 consecutive days of term time absence can trigger a Penalty Notice.

Do not forget that Penalty Notices are issued Per Parent. Per Child.
i.e. Two siblings absent would result in each parent receiving 2 fines. This could amount to £640

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