ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER NO 22

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Thursday 27th February 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Attached to/contained in this week's newsletter:

1. **Author visit for KS2 pupils** – Wednesday 11th March – letter attached. Nicola Skinner will be in school signing her new book 'Bloom'. Parents can order and pay for a paperback copy via ParentPay by 9am Wednesday 4th March. Only £3.50 a copy! https://www.parentpay.com/

***** TOMORROW - Music Concert 9.10am – organised by Mrs Wiseman, Keyboard/Piano teacher. Parents of pupils having keyboard/piano lessons with her are welcome to attend*****

*****TOMORROW – YEAR 5 FRIDAY CAKE SALE 3.30PM. Donations of cakes gladly received.*****

*****THIS SATURDAY - KS2 Cross Country Event at St Edwards Junior Catholic School –Open to all our KS2 cross country club runners.*****

*****Year F, 1 and 2 Grandparents Afternoon – Monday 2nd March OR Tuesday 3rd March 2020 at 2.30pm – booking system closes 3.30pm tomorrow.*****

*****Year 3 and Year 6 Residential Trips – a further instalment is now due*****

*****Repeat Appeal – if anyone has an electric oil filled radiator they no longer want, we could find one a good home in the corridor next to Foundation. Many thanks in anticipation!*****

Text Messages- please excuse our abbreviations!

The text messaging system we buy into, to communicate with parents, only allows us a maximum of 160 characters per text. In order not to keep bombarding you with text messages, please excuse our abbreviations that we sometimes use in order to squeeze the message into one text!

Late Collection of Children

Very occasionally, unforeseen circumstances such as an unwell sibling or a vehicle breakdown can result in the late collection of a child. The majority of parents are always on time to collect their children from school at the end of the day. Recently however, there has been an increase

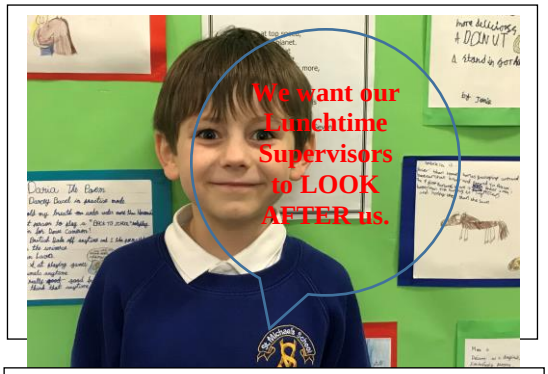
in the number of children who have been collected late by parents and in some instances, this has become a regular occurrence.
The late collection of children from school causes considerable anxiety for a child and is a significant inconvenience for staff that are required to look after them.
Starting next week, all late children will need to be collected from the school office, with parents being required to sign them out. The school has no legal responsibility to supervise children after 3.30pm unless prior arrangements have been made, such as attendance at a school run after school club or attendance at 'Bluebells After School Club'. You can book your child(ren) into Bluebells at short notice by ringing or texting 07471 790343.
In the event of an emergency, resulting in you anticipating a late collection, please phone the school. We strongly recommend that you add the school's number to your mobile phone.
We very much appreciate your support with this matter.

World Book Day on Thursday 5th March 2020
Breakfast and 'Snuggle with a Book ' in your PJ's or Onesies - Non Uniform Day
On Thursday 5th March 2020, World Book Day, we are holding a 'Books for Breakfast Snuggle with a Book' morning from 8.15-8.45am. You are invited to come in to school and share a book with your child or children. At the same time. you can enjoy a croissant and cup of coffee. We will not charge for this event but will ask you to make a donation towards costs. There will be a selection of books in the hall but of course it will be a super opportunity to enjoy a book your child is currently reading. Please join us if you can! In order to give us an idea of how many families to expect, please book in via our normal booking system which will be ready to accept bookings later today. Many thanks
https://stmichaelscecombined.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/

Toy Sale Thursday 13th February in aid of World Association of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouts
Emily, Poppy, Lucy and Tilly would really like to thank everyone for their support for all the generous donations and for buying toys. **They raised just over £100 for the WAGGGS charity.** Charlotte in year 6 is also raising money for the same cause and is holding a sweet tombola at ballet on Friday afternoon. The girls worked really well #together!

Marie Curie Daffodils
We have been asked to support Marie Curie Cancer Care again this year. The lady who delivered the collection box and daffodils was very appreciative of the money we raised last year. Daffodil brooches are on sale. They are £1 each. If you are happy to support this charity and would like your child to buy a daffodil brooch, please send £1 in a named envelope with your child.

REMINDER - Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy – Fridays plus cover



We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic, caring, motivated and supportive individual to join our friendly team of Midday Supervisors on a Friday.
Extra cover sessions during the week may be available as and when required.
This role involves supervising pupils on the playgrounds or in class on wet days.
Hours of work are 12.15pm to 1.15pm term time only.
Bucks Pay Range 1 Point 5, pro rata. Currently £8.21 an hour (£8.72 from 1/4/2020) plus holiday pay plus sickness pay plus Local Government Pension Scheme.
No previous experience is necessary but an enjoyment of interacting and working with children is essential. We are committed to safeguarding all our children and staff. An enhanced DBS check and references will be required. For an application form and job description, please contact the school office on 01525 240248
or email office@st-michaels.bucks.sch.uk
Closing Date for applications: 9am on 28th February 2020

Year F, 1 and 2 Grandparents Afternoon – Monday 2nd March OR Tuesday 3rd March 2020 at 2.30pm

Dear Parents / Carers of Foundation Stage and KS 1 Children

On Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd March, we would like to invite the **Grandparents of pupils in Foundation, Year 1 and 2** to join their grandchildren who will be singing and entertaining them. This is in belated celebration of Grandparents' day. Tea and cakes start at 2.30pm and the children will be providing entertainment from 2.50pm and finish by 3.20pm. We hope you will be able to pass on this invitation and arrange for the grandparents to attend. In order to help us with refreshments and seating arrangements, you can book online up to 3 seats across the two afternoons. Please visit https://stmichaelscecombined.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/ The booking system closes tomorrow at 3.30pm. To keep the grandparents comfortable in our hall and due to expected high numbers, we have decided to do two performances! If you require extra seats please contact the school office and we will try to accommodate. The

Friends' Association have kindly offered to serve refreshments – any donations of cakes would be gratefully received! Please note we do not have enough room to accommodate parents **and** grandparents.

Diary Dates

We have a lot of dates in the diary for this half term – please try and keep in touch with everything. Our calendar section of the web site is a good place to start as well as our weekly newsletter . Many thanks
https://www.st-michaels.bucks.sch.uk/Calendar/

ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL SPORTS INFORMATION

MK SSP Hockey league

For the second year running members of our 5/6 hockey club are having the chance to participate in the MK Sports Partnership Hockey League at Woughton. Yesterday 8 pupils played two games of 7 aside, In2 Hockey against teams from Two Mile Ash and Middleton Schools. After starting off a little tentatively, the team soon got into their stride in the first match v Two Mile Ash. They played some great attacking hockey to win the game 2-0, thanks to strikes form Anna and Max.

In the second game, they started to pass the ball about more and were rewarded with 3 goals from Anna, Jack & Sam. With Patrick's energy in the middle of the field, Max's speed on the ball and Jack, Anna & Sam's great passing and finishing, the attack caused many problems for the opposition. This was backed up by solid defensive play from Lucy and Ava and the enthusiasm and patience of Jacob in goal (who only touched the ball once!) Well done to all the players and thanks to the parents and grandparents who transported and stayed to support.

PE Kit

We do have a few pupils who do not have PE kit in school; please ensure kit is in school at all times. This should include warm clothing, as well as T-shirt, shorts and suitable trainers that fit. Thank you.

Football teams

This year we are running four football teams; a 5/6 Girls team a Boys A team (Year 6) , a Boys B Team (Year 5) and a 5/6 Boys Cup Team. There will also be one or two footballing opportunities for the Year 4's . Therefore, this half-term we have a lot of fixtures to play. Thanks to the enthusiasm for the game, we have 28 boys in 5/6 and 14 girls in 5/6 wanting to participate which is fantastic. Our policy is to include all pupils in matches, regardless of experience and ability, across the season but we also aim to be competitive wherever possible, which raises the confidence and self-esteem across the whole squad and has a knock-on effect throughout the school. We therefore select teams based on the game to be played, the strength of the opposition and the positions that the players are happy to play in.

In terms of practice, girls will train Tuesdays and a selection of boys Thursdays. We appreciate that lunchtime training has been limited over the last few weeks, thanks to the weather and our attempts to protect the pitch for games.

If any parents have any queries re football in school please email Mrs Munday via the office. Many thanks.

Sporting Events this half-term

As well as football there are many festivals and events, mainly for Years 5/6 this half-term - dance, hockey, basketball, dodgeball, tag rugby etc. If your child has a letter, please return the slip or email the office ASAP. It is not a problem if they can't take part as many others can take their place. We just need time to organise the teams and sort out transport. If you cannot take your child to and from an event after school please arrange transport with other parents or share the responsibility and then let us know.

We would also appreciate it if school kit is returned washed as soon as possible. The girls football kit can be kept at home until the end of the season but the boys kits and team polo's do need to be shared. Many thanks.

Yours sincerely,
Alison Cooper,
School Secretary