ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Wow there's been a lot going on this week! World Book Day Reading Breakfast was a great success and it was wonderful to see so many families enjoying a book together at the start of the day. The children looked fabulous in their costumes and there was a lovely buzz of excitement around the school all day.
Mr Day has been busy with lots of sporting fixtures with our Y5 and Y6s this week. Our girls' team were representing MK Dons in a tournament and played big names such as Spurs and Ipswich. Please see the sporting section below to find out how they got on.
Despite the freshness of this week, my daffodils brought some sunshine into my kitchen this week. Marie Curie are doing a collection via the school next week and if your child would like to buy a daffodil badge, the Y6s will be doing the rounds to each classroom.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:
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
Friday 21st April – Y4 Class Assembly
Friday 5th May – Y3 Class Assembly
Friday 19th May – Y2 Class Assembly
Thursday 25th May – Grandparents Assembly 2.45pm
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 24TH March*****

INSET DAYS

Please see below for the dates of Inset Days for the next academic year. These can also be foind on our website: https://www.st-michaels.bucks.sch.uk/Parents/Term-Dates/

Friday 1st September 2023
Monday 4th September 2023
Friday 20th October 2023
Friday 9th February 2024
Friday 24th May 2024

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.

PARKING IN THE SCHOOL CAR PARK

Following on from Mr Morley's communication on 15th December, please note that all School Parking Permits have now expired and parents no longer have permission to park in the school car park. Only drivers with official valid 'Blue Badges' will have permission to park in the school car park and only when used for the specific purpose and person the badge was issued for.

Details on how to apply for a badge can be found **HERE.**

From now on no new parking permits for the school car park will be issued.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH

Part of me always feels that the beginning of March constitutes the beginning of Spring (though perhaps not so apparent in the current temperature) as it is often when people first start talking in earnest about the early signs of new life. There are many prayers making mention of this that can easily be found on a quick search of the Internet, some more realistic than others. Of course, new life and possibility isn't always planned or fully anticipated, which rather depends, as does so much else, on our perspective on life. One prayer that I personally rather value in this respect contains the following words…

'Some changes we eagerly await, and some we abhor. Some changes we plan and others arrive uninvited. To all these changes we ask the gift of your perspective…Awaken us to new life and perspective.'

All best wishes
Andrew Krauss

GOLDEN LEARNERS

Congratulations to all these superstars this week:

Foundation	Oakley, Reuben, Oliver
Year 1	Alexander, Max, Yasmina
Year 2	Mia, Grace, Eliza
Year 3	Olympia, Harry, Luisa
Year 4	Isla, Benjamin, Joshua
Year 5	Peggy, Chloe, Seb
Year 6	Charlotte, Harry, Imogen

RED NOSE DAY

DO SOMETHING FUNNY FOR MONEY!

COMIC RELIEF DAY – FRIDAY 17TH MARCH

WEAR YOUR PANTS DAY IS COMING TO ST MICHAELS!

Children are invited to wear non-uniform with pants accessories!

- **Pants on your head**
- **Pants over your clothes**
- **Both on your head AND over your clothes!**
- **Wear your PE shorts on your head or over your clothes if you prefer, but basically just embrace a little silliness for the day.**

Parents will be able to make a donation direct to Comic Relief via Parentpay if they wish.

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FARM VISIT

Year 5 were lucky enough to visit Mr Wheeler's farm earlier this week. They enjoyed meeting all the calves and learning about life on a farm.

Mrs Cockroft and all the children would like to say a huge thank you to both Mr Wheelers for their time and knowledge.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

WHOOP WHOOP!!!!
SHOUT IT FROM THE ROOF TOPS!
100% ATTENDANCE IN YEAR 1 THIS WEEK!
WELL DONE EVERYONE FOR STAYING SO FIT AND HEALTHY.

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MESSAGE FROM OUR LEARNING MENTOR, MRS HANN

As a follow up to World Book Day, I wanted to share this link to the section of the World Book Day website that is about sharing stories. One of the aspects of reading together/reading to our children that we can forget about in our busy, frazzled lives, is that feeling of closeness and bonding that comes with sharing a book. It creates memories that last a life time. I still vividly remember the silly voices that my dad used to do when he was reading us a library book and that's fifty years ago. So treat yourselves to a memory- building and bonding time with your child and share a book/tell them a story.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Sharing stories together

Children love spending time looking at books with adults. It makes a big difference to their futures to **spend 10 minutes a day sharing a story**. There are no right or wrong ways to read out loud but sometimes it can be tricky to know where to begin. Here are a few tips and ideas to get you started:

- **I wonder...**
  Ask open questions about how characters are feeling or what might happen next or why things are in the illustration.
- **Bring the book to life...**
  Make faces, use voices, include actions – have fun together!
- **That reminds me of...**
  Make personal connections.
- **What have you seen there?**
  Follow their interests.
- **That's made me feel...**
  Let your child know how the events of the story have affected you.
- **Oo look at that!**
  Let them know what you have noticed.
- **Again, again...**
  Re-reading is a great source of comfort for children– and a chance to spot things that you didn't see first time round. Challenge yourself to spot something new each time.

This guide is based on the work of The Open University. For further tips and advice on how to enjoy sharing and reading stories together, visit their website here for helpful videos and resources.

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Share A Story corner

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Best wishes as always
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#together bell ringers from this week – Well done!

MARIE CURIE DAFFODILS

From next week, our Y6 children will be going round the classes with some Marie Curie daffodil badges if any of the children would like to purchase one. They are £1 each.

Marie Curie

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WORLD BOOK DAY READING BREAKFAST

WORLD BOOK DAY

The Big Bad Wolf, Paddington, Sully, the Gruffalo and a pyjama-clad Mrs Fraser made for great company at our Reading Breakfast.

Thing 1 and Thing 2 were delighted to come across the Cat in the Hat!

What an air of excitement filled the school on Thursday's World Book Day! It was great to see all the children (and grown-ups!) embrace the dressing up and happily chomp their way through the breakfast treats whilst sharing a story with their parents/carers. We had a fabulous array of characters from Mary Poppins to Harry Potter to Gangsta Granny. Well done to everyone for such a wonderful effort. A huge thank you to all our brilliant helpers from 'Friends' for all the shopping, setting up and serving. Your help was, as always, much appreciated.

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ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL SPORTS INFORMATION

FOOBALL TOURNAMENT

On Tuesday our girls football team (Buckinghamshire Champions) took part in the south east Premier League School tournament at Luton Town (where they met the actual, real Premier League trophy). They were picked to represent MK Dons and were drawn in a tough group including Spurs and Watford.

After draws against Stevenage (great goal from Eden, top bins!) and Ipswich (Azzie scored a perfectly good winner that was ruled out by the ref), the girls beat Cambridge United 3-0 with 2 goals from Primrose and another by Eden. Then came the game against Spurs, they dominated and Primrose opened the scoring with a long shot before adding another just before the end. Eliette in goal made a superb save just before the final whistle, Spurs were beaten 2-0, by St Michael's School!!

A defeat to Watford meant the girls came third in our group and just missed out on the semi finals.

Big shout out to Jet, our defensive rock, Zaynab, our midfield dynamo, Daisy, the flying winger, and especially Chloe, our only year 5 girl, who put in some excellent displays.

Thanks to the parents and grandparents that roared on the girls on a very cold and blustery day.

This is a really special team, they should be so proud of all their achievements. Their next tournament in the regional finals in London at the end of March when they will represent Buckinghamshire.

MK Dons (St Michael's): Zaynab, Chloe, Azzie, Primrose, Daisy, Eden, Eliette and Jet.

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SWIMMING

After a break of 4 years, St Michaels were back in the pool, competing in the year 5&6 Swimming tournament at Stoke Mandeville Pool. Our team of 5 year 6's and 3 year 5's were up against 11 other schools, some who have their own swimming pools! Each competitor had to swim 25m backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle, then come together as a team to swim the freestyle relay and medley relay.

St Michaels got off to an amazing start with Cameron winning the first race, then kept up the pace throughout the tournament. Seb even won his breaststroke race by swimming fly by mistake. We ended up coming 4th, missing out on 3rd place by one point. But great fun was had by all, especially our enthusiastic parents, watching from the stands. Well done to all our swimmers, and a big thanks to our swimming coach Mrs Dixon, who made sure everyone was in the right place at the right time as there were over 50 races on the day.

Swim Team: Eliette, Cameron, Poppy, Seb, Seth, Harry D, Primrose and Azura.

St Michael's Yr 6, 5-1 Broughton

Last Friday our year 6 girls hosted Broughton in a league fixture. The visitors were a tall team but our girls went in at half time 3-0 up with goals from Daisy (2) and Jet. Another after the break from Primrose was followed by a goal back from Broughton. Then a great finish from Isla, who scored her first goal for the school, made it 5-1. St Michael's are top of the league with 2 games to go!
Yr 6 Girls: Grace C, Isla, Eden, Daisy, Eliette, Jet, Zaynab, Azzie and Primrose.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Best wishes,
Fiona Phimester
School Secretary

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