ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely half term and that the children were ready to come back to see their friends and ready for another half term of learning.
Next week is World Book Day on Thursday 6th March and we are inviting all the children to come to school in their pyjamas and bring in a sensible sized teddy (I would suggest no bigger than your head!) ready for a bedtime story. Lots of activities will be planned throughout the day and so it should be an enjoyable day for everyone.
Today was the first school trip for our Foundation class. They have gone to visit Tring Museum and all looked very excited as they left with their packed lunches this morning. I predict some tired children (and grown ups!) this afternoon after their big day out!
Please see below for details of the Boozy Bingo evening – please book via Parentpay prior to Monday morning.
We also have details of the KS1 Movie Night – again, please book via Parentpay.

Wishing you a restful weekend and more of these blue skies!

Best wishes
Mrs Fiona Phimester

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Thurs 6th March – World Book Day – pyjamas & teddy bears
Thurs 6th March – Height & Weight NHS Screening – Foundation & Year 6
Fri 7th March – Boozy Bingo 7pm – book via Parentpay by Sunday 2nd March
Fri 7th March – Year 2 Class Assembly 9.10am
Fri 14th March – Year 3 Learning Fayre
Sat 15th March – District Cross Country – Ascott House
Thurs 20th March - Foundation & KS1 Movie Night – pls see poster below
Fri 21st March – Year 6 Learning Fayre
Thurs 27th March – Year 4 Cake Sale
Fri 28th March – Foundation Stay & Play 2.45pm
Fri 28th March – Non uniform day for chocolate tombola donation
Tues 1st April – Year 4/5 performance – 2.15pm
Wed 2nd April – Year 4/5 performance – 6pm
Wed 2nd April – Author visit for KS2 – Jacob North's 'Ice Apprentices'
Thur 3rd April – Easter Tombola
Fri 4th April – END OF TERM
Tues 22nd April – Start of the Summer Term
Thurs 24th April – Class photos and Year 6 Leavers photos – *amended date*
Thurs 24th April – Year 3 Cake Sale
Wed 30th April – Year 3 Swimming lessons start

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Thurs 22nd May – Grandparents Assembly – Foundation, Year 1 & Year 2 at 2.45pm
Fri 23rd May – INSET DAY
w/c 26th May – Half term break
Thurs 5th – 6th June – Year 3 Caldecotte residential trip
Wed 11th – Fri 13th June – Year 4 Everdon residential trip
Fri 13th June – Year 2 Class Assembly
Mon 16th – Fri 20th June – Year 6 IOW residential trip
Fri 20th June – Foundation trip to Waddesdon Manor
Fri 20th June – Year 4 Class Assembly
Tues 24th June – KS1 Sports Day
Wed 25th June – KS2 Sport Day
Fri 27th June – Year 1 class picnic
Tues 1st July – Year 6 Transition Day
Wed 2nd July – Year 6 Transition Day
Fri 4th July – Foundation Class Assembly
Fri 4th July – Colour Run
Tues 8th – Thurs 10th July – Year 5 Hudnall Park residential trip
Thurs 10th July – Year 1 Cake Sale
Fri 11th July – Year 3 Assembly
Wed 23rd July – Leavers Assembly 1.50pm
Wed 23rd July – Last day of term

MESSAGE FROM MRS HANN

We have been listening to "Clair de lune" by Claude Debussy this week. The children listened intently to Daniel Barenboim playing this piece beautifully. It is 4 minutes 25 seconds of complete peacefulness. The children noticed and commented on how relaxed and calm they felt after listening to it. They asked for it to go in the newsletter so that you could listen too. Enjoy!
https://youtu.be/BfQklAvppe4?si=KZsT9qzEMp6ko8zG
https://open.spotify.com/track/3YTx2jVItgNek4KDLkYOZ

If you need to make contact with me, the best and quickest way is to leave a message with the office or email office@st-michaels.bucks.sch.uk marked for my attention.
Please look out for an email from me in the next couple of weeks about forthcoming workshops.
Best wishes as always,

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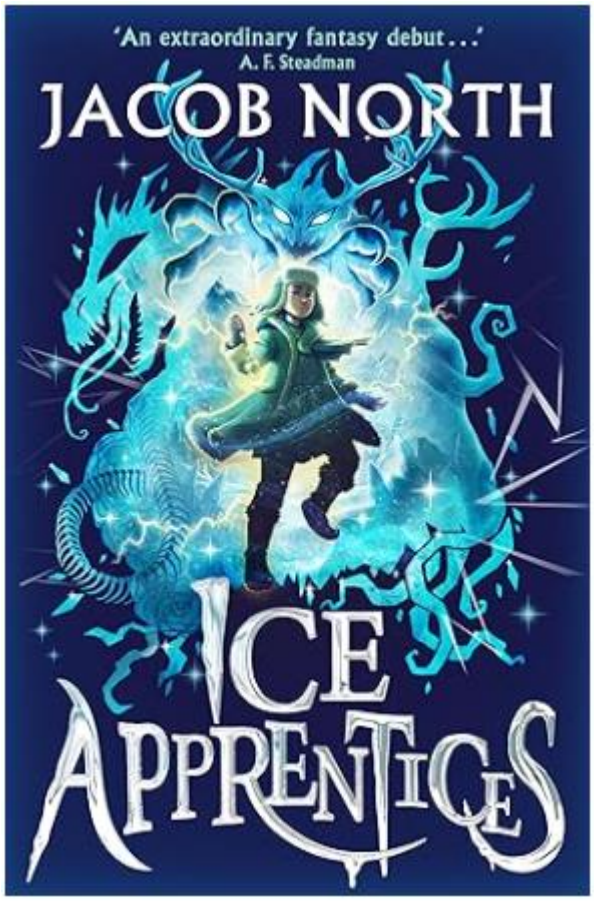
Helen Hann
Learning Mentor, Acting SENDCo and DSL
My usual working pattern is Monday to Wednesday in school.

KS2 AUTHOR VISIT

We are delighted to announce an author visit for our KS2 classes on Wednesday 2nd March. Details on how to order your copy of Jacob North's 'Ice Apprentices' coming soon.



YEAR 4! Wow – an impressive 99% attendance this week. Well done everyone and keep up the great effort.

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GOLDEN LEARNERS

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

Foundation	**Remi, Caspar, Thomas**
Year 1	**Matteo, Amelie, Rosie**
Year 2	**Lily-May, Marni, Stevie**
Year 3	**Albie, Yasmina, Rocco**
Year 4	**Oliver J, Cecily, Harrison D**
Year 5	**Kaitlyn, Jacob, Luke**
Year 6	**Cade, Caspian, Rosie**

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HEART DAY

Love was in the air for our Hearts Day on Friday 14th February with all the children dressed in a sea of red, pink and hearts. The cake sale was particularly impressive and we had a happy chap in Year 5 who was the lucky winner of the heart pinata.
An incredible amount of £600 was raised which will be shared between Little Hearts Matter, the British Heart Foundation and St Michael's School. Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

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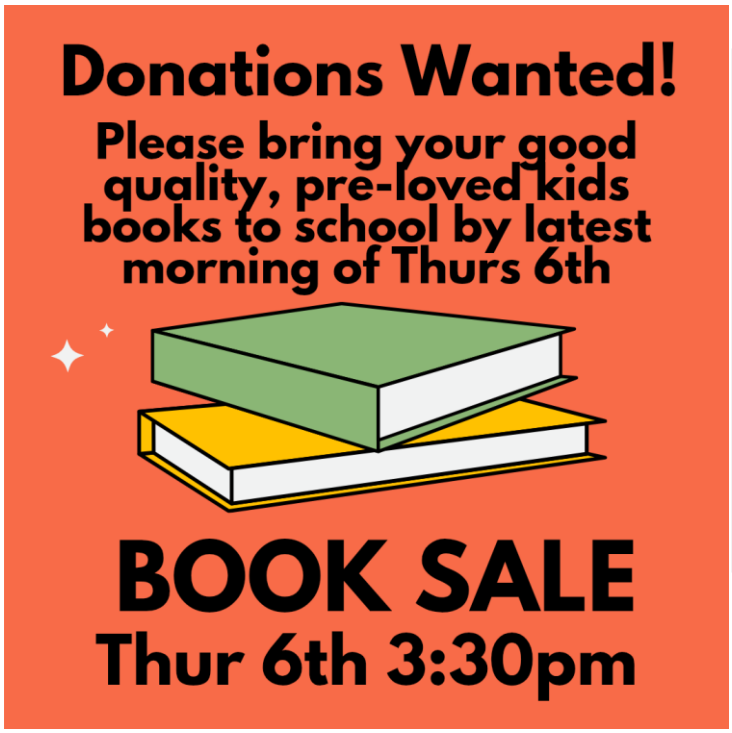
WORLD BOOK DAY BOOK SALE



World Book Day Book Sale!

Please bring your good quality childrens' books to school no later than the morning of Thursday 6th March. We'll be giving them away in the playground at 3.30pm. No pricing, but donations very welcome as ever. We'd be happy to see every child enjoy a new book so please don't worry if you forget your cash.

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ST MICHAEL'S CELEBRATIONS

Front cover of a magazine! Wowzers! I think I might need a signed copy!
Well done to this football crazy Year 5.

More amazing achievements from our Year 5 class with these two dancers rehearsing for 6 hours a day for 5 days during half term for their upcoming performance at the Aylesbury Waterside Theatre as part of the English Youth Ballet's 'Cinderella in Hollywood'. Please see the flyer below for more details if you wish to see their performance.
Good luck girls! We know you will be fabulous.

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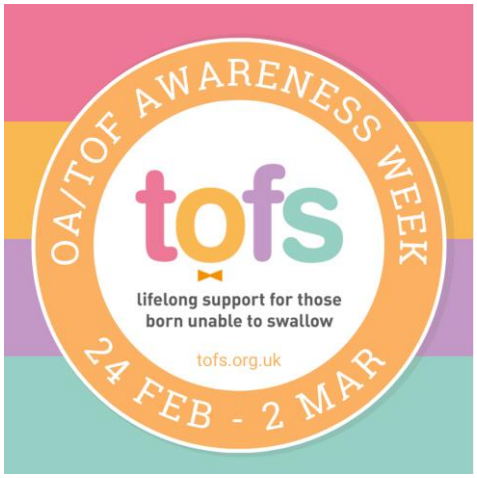
TOFS AWARENESS WEEK

This week is TOFS awareness week. A condition that many are not familiar with, including myself until we welcomed a pupil into St Michael's who lives with it every day. Please use the link below to learn some about this rare condition.



https://tofs.org.uk/oa-tof-awareness-week-2025/

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KS1 MOVIE NIGHT

"Tiddler"

20th March 3:30-4:30pm

Popcorn/Crisps & a drink included

£3 to pay via Parent Pay

FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

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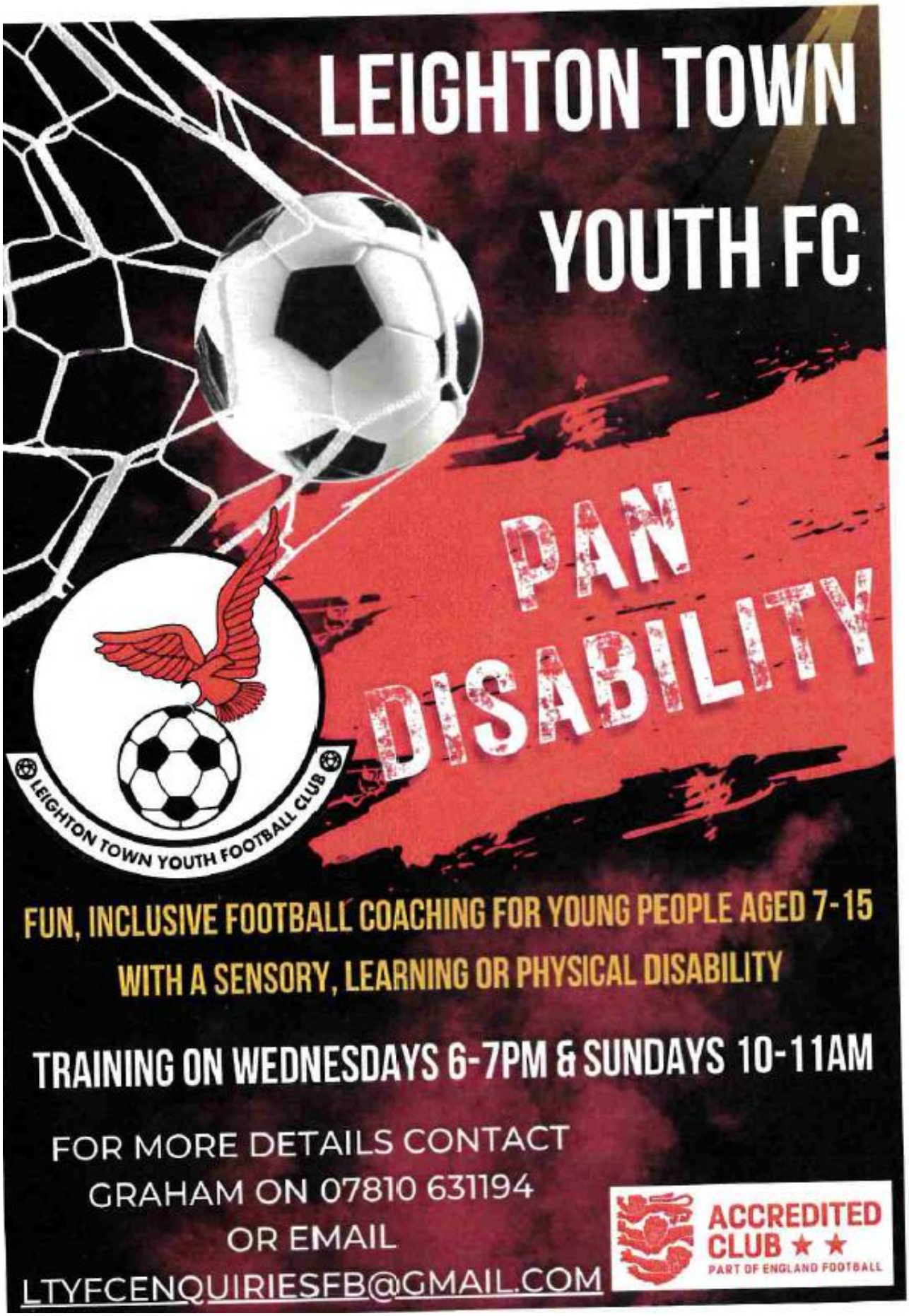
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WITH A SENSORY, LEARNING OR PHYSICAL DISABILITY
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Penalty Notices for School Attendance

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

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.