ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER NO 25
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Friday 24th March 2023

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Dear Parents/Carers

Every week I love looking back on our week at St Michael's and sharing the highlights and achievements of our school community. This week is no different! We are fortunate to enjoy great sporting successes at a local level, but this week Mr Day and our girls' football team went to the next level! Please read on to find out more...

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to two of our recent charity events. We raised £291 for Little Hearts Matter recently and last week there was £114 for Comic Relief. Your kindness is much appreciated.

With the Easter holidays rapidly approaching, please see the numerous posters below for some holiday activities being held locally. I have also included details on some great workshops for parents and information on how to embark on a childminding career.

Mrs Toland and Miss Wildman will be hosting a couple of KS1 Parent briefings in the next couple of months. Reminders will be sent directly to parents, but meanwhile, please note the following dates:
KS1 SATS Meeting – Tues 25th April, 3pm
Phonics Meeting – Tues 23rd May, 3pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:
Thursday 30th March – Author Visit to Foundation, Y1, Y2 and Y3.
Friday 31st March – 9.30am Easter Church Service
Friday 21st April – Y4 Class Assembly
Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday
Friday 5th May – Y3 Class Assembly
Monday 8th May – Bank Holiday
Thursday 25th May – Grandparents Assembly 2.45pm – Foundation & KSI only
Friday 26th May – Inset Day
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 7th July – Year 2 Class Assembly
Friday 14th July – Y5 Class Assembly

EASTER SERVICE
Our Easter Service will be held at St Michael's Church at 9.30am on Friday 31st March. Parents and carers are more than welcome to join us, but please be aware that it may be standing room only.

SPORTS DAYS
With our Summer Term rapidly approaching, we can start to look forward to our Sports Days.

KS1 & Foundation: **Wednesday 7th June**
Team Sports: 9.30am – 11am approx.
Races: 1.30pm – 3.15pm approx.

KS2: Thurdsay 8th June
Team Sports: 9.30am – 11.30am approx.
Races: 1.30pm – 3.15pm

Parent and carers are welcome to come along to the morning team sports before they go home for lunch at approx. 11am. They are then invited to join us again in the afternoon for the races which will start at 1.30pm.
We look forward to seeing you.

13th June – Reserve Sports Day in case of exceptional circumstances.

INSET DAYS
Please see below for the dates of Inset Days for the next academic year. These can also be found 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH

Tomorrow is the Feast of the Annunciation – the day on which the Church remembers the famous message of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary that she would conceive and bear the Son of God. Being in a season that also focuses on the endurance, suffering and passion of Christ, the following prayer, often said on this occasion, seems very appropriate… We beseech you, O Lord, pour your grace into our hearts, that as we have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

All best wishes
Andrew Krauss

GOLDEN LEARNERS

Congratulations to all these superstars this week:

Foundation	Teddy, Freya, Joshy
Year 1	Edwin, Tayler, Max
Year 2	Alex, Sam, Owen
Year 3	Amelie, Monty, Emily
Year 4	Chloe, Arnie, Azaria
Year 5	Poppy, Evie, Gabriella
Year 6	Harry, Lucas, Isla

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Whoop whoop for **YEAR 4!** Well done for your top attendance this week of 99%

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AWARD ASSEMBLIES

Mr Morley was delighted to present this term's awards at our Award Assemblies.

Foundation	Bradley, Lily, Louis, Claudia Antonio
Year 1	Reggie, Jacob, Iris, Alfie, Edwin
Year 2	Shore, Reagan, Grace, Oliver, Charlotte
Year 3	Blake, Olympia, Sebastian, Oliver, Emily
Year 4	Scarlett, Eliza, Noah, Chloe, Henry
Year 5	Kian, Gabriella, Seb, Abi, Chloe
Year 6	Toby, Harriet, Eden, Grace, Alfie

Photos to follow next week.

ST MICHAEL'S CELEBRATIONS

We celebrate **TWO** incredible musical successes this week – Aviya and Imogen both excelled themselves in their music exams and achieved Distinctions! Your music teachers and everyone at St Michael's are so proud of you.

#together bell ringers from this week – Well done!!

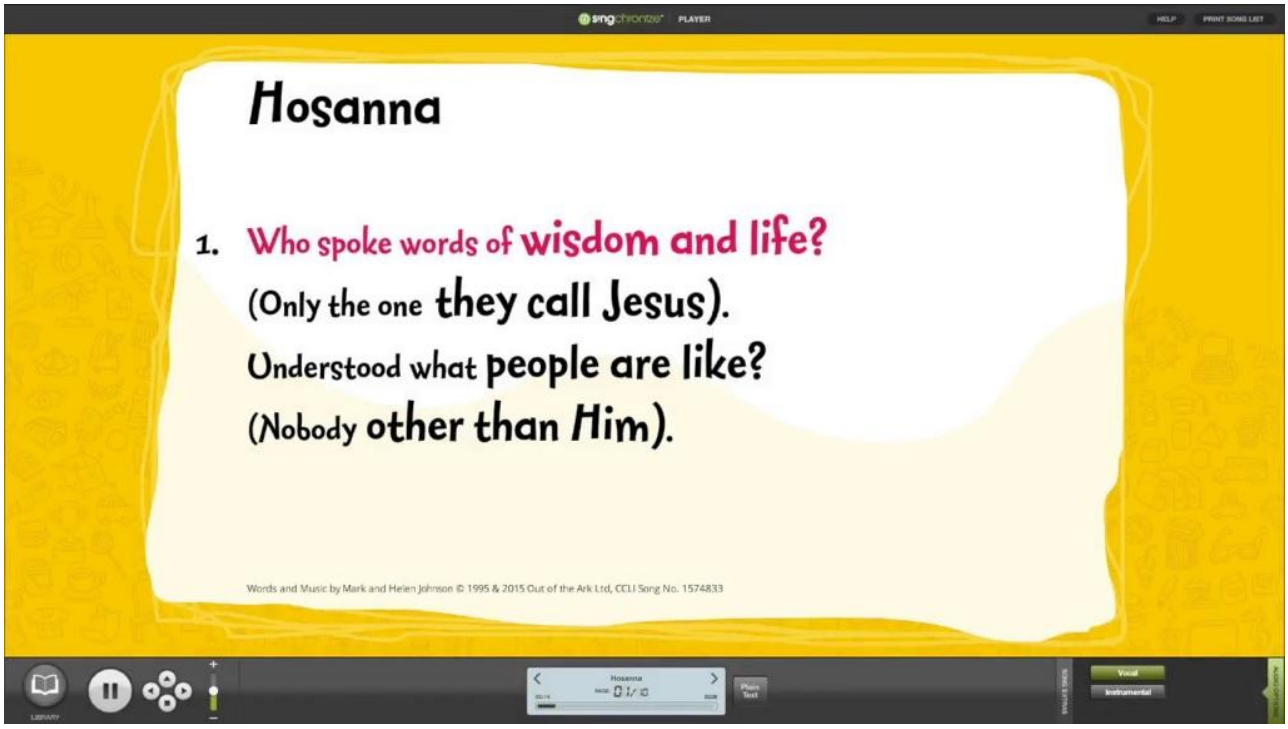
Lots of bell ringers this week – congratulations for all your demonstrations of St Michael's values.

MESSAGE FROM OUR LEARNING MENTOR, MRS HANN

Below is a link to Buckinghamshire Family Learning website. It really is worth exploring, as there are many interesting options. I hope something catches your eye.
https://adultlearningbc.ac.uk/family-learning/

Let me know if there's something in particular that you would like Family Learning to offer and I'll see what I can do!

This week in Singing Assembly, the children amazed me by very quickly picking up on a song with some two part harmony. Here's a little snippet of the song (which we will be singing in full at our Easter Service next week) :



https://youtu.be/lQnGGjwhakI

Best wishes as always
H Hann
Twitter: @MrsHannStMSch

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Please take note of these fabulous **FREE** family workshops being provided by Bucks Family Learning.

Buckinghamshire Family Learning

FREE EARLY YEARS COURSES for PARENTS and CARERS

You must book by clicking on the QR code, click the link or phone 01296 383582.

STORY WORKSHOPS

Imagination

Mondays, 9:30am-11:00am Hithercroft Family Centre, High Wycombe

- 24 April - 10 Little Pirates
- 15 May - Brown Bear, Brown Bear What do you See?

Tuesdays, 10am-12pm Castlefield Family Centre, High Wycombe

- 25 April - A Hole at the Bottom of the Sea
- 9 May - Stanley's Stick
- 23 May - Super Duck

Thursdays, 10am-12pm Elmhurst Family Centre, Aylesbury

- 20 April - Hole at the Bottom of the Sea

HEALTHY ACTIVE CHILD

Learn how to encourage your child to enjoy a healthy diet and lifestyle (4 weeks course).

Active

ONLINE
- Tuesday 25 April, 9:30am-11:30am

NEWTOWN FAMILY CENTRE, CHESHAM
- Wednesday 26 April, 10am-12pm

ELMHURST FAMILY CENTRE, AYLESBURY
- Thursday 4 May, 10am-12pm

LITTLE MUSIC MAKER WORKSHOP

Fun ideas on how you and your child can enjoy music and rhymes, and make a musical instrument!

HITHERCROFT FAMILY CENTRE, HIGH WYCOMBE
- Monday 22 May, 9:30am-11:00am

PLAY AND LEARN

Learn about the importance of play and how your child learns through play (5 weeks course).

SOUTHCOURT FAMILY CENTRE, AYLESBURY
- Tuesday 25 April, 1pm-2.30pm

BUSY FINGERS

Sensory

Explore fun ideas, toys and games to support your child's fine motor skills development (4 weeks).

HAMPDEN WAY FAMILY CENTRE, HIGH WYCOMBE
- Wednesday 26 April, 10am-12am

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FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

The office has been steadily filling up with chocolate eggs this week – far too much temptation for Miss Coombes, Mrs Farran and I! Thank you for all your kind donations. Please see the below posters for details of the Chocolate Tombola next week and the huge display of chocolate that has been handed into the office this week.

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ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL SPORTS INFORMATION

Well, what a week!

NETBALL

On Thursday morning, St Michaels year 3&4 netball teams headed to St Michaels School in Aylesbury! They played against 7 other schools in a tournament, the first that we have attended in this age group. St Michaels ended up finishing 3rd and 5th out of the eight teams with some fantastic performances and great teamwork. Special praise goes to Edith in year 3 and Isla in year 4, who already play netball weekly and helped coach their teammates through the games, and to Chole in year 4 who scored 2 crucial goals in the 3rd place play off. Well done to all involved in their first tournament for St Michaels:

St Michaels Netball yr 3&4 squad: Harry Brown, Harry Balaam, Chloe, Scarlett, Rosie Turnball, Rosie Tayler, Edward S, Olympia, Joseph, Edith, Isla, Noah, Eliza, Teddy, Azaria, Luisa and Carys.

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FOOTBALL

Our year 5 girls team got back on the pitch on Thursday with a home game against Swanbourne in monsoon like conditions. Playing against mainly year 6's, our girls held their own and we're only 1-0 down at half time. A quick two goals after the break saw St Michael's 2-1 ahead, but they were pegged back at the end to finish with a fantastic 2-2 draw. Well done to the girls who came off drenched, but smiling!

St M yr 5 team: Evie (Capt), Emmie, Peggy, Poppy, Aviya, Tegan, Chloe, Amelie, Jet and Lucia.

YEAR 5/6 GIRLS FOOTBALL

Wednesday was the big day for the girls football team as they travelled to London to take part in the Regional Schools Final. As the Buckinghamshire Champions, they were representing the county against all the best players and teams from the region. This was by far the furthest a St Michaels team has ever travelled to a sporting event and all girls arrived with an hour to spare before their first game.

They were drawn in a group against West London, Essex and Sussex. The first game was a 2-1 win against Essex, Primrose got both goals, including a pinpoint freekick. This was followed by two nil all draws, and St Michaels had won there group! This put us through to the tree team finals, where they played Suffolk, and last years winners Kent. A defeat to Kent and a draw with Suffolk (where we should have won and Eden scored a 'banger'), meant that St Michaels finished 3rd, IN THE WHOLE OF THE SOUTH EAST OF ENGLAND!

This is an amazing achievement for an amazing team of girls who have consistently beaten and matched school teams from Primary Schools with hundreds more students than we have to chose from. They have worked so hard, including extra training on Mondays and been so Together as a team, and they have been a real inspiration to the other girls and footballers in this school. The sky is

the limit for some of the team, remember their names for future England squads. Well done girls, they are on course to win 5 trophies this year, including winning their league with a win next Monday.

St Michaels: Zaynab (capt), Eden, Primrose, Chloe, Jet, Azura, Daisy, Eliette and Grace C.

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YEAR 6 BOYS FOOTBALL 2-2 v SWANBOURNE

Our year 6 boys ended their season with an excellent draw against Swanbourne. St Michael's took the lead in the first half with a close range finish from Alfie from a corner. Swanbourne equalised just before halftime but Finley restored the lead with a bullet header from another corner. The visitors equalised soon after before St Michael's were awarded a penalty. Alfie took it but it brought a wonder save from their keeper and the game ended a draw.

St Michael's: Kian (capt), Alfie, Finley, Toby, John, Seth, Emmanuelle, Harry D, Oliver H

Easter Holidays
at Wycombe Museum

Sunday 2 April - Friday 14 April

Easter Egg Hunt

Available 10am - 4pm • Museum closed Mondays & Saturdays • £3 per child

The mischievous Easter Bunny has hidden eggs around the museum garden! Help us find them all and claim your prize.

Seasonal fun Best for age 3 - 11

2nd April, Sunday

Timber!

Starts 11am • Free

Burn your own charcoal, toast marshmallows on the fire, and use your own charcoal to draw pictures of our beautiful trees.
Part of our series on the history of mills on the river Wye with Chiltern Rangers.

Family fun day For all

4th & 6th April, Tuesday & Thursday

Discover & Make: All About Bees

Sessions through the day • £4 per child

Learn all about bees, their hives, pollination, and how important these little creatures are. Make your own beeswax candle!

Crafts For children 4-11

11th & 13th April, Tuesday & Thursday

Discover & Make: Plait Mad!

Sessions through the day • £4 per child

Discover all about straw plait and weave your own creations inspired by the Chilterns history of straw plaiting.

Crafts For children 4-11

14th April, Friday

Kids' Crochet Workshop

Starts 10.30am • Tickets £8

Learn to crochet and get started on your own projects! Taught by Gen of Woollywonka's. All materials provided.

Crafts Best for age 6 - 13

Children must be accompanied by an adult at all events.

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For children
For all

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WINGRAVE NETBALL EASTER CAMP

Monday 3rd April
10-12

Wingrave park courts
cost £12
A morning of fun netball games with some match play and an Easter craft.
All you need to supply is a drink and a few snacks
more info please contact Lucy
wingrave_netball@yahoo.co.uk

Year 6 Leavers Fundraising

Come and bag yourself some bargains at the Y6 Sale on the last day of term – great opportunity to buy a new book, puzzle or game in time for the Easter holidays.
3.30pm on the Playground, Friday 31st March.

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Family Support Service

Parenting Workshops

Bitesize drop-in sessions for parents of 3 to 11 year olds

Would you like to have more confidence in encouraging positive communication and behaviour and to establish routines at home?

Come along to our drop-in sessions.

Contact us

01296 398 242
southcourtfcp@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Sessions

- **Communicating positively with your child**
  Tuesday 18 April 2023
- **Using rewards to encourage positive behaviour**
  Tuesday 25 April 2023
- **Establishing a routine**
  Tuesday 2 May 2023
- **Strengthening your relationship with your child**
  Tuesday 9 May 2023

Southcourt Family Centre Plus

10am to 11:15am

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Introduction to childminding course

Starting 26 April 2023

Are you looking for a rewarding and flexible job in childcare?

If you love the idea of working with children and helping them to grow emotionally, physically and educationally, then becoming a childminder could be the career for you. This **6-session course** will cover all areas you need to get yourself set-up.

For additional information, support or guidance information please contact the Early Years Workforce Team on:

eycpd@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

01296 382 468

Book on to the next course by scanning the QR code.

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Additional Needs Workshops

Family Hub information and advice drop-in sessions

Do you think your child may have additional needs or think they are delayed in their development?

Come and speak to professionals for information, advice and guidance on:

- where to go for support
- what you can do to help your child

No need to book, just turn up.

Contact us

01296 383293
familyinfo@
buckinghamshire.gov.uk

High Wycombe
Friday 28 April
12:30pm to 2:30pm
Wednesday 17 May
10am to 12 midday
Mapledean
Family Centre Plus

Aylesbury
Wednesday 26 April
12:30pm to 2:30pm
Wednesday 17 May
12:30pm to 2:30pm
Southcourt
Family Centre Plus

Chesham
Monday 15 May
12:30pm to 2:30pm
Newtown
Family Centre Plus

Burnham
Monday 22 May
12:30pm to 2:30pm
Burnham Family Centre

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Discover Bucks Museum

Discover Bucks Museum
Church Street
Aylesbury HP20 2QP
discoverbucksmuseum.org
01296 331441

Easter Holiday Activities

3 - 15 April 2023

Join us for our Egg-cellent **Easter Craft Activities** in the first week and **Your Amazing Brain** themed crafts and activities in the second week.
Enjoy our Easter egg trail on every day over the holidays.
Don't miss our special Family Easter Event on **Saturday 8 April!**

Discover more at discoverbucksmuseum.org
or scan the QR code

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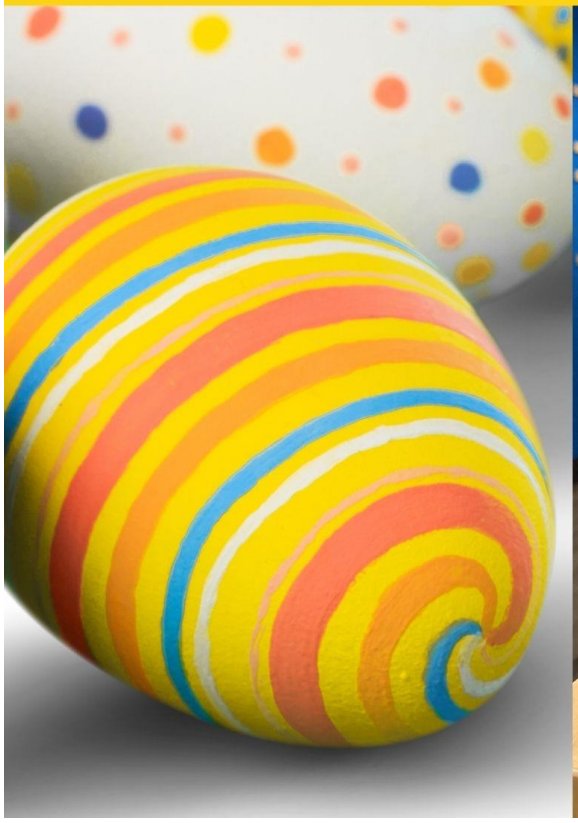

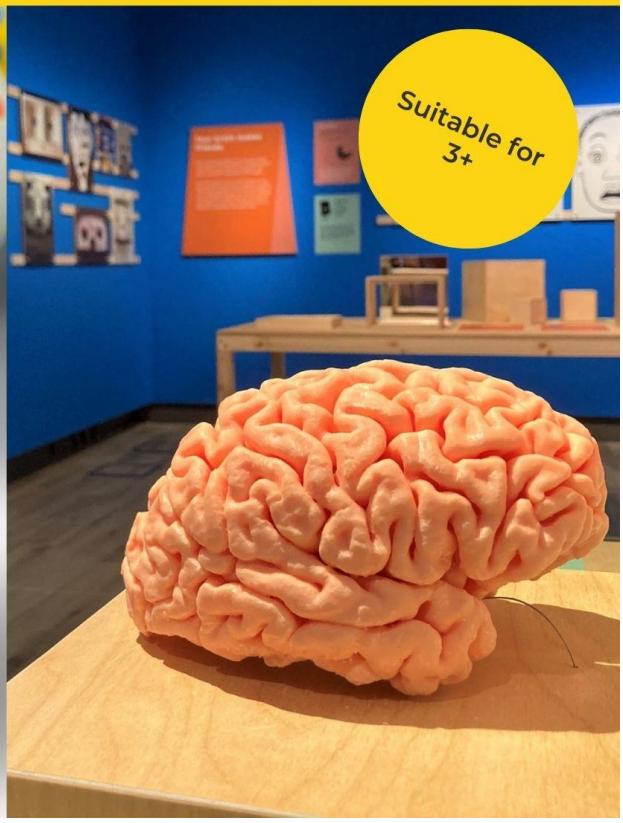

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Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Best wishes,
Fiona Phimester
School Secretary

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