ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

And just like that our Spring term is over! We enjoyed another full week of learning and activities at St Michael's. Please read on to find out what we've been up to, dates for your diary, standard information re absence etc and also some posters on local activities to enjoy during the Easter holidays.
Foundation loved their ballet session with Mrs Ward and Mr Mclellan came into assembly to do his chess presentations this week.
Friends' Chocolate Tombola was a roaring success on Thursday afternoon and the children were delighted to take their stash of chocolate home with them. Albie was the lucky winner of the bag of goodies from all those who kindly donated some chocolate and Lucia has gone home with the giant chocolate egg from yesterday's raffle.
We have had a plethora of sporting fixtures to finish off the term – from basketball to netball to football. Please see below for our sports reports.
Apologies for the last minute change of plan for our church service this morning, but I'm sure you will agree that the singing was beautiful and lifted everyone's spirits.
From everyone here at St Michael's, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Easter and we look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 17th April.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Best wishes,
Fiona Phimester
School Secretary

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:

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

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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

Although Easter is not for over a week yet, it does seem fitting to end term with a prayer that at least pre-empts Easter (and which is provided by the charity CAFOD)…
Risen Christ, when darkness overwhelms us
may your dawn beckon.
When fear paralyses us
may your touch release us.
When grief torments us
may your peace enfold us.
When apathy stagnates us
may your challenge renew us.
When courage leaves us
may your Spirit inspire us.
May your resurrection light lead us.

All best wishes and Happy Easter to everyone
Andrew Krauss

MESSAGES FROM MR MORLEY

I am writing to inform you that Mrs Cockroft will be leaving St Michael's School at the end of the Summer Term.
Mrs Cockroft has been a loyal member of our team for the last 16 years.
Personally, I am very sad to see Mrs Cockroft move on but completely understand her reasons for doing so. In the last five years Sarah supported me with both her considerable expertise and wisdom and has been instrumental in bringing about change and development of her school.
The difficult search for a successor to Sarah will begin immediately.

Pre-School

We are delighted to inform you that the pre-school will be reopening in late May / early June. After a period of presentations, interviews and research, Buttons Pre-Schools have been selected as our chosen provider. You can find out more about Buttons here: https://www.buttonspreschools.co.uk/ .
The Managing Director of Buttons, Tracie Bailey, impressed us with her vision for the Pre-School and her passion for Early Years education.
Tracie will be in touch soon with details of her offer and how to book places. In the coming days you will see banners and leaflets for Buttons and I know that Tracie is actively looking to recruit new staff. I know that the reopening of a pre-school will come as a considerable relief to our parents.

PAULA HARRISON – AUTHOR VISIT

Foundation, Y1, Y2 and Y3 had a great session with our visiting author, Paula Harrison this morning. The children enjoyed an engaging session with her before meeting her to get their books signed.

GOLDEN LEARNERS

Congratulations to all these superstars this week:

Foundation	Muriel, Maisie, Stevie
Year 1	Oscar, Darcie, Lucy
Year 2	Wilf, Eliza, Charlotte
Year 3	Blake, Joseph, Beau
Year 4	Riley, Eliza, Eddie
Year 5	Zak, Jack, Kian
Year 6	Imogen, Eliette, Toby

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Congratulations to Foundation this week who managed 98% attendance.

AWARD ASSEMBLIES

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

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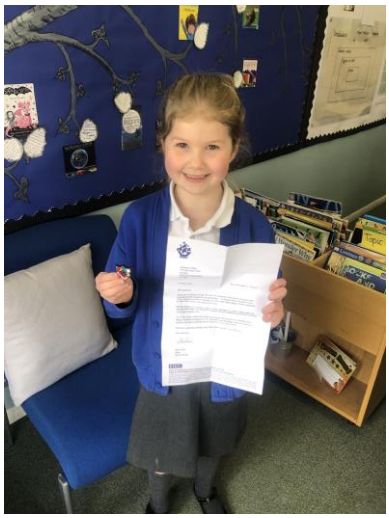
ST MICHAEL'S CELEBRATIONS

Liam achieved his 100m distance award in swimming recently.



Katherine received a Blue Peter badge for her participation in piano lessons and playing the glockenspiel in the school orchestra.

Abigail has achieved Silver Stage 1 in her Rookie Lifeguard lessons. One of the things she had to demonstrate was a rope rescue of a casualty 8 metres away.

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YEAR 3 – CAKE SALE

Thank you for all the money you have given us for our cake sale – we are very grateful. Thank you for the time that you have spent helping us and making and buying the cakes – they were delicious! We will buy some nice things with the money, like bean bags and books to improve our reading corner, equipment to help us with our learning and toys for wet breaks and golden time.

Look at this smiling happy face! The delighted winner of the amazing cake from the Year 3 cake raffle. Thank you to everyone who took part.

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#together bell ringers from this week – Well done!

We celebrate Lewis who was another amazing bell-ringer this week. Well done to you all!

MESSAGE FROM OUR LEARNING MENTOR, MRS HANN

I have used this recipe for "Cloud Dough" this week.
Although it's pretty messy to start off with, the children loved experimenting with the dough, especially how it moved and changed as they worked with it . It was very calming for them too.
It provoked fantastic conversations as well. May be worth giving it a go!

https://www.thebestideasforkids.com/cloud-dough/

Best wishes as always
H Hann
Twitter: @MrsHannStMSch

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OUR LUCKY CHOCOLATE WINNERS AT THE TOMBOLA

Amazing reading achievement in Year1

FOUNDATION NEWS

Miss Emma from Amy's Dance Academy visited Foundation to give us a chance to try out some ballet moves after we had watched some extracts from the Northern Ballet. Both boys and girls enjoyed this.

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Mrs Cristofoli visited Foundation to tell us how to cross the road safely.

Mrs Cooper kindly helped Foundation children to make chocolate crispy cakes for Easter.

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ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL SPORTS INFORMATION

NETBALL

St Michael's Team: **Eliette, Daisy, Lottie, Primrose, Mia, Azzie and Zaynab**

Last Thursday afternoon, 7 of our Year 6 netballers took part in the Primary Netball League over at Cottesloe School. Despite the terrible weather, they produced some fantastic netball both in defence and attack. The spirit and support between all our team were excellent and every single team member managed to score a goal. Our first match against Buckingham Park was a convincing win of 7-0 and the second was against a team from Waddesdon.

Again the team worked together to deliver another 7-0 win. Congratulations to all the team members. It was rewarding to watch the team putting into practice all the skills they have been working on at netball club. A big thank you to all the parents who transported and supported the children in such miserable

NETBALL

St Michael's Team: Harry D, Harriet, Grace B, Grace C, Imogen, Primrose and Daisy

Yesterday afternoon, another Year 6 team from our netball club at St Michael's took part in the Primary Netball League. All of our players produced some excellent netball in what were very competitive games.The play was fast-paced and exciting to watch, St Michaels's won the first match against St Mary's 2-1. The next match was against Winslow, a game that could easily have gone either way but ended in a 1-1 draw.

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The final match was against St Louis which turned out to be the toughest. St Michael's fought hard, created opportunities but were beaten 3-0. All our teams have been fantastic and have been a credit to St Michael's School. Well done to all our players. Scores and final position will be forwarded to us from the League in the next week.

Thanks to our parents and Mr Day for transporting.

FOOTBALL

Edlesborough 2-1 St Michaels Year 5 Boys

Another soggy fixture for St Michaels away in Edlesborough on Wednesday saw our year 5's fall to a narrow defeat. The first half was an end to end game with Harry and Given getting close at one end, and Kian pulling off some amazing saves at the other. Edlesborough scored from a wide shot and St Michaels went in to half time, one nil down. The second half was all St Michaels and the home team barely got out of their half. A string of free kicks were desperately blocked out of the Edlesborough box, but then St Michaels were caught sleeping with a quick throw in, their centre forward wrestled Harry to the ground and scored while we were waiting for the free kick. St Michaels hit back though and the pressure finally gave in when Harry picked up the ball just outside the box and drilled an unstoppable shot past their keeper. The game ended 2-1 but St Michaels deserved more from the match. Big last league game coming up after Easter for the year 5's against local rivals Overstone.

St Michaels: Harry (capt), Given, Kian, Henry, Teddie, Seb, Jamie, Cameron and Jake

BASKETBALL

On Wednesday, 10 of our year 3 and 4 pupils travelled to Mandeville School for a basketball festival. This was the first time that any of these pupils had represented the school in any team sports and all were very excited. We played four matches in our group against various other primary schools from the area. St Michaels finished with 3 wins and a loss, ending up second in our group. Another fantastic achievement from our small school, especially as some of the other schools have really big sports halls that they can practice basketball in! All the players really worked hard together as a team and developed their understanding of the game as the matches went on. Big congratulations to all involved (and promise we will have more girls at the next basketball event!).
St Michaels: Eddie, Henry, Arnie, Corey, Ted, Zed, Luke, Liam, Tom and Joshua.

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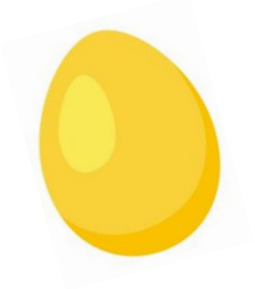
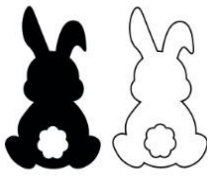
EASTER TRAIL

Find the Golden Egg!

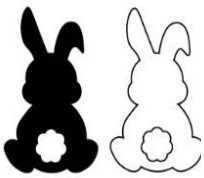


Monday 10th April 2023

11am – 1pm



At the Rec
£5 each



Prizes - Cake stall – Games
Refreshments

We are Sinead and Sophie and we are fundraising for Cambodia 2024 where we will be helping local communities build homes and schools.

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Preloved parent, children and baby goods

nct Nearly New SALE

Nearly New Sale – Leighton Buzzard

Toys, nursery items, buggies, dressing up, maternity, shoes and clothes from newborn to 15 years!

Saturday 13th May
2.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

£1.50 per adult (no need to book)

1.30 p.m. early entry for NCT members

Limited pre-bookable early bird entry 1.45p.m £2.50 (non-members)

Seller places £5 – keep up to 80% of profits! (contact to book)

Brooklands Middle School
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Zorbs & more
Arts & Crafts
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