ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our Summer Term! I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and have returned to schools refreshed and ready to go! Can someone please tell the weather that it's the SUMMER term now? Thank you for all the Bag2School donations on Tuesday morning. A total of 280 kgs was collected and this will bring in valuable fund to Friends Association who do so much for all our classes. Please note the updated dates for your diary – plenty going on as always. Tomorrow is our County Cross Country Competition at Ascott House Estate. Good luck to our team.

Best wishes
Mrs Fiona Phimester

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Sat 20th April – County Cross Country at Ascott Estate
Mon 22nd April – Year 3 Roman Day
Thurs 25th April – Y5 girls football V Edlesborough
Mon 29th April – Echoes trip to the Royal Albert Hall
Tues 30th April – Michelle Harrison Author Visit
Thurs 2nd May – Year 1 Cake Sale
Thurs 2nd May – Y6 girls football V Bedgrove
Thurs 9th May – Cricket Fun Day – more details to follow.
Thurs 9th May – Y3/4 Cross Country Race at the Rec
Fri 10th May – Bingo Night 6pm – 7.30 pm
Thurs 23rd May – KS1 Grandparents' Assembly
Fri 24th May – INSET DAY
Thurs 6th June – Foundation Cake Sale
Thurs 6th June – Fri 7th June – Y3 Caldecotte Residential Trip
Thurs 6th June – Foundation Cake Sale
Mon 10th June – Foundation & KS1 Sports Day
Tues 11th June – KS2 Sports Day
Wed 12th June – Fri 14th June – Y4 Everdon Residential Trip
Fri 14th June – Year 2 Class Assembly 9am
Mon 17th June – Fri 21st June – Year 6 Isle of Wight Residential Trip
Fri 21st June – Foundation trip to Waddesdon Manor – details to follow.
Fri 21st June – Year 4 Class Assembly 9am
Fri 28th June – Year 1 Class Picnic 2.30pm
Wed 3rd July – Fri 5th July – Year 5 Hudnall Residential Trip
Mon 8th July – District Athletics
Thurs 11th July – School Discos

Fri 12th July – Year 3 Class Assembly 9am
Fri 19th July – Year 5 Class Asssembly 9am
Tues 23rd July – Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 1.50pm

MESSAGE FROM MR MORLEY

Multi-Academy Trust
We informed parents back in November that we had entered into initial discussions with other local schools with a view to forming a MAT. After a period of engagement, St Michael's School Governing Body and the Leadership team have taken the decision to step away from the process at this time. We have not ruled out joining a MAT in the future, but in the meantime we would like to share our best wishes with the other schools as they continue their journey.

MESSAGE FROM MRS HANN

I hope you had a good Easter break. Getting back into the school routine again can make children a little tired/emotional to start off with. They should soon get back into the swing of things. Do let me know if you need any help with re-establishing morning routines or if there are particular changes in your family circumstances that may be need a bit of extra support at the moment.

Best wishes as always

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

MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH

First of all, welcome back to everyone for a new term and especially to those who will soon be leaving from Year 6. We are still in the Easter season, and will be right the way through until half term, so here is an Easter prayer for the start of term – one that will be said in many churches this coming Sunday, which is called Good Shepherd Sunday.

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep, recover the straggler, bind up the injured, strengthen the sick and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures. Amen.

With best wishes to you all

Andrew Krauss

GOLDEN LEARNERS

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

Foundation	**Joe, Kinglsey, Florence**
Year 1	**Jack, Betsy, Charlie**
Year 2	**Rocco, Albie, Iris**
Year 3	**Harrison D, Shore, Oliver**
Year 4	**Luisa, Emily, Edith**
Year 5	**Zed, Henry, Teddy**
Year 6	**Chloe, Aviya, Zak**

Well done to Year 5 who achieved the highest attendance this week at 98%.

#together bell ringers this week – Well done!

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SPRING LAMBS VISIT

We were delighted to have a visit from a couple of lambs this week. They were lucky to leave without Mrs Foy kidnapping them! Thank you to Edward's mum who so kindly brought them in to show us.

Message from former Parent at St Michael's School - Becks Hadley

I am Co-Chair of the Wingrave Twinning Association. As you may know already, Wingrave is twinned with a small town in Brittany called La Bouëxière, and for the last 40 years (apart from 2 years during Covid) we have arranged family visits between the two places to build new links and encourage new friendships promoting cultural ties between the two countries.

This year we are expecting approx 100 French people to visit Wingrave from 19th-22nd October, and we are looking for hosting families to accommodate our French friends!

I have attached a PDF giving more information about Twinning in Wingrave. Although this relationship started, and is based in Wingrave, we are happy to say that we have 'twinners' who already participate from many of the local villages, including Aston Abbotts, Cublington, Stewkley, Wing, Cheddington... we would love to involve more families who live in the local area.

We endeavour to match you with a French family with children of a similar age, which makes it more enjoyable we believe. It really is a great experience for everyone. A wonderful opportunity to experience the sharing of cultures, building new friendships, try a little French, but just experience something a bit different! Experience has shown it to be so rewarding and fun. It really is very

informal, and it is wonderful to see how for children in particular language is not a barrier - and they just seem to get on with communicating, with gaming, playing, using a little Google translate, a lot of signing etc and of course any French they have learned at school! All we ask is for a warm welcome, a place to sleep and a few meals. Twinning participants often get together for the free time too and arrange to spend time together to keep it sociable and easy.

It really is great fun hosting but obviously you also have the opportunity to travel to France next May and be hosted by the French with your family, which is a wonderful experience!

The attachment gives some more information, including the weekend schedule to give people an idea of what is involved.

FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
Join our Facebook Page - @friends&parentsofstmichaelsschoolstewkley
Or email us at – pta-stmichaels@outlook.com

ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL SPORTS INFORMATION

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Wednesday was the last game for our year 6 boys at St Michaels and although they lost, they can hold their heads up high and be very proud of how they have represented the school for the last two years.

St Michaels took the lead with a left foot banger from Seb, his last of over 20 goals for the school. We then got pegged back and Overstone took the lead before Harry perfectly connected with a high ball and volleyed St Michaels to a 2-2 scoreline at halftime. A scruffy goal from a corner gave Overstone the win but St Michaels fought and fought and were very unlucky not to come back by the final whistle.

This team has been a lot of fun in the last two years and have really helped eachother through some big wins and losses. Well done to all the year 6 boys, an absolute credit to this school.

St M – Seb (capt), Kian, Michael, Zak, Harry, Jamie, Teddie, Cameron, Henry, Jake and Given

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, 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.

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.

Next Sunday is messy church and we plan to make a giant domino train down the centre of the isle using cereal boxes. Please bring with you a new, full box of cereals (or 2 or 3 if you can) which we will leave for the food bank afterwards. Many thanks x

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Girls' Cricket

@ Stewkley Vicarage Cricket Club

Come along and join the fun!

Mondays 6-7pm at
Recreation Ground, Stewkley

Ages 9 to 13
No experience or
equipment needed

ECB qualified coaches

Free taster sessions on
15th and 22nd April

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