# ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

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**Dear Parents/Carers**

**With just one more week until the Easter break and the clocks 'springing' forward this weekend, our evenings will stretch and it'll practically be barbeque season soon!**
**It's been another busy week here at school. The Year 4s and 5s have been rehearsing for their performances next week and the excitement is building! We look forward to welcoming you on Tuesday and Wednesday when you come to enjoy the show.**
**We also have an author visit for the KS2 classes next week, two more football fixtures, the chocolate tombola and an Easter Church Service to squeeze in before the end of term. Phew!**

**Wishing you all a lovely sunny weekend.**

**Best wishes**
**Mrs Fiona Phimester**

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:**

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 – Easter Church Service – 1.45pm. Parents/Carers welcome, but standing room only.
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
**Tues 29th April – Year 5 Hudnall Park meeting, 5.30pm**
**Wed 30th April – Year 6 IOW meeting, 5.30pm**
Wed 30th April – Year 3 Swimming lessons start
**Tues 6th May – Year 4 Everdon meeting, 5.30pm**
Thurs 8th May – Visual Screening – Foundation class
Wed 21st May -Year 2 Cake Sale
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
Thurs 19th June – Foundation Cake Sale
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 – 2.30PM
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
Fri 11th July – Transition Games – Year 6 at Cottesloe School
Fri 18th July – Year 5 Class Assembly – Hudnall memories
Wed 23rd July – Leavers Assembly 1.50pm
Wed 23rd July – Last day of term

**MESSAGE FROM MRS HANN**

Wow! What a busy few weeks with one more to go until the Easter break. Thank you for supporting your children with becoming their best selves at school. Shout if you need my help with that.

*Best wishes as always*
*Helen Hann*
**Learning Mentor, DSL and Acting SENCo**
*My usual working pattern is Monday to Wednesday in school.*

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**SPOTLIGHT ON…**

Mrs Pennifold – our lovely Teaching Assistant in the Year 2 classroom. Known for her amazing dance moves, traybaking skills, cheerful demeanour and wonderfully colourful trousers! I think Mrs Pennifold needs to give us a masterclass in both vegetable growing and salsa dancing.

1. **What is your favourite thing to do in your free time?**
   In my free time I love to spend time at my allotment, I can usually be found weeding or planting lots of vegetables. It's been a hobby of mine for many years and I love to get my hands muddy.

2. **Do you support a sports team?**
   I don't really support a sports team but I do enjoy watching MK Lightening!! Mostly because I get to enjoy a doughnut or two!

3. **What was your favourite subject in school when you were younger?**
   My favourite subject at school was always Drama!! I loved my drama teacher and he really helped me be more confident. I was always taking part in shows at school.

4. **Why did you choose to work at St Michaels?**
   Why St Michael's? Well it just kind of happened without me really thinking about it. I just remember visiting the school and feeling like this is where I belong. I've loved being here ever since.

5. **If you had a dream car, what would it be?**
   My dream car would have to be a really old VW camper van so I could make myself a cup of tea on my travels.

6. **What is your favourite country that you have visited?**

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My favourite country would have to be America, I've been to Colorado snowboarding. We had a great trip exploring super exciting slopes!!

7. **We know you love dancing... What is your favourite song to dance to and.... What is your signature dance move?**
   Dancing is my absolute favourite thing to do. I spend lots of my free time travelling the country to find different venues to dance. My favourite song to dance to is "Wade in the water" by Ramsey Lewis. It's quite tricky to pick one favourite dance move, there are soooo many but I do enjoy a pivot!!

**GOLDEN LEARNERS**

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

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| **Foundation** | **Henry A, Nathanael, Harry** |
| **Year 1** | **Barnaby, Lottie, Albie** |
| **Year 2** | **Joseph, Louis, Phoebe** |
| **Year 3** | **Edie B, Max, Lucy** |
| **Year 4** | **Archie, Maddie, Oliver** |
| **Year 5** | **Lewis, Joseph, Ella-Louise** |
| **Year 6** | **Willow, Joshua, Gracie** |

**Year 5! Over 99% attendance this week. A great achievement! Well done.**

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## CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA

How are the office team are expected to work with this tasty stash next to them? Thank you for such generous donations of chocolate on non-uniform day. Please see the poster below for details of how to win some at the Friends Easter Chocolate Tombola next week.

## ST MICHAEL'S CELEBRATION

**This Year 4 superstar took part in a football tournament with his Leighton Town pan disability team for the BOBi league at Oxford United ground. Well done!**

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It's been busy in Year 4 this week and this tumbling superstar came 2nd in a recent qualifying competition which means she will represent the East of England for the finals in May. Amazing!

These dancing stars from Year 5 took to the stage at Waterside Theatre recently and performed to hundreds of people. Don't they look amazing?
Well done!
We love hearing about everyone's achievements outside of school and are proud of you all.

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# ***MR DAY'S ST MICHAEL'S SPORTING ROUNDUP***

**The Unbeatables!**

**St Michael's 3-0 Quainton**

A special mention this week for a very special football team. Our current year 6 girls wrapped up their second league title in 2 years on Thursday with a professional 3-0 win against a good Quainton team. They still have one more game to play next week, away to Newton Longville, but can't be caught now at the top of the league.
What is even more remarkable is that they have never lost a game of schools league football. This is an amazing achievement and something the girls should be very proud of.
Last night's win came courtesy of goals from Madi (1) and Gracie (2), one of Gracie's goals was a lovely outside of the foot, first time finish from a Rosie Tu cross. But this didn't tell the whole story as Quainton were probably the best team the girls have come across in 2 years, however some solid defending at the back from Rosie Ta and Scarlett and some great battling in the midfield from Emily meant that they rarely got to test Carys in goal, who made a couple of solid saves when needed. Rosie Ta got player of the match but any of our girls could have got this. They have a goal difference of +19 this season and are yet to concede a goal!

St M - Rosie Ta, Rosie Tu, Madi, Gracie, Emily, Carys, Scarlett

**A flashback to the recent District Cross Country Competition and a proudly held trophy that was awarded for 2nd place in the Year 3 /4 Girls Race.**
**A great result!**

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# Easter Tombola

3RD APRIL - 3:30PM

CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA

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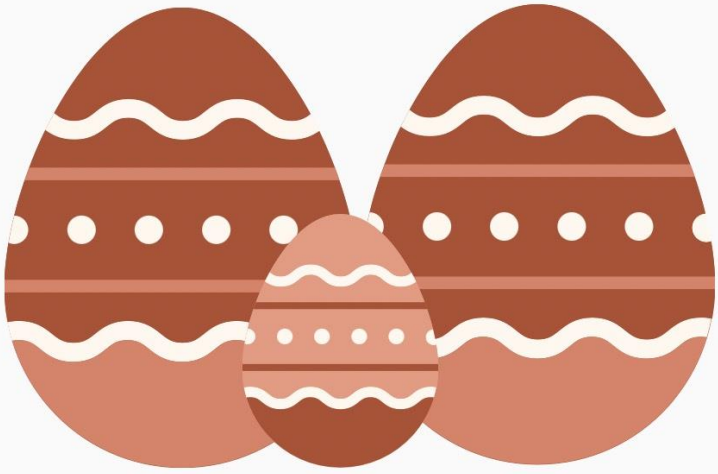
EASTER THEMED STALLS



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STEWKLEY VILLAGE HALL
7:30PM-11:45PM
RAISING MONEY FOR THE YEAR 6 LEAVERS AND STEWKLEY FC
TICKETS £15
FOR TICKETS CONTACT
DAN-07921 867261
MELISSA-07904 436247

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**Ride High are offering a discount for children signing up using the code SCH25**

RIDE MK

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# CYCLING FESTIVAL

29JUNE FURZTON LAKE MILTON KEYNES

## 1.6 MILE READY-SET-GO ROUTE

Jump on your **bike, trike or scooter** for one lap of Furzton Lake.

Come along in **fancy dress** (our theme is cowboys), with a prize for the best costume.

Open to children aged 0-12yrs. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. All participants will receive a medal, and there will be a festival afterwards for everyone to enjoy.

Ride MK is a fundraising event organised by children's charity Ride High, and participants are asked to raise money to support their work with vulnerable and disadvantaged children in Milton Keynes.

Raising funds for RIDE HIGH

Reg Charity No. 1166260

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OPPORTUNITY BUCKS | SUCCEEDING FOR ALL

# COMMUNITY ACTION DAY

## Wednesday 16 April, 11am - 3pm

Southcourt Family Centre Plus, Aylesbury College Campus,
Oxford Road, Aylesbury, HP21 8PD

**Residents and community members** are invited to come along and discuss any matters with multi-agency teams:

- **FREE Crime Prevention advice and security items**
- **FREE Health Checks and advice**
- **FREE Bouncy castle, face painting and other activities for children**
- **FREE Waste/recycling advice and products**
- **Helping Hands – advice on help and support available**
- **Domestic Energy Efficiency- advice on grants and schemes**
- **Housing- discuss any concerns and issues**
- **Adult Learning- advice on courses available to you**

Teams and local volunteers will be in the area undertaking high visibility patrols, completing litter picks and dealing with issues in the community.

Visit: **buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-action-days**

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**“Are you a parent or carer interested in knowing more about ADHD? Come to our free MIND Morning event this March. To book on scan the QR code on the attached flyer or click this link: [https://forms.office.com/e/Sv5XmdrmtR](https://forms.office.com/e/Sv5XmdrmtR)”**

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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.