ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed a lovely Easter break. Our Summer Term is here (someone tell the weather please!). The term of SATS, school trips, sports days and sunshine!
We have had busy start to the term with a visit from a children's author for KS2, Y4 Class Assembly and lots of maypole dancing practise.
Please see below for some dates for your diaries and scroll to the end of the Newsletter for procedures such as how to report your child's absence, how to book Breakfast and After School Clubs and school lunches as well as the Inset dates for the next academic year.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Best wishes,
Fiona Phimester
School Secretary

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Tuesday 25th April – Y2 SATS Meeting – 3pm
Thursday 27th April – Y4 Cake Sale
Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday
Friday 5th May – Y3 Class Assembly
Monday 8th May – Bank Holiday
Tuesday 23rd May – Phonics Meeting – 3pm
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
Friday 29th Sept – Family Music Show

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.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

Please see below for details of upcoming activities at our After School Clubs.

St. Michael's ASC After School Club

At our in-house after-school club we have fun activities on offer

Stay and Play
Join us for Play-worker led activities on Mondays & Fridays

Changing Tuesdays
We will be doing these activities :
18/04/23 - Minute to Win it Championship
25/04/23 - Computer Club
02/05/23 - Lego Club
09/05/23 - Big Screen Pictionary Charades
16/05/23 - Lego Club
23/05/23 - Secret Garden (! weather permitting !)

Art Club Wednesdays
Each week we create different types of art and crafts throughout the year. Learning new techniques.

Book Club Thursdays
Children will be able to relax and listen to a story.
We sometime make listening dens
and just like book club we will stop at an
appropriate point, to discuss as we go.

To book a place on the after-school club for either 1 hour or 1.5 hours please do this via Parent Pay by **Thursday** at midnight for the following week.

Children to be collected at 4.30pm or at 5pm

MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH

We in the ministry team hope that you had a good break over the Easter period. In the fortnightly assemblies last term, we introduced the children to a variety of people for whom Christian faith was a true guiding light for their lives. There was Abbe Pierre who began the Emmaus Community helping homeless men (there's an Emmaus Community just outside Hemel Hempstead), Angela Burdett-Coutts who, in 1820, unexpectedly inherited the equivalent of £200m (yes, she was speechless) and initiated many projects including what became the NSPCC and the RSPCA. And there was C S Lewis who didn't build churches or start a charity, but who made his mission to help children think. It was heartening that they could name "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe".

This coming term we will continue that general theme with the overall intention of opening up the Christian faith because we genuinely believe there is lots to explore. Our first assembly is focussed on St Mark, the writer of Mark's gospel. It sounds straightforward enough, but Mark wrote his gospel in Rome at a period of absolute terror under the rule of Emperor Nero. Challenging stuff.

With every blessing,

Rev'd Howard Robson.

TRING BOOK SHOP

You may remember that we recently had the children's author, Alasdair Beckett-King, come and visit some of our classes.
The Book Shop in Tring is hosting a Children's Bookclub Meeting on Sunday 14th May at 2pm and Alasdair will be joining the meeting via Zoom.
If anyone would like to go along to the event, please email the shop directly and book their place (along with a trusted adult.)
The email for the shop is shop@ourbookshoptring.co.uk
There will initially be some chat with the Bookshop owner and then an opportunity to ask any questions directly to Alasdair.

CLASS PHOTOS AND LEAVER'S PHOTOS

The school photographer was with us yesterday and it was great to see all children with their bright smiles for the camera. The proofs should be back with us within the next 10 days and I'm sure you are all eager to see them. The photographers took time to comment of what delightful children we have at St Michael's and how much they enjoyed their visit to our school.

ANNA JAMES – AUTHOR VISIT

KS2 were delighted to meet children's author, Anna James, this week. Anna did a great session with all the children and answered lots of curious questions.

GOLDEN LEARNERS

Congratulations to all these superstars this week:

Foundation	Casey C, Muriel W, Joseph T
Year 1	Alfie H, Albie S, Reggie S
Year 2	Cecily, Harrison
Year 3	Amelie H-T, Sophia, Olympia
Year 4	Harry B, Freddie H, Edward T
Year 5	Aisha F, Cameron T, Josie T
Year 6	Grace B, Daisy K, Harriet T

ATTENDANCE AWARD

A great start to our Summer Term with 2 classes achieving 100% attendance this week. Huge congratulations to Years 1 and 4 this week.

FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

C A N Y O U H E L P ?

Does the thought of joining Friends of St Michael's committee break you out in a sweat!?!

Feel like you can't committee *allllll* that time but still want to help in some way?

Join our Helpers Group

We will add you to our helpers list and when we need some help we will put a call out. If you can help, brilliant, if you can't no worries we'll catch you next time!

The ways in which you can help is endless but includes:

- **Baking cakes**
- **Manning stalls and helping on the day to run events**
- **Providing services or skills that you have or have access to that will help with fundraising events**

Of course if joining the committee does appeal we would love to welcome you

If you would like to be added to our helpers group or want more information on the Friends please email: pta-stmichaels@outlook.com

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#together bell ringers from this week – Well done!

MESSAGE FROM OUR LEARNING MENTOR, MRS HANN

Listening to music and singing along to favourite songs is a great way to create long-lasting family memories, as well as being beneficial to well-being.

Instrumental music can have a big impact on helping children develop imagination, focus and pattern-making.

In assemblies this week, we have been listening to Moonlight Sonata by Beethoven. We have been noticing the patterns in the melodies and rhythms and how these are developed. Next week, we will be exploring how Beethoven created the mood and atmosphere of this piece. You may like to follow up by listening to it as a family.
https://youtu.be/4Tr0otuiQuU

Best wishes as always
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ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL SPORTS INFORMATION

Broughton 0-2 St Michaels

The year 6 girls football team continued their dominant season with a comfortable 2-0 victory away at Broughton in the quarter final of the Aylesbury Vale Cup. A great finish in the first half by Daisy meant that St Michaels went in to half time with a deserved lead. The second half saw more pressure from St Michaels and Primrose smashed in a second goal, taking the Broughton goalkeeper in to the net with her! Eliette in goal had a couple of saves to make late on, but kept everything out and our girls finished the game witrh some close chances. Semi final to come, as well as their final league match which could see the girls wrap up the double.

St Michaels: Eden, Jet, Primrose, Isla, Eliette, Daisy, Grace C, Azura and Zaynab.

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.

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KING'S CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

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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)

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