ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

And so we come to the end of our Spring Term. Wasn't it Christmas just a couple of weeks ago? How lovely to end the week with this glorious sunshine and fingers crossed it lasts for the Easter holidays. It's been a packed last week full of Award Assemblies, author visits, Church services, class performances, football fixtures and lots and lots of chocolate fun!
Our Year 4 and 5 classes wowed their families with their great performances on Tuesday and Wednesday. A huge thank you to Mrs Buckland, Mrs Deverill and Miss Symes for pulling it all together and entertaining all the parents/carers.
Please check the dates for your diary as there a couple of additions.
Have a wonderful Easter break – long may the sunshine continue!
We look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 22nd April.

Best wishes
Mrs Fiona Phimester

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

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
Thurs 1st May – Year 3 Caldecotte meeting, 5.30pm
Tues 6th May – Year 4 Everdon meeting, 5.30pm
Thurs 8th May – Visual Screening – Foundation class
Sumn 11th May - **Sunday Breakfast at the Rec – details to follow**
Mon 12th May – Year 6 SATS week
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

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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

Wishing you all some happy times together over the Easter break. This may be useful!

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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MR BRADBURY

Mr Bradbury is not at St Michael's at the moment due to poor health. Each of the classes have made a card to send our best wishes to him. I'm sure you all join us wishing him well.

SPRING AWARD ASSEMBLIES

It's always a pleasure to invite parents/carers in to our Awards Assembly and see the looks of delight on the children's faces when they spot their loved ones in the audience. Well done to everyone for their achievements this term.

KS1

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KS2

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BELLRINGERS #together

AUTHOR VISIT – JACOB NORTH

It was great to have author, Jacob North with us this week who was fabulous at engaging and inspiring the children.

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EASTER FAYRE

The sun was out for chocolate tombola and Easter stalls yesterday. What a success it was! Friends put on a great event and raised approximately £500 – wow! Thank you so much for all you do for our school.

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LOST PROPERTY

Does this belong to you? Please come and retrieve it from the school office. Many thanks.

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YEAR 6 LEAVERS FUNDRAISING

Y6 have been working really hard throughout the month of March to bank enough hours of activity to "virtually" climb Everest. They have been fundraising for their Leaver's events and have taken part in a huge variety of activities: football, dancing, litter picking, swimming, cheerleading, helping with chores, gardening and reading to name just a few. With over 650 hours of activity between them banked throughout the month, they have smashed their target and reached the summit **#together**.

So far, they have collected £645, with some left to collect. There will be further events planned to help them to reach the amount they will need, to give them some amazing St.Michael's leavers' memories and leave a legacy gift to the school. Thank you to everyone who is supporting them.

CRICKET

A familiar face returned to St Michael's last week when Mrs Munday came to do some cricket in the sunshine. We are entering cricket season now. Please see below for contact details of the local club.

Stewkley Vicarage VCC Junior section - Saturday sessions start in May. Please contact David Wheeler for information basedavidw@btinternet.com

Year 5 mixed team – manager Paul Smith paulsmith1979@yahoo.com Training - Tuesdays 7-8pm after Easter.

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SVCC

JOIN STEWKLEY GIRLS CRICKET TEAM!

Ages 9-13

STEWKLEY REC

6-7PM ON MONDAYS

FROM 28th APRIL

GIRLS (YEARS 5 - 8)

U11 AND U13 TEAMS SOFTBALL AND HARDBALL

NO EXPERIENCE OR EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

QUALIFIED COACHES

COME AND TRY A SESSION FOR FREE

CONTACT claireemunday @hotmail.com

EVERYDAY CHANGE

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NHS
Oxford Health
NHS Foundation Trust

I WANT GREAT CARE

COME AND SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH US

JOIN US FOR OUR COFFEE MORNING

- I Want Great Care is our survey which allows you to tell us about your experience with us
- Your views can help to shape the service
- Your chance to discuss your personal experience on the day

LOCATION: SUE NICHOLLS CENTRE, BIERTON ROAD, AYLESBURY, HP20 1EG
DATE: 16TH APRIL 2025
TIME: 10AM - 12PM

No booking required - turn up on the day

Young people, parents and carers welcome

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MONDAY 21ST APRIL

Stewkley Recreation ground

10AM–12 NOON

£2.50 per child

Bacon rolls

Tea/coffee & cakes

EASTER EGG TRAIL

Raising money for Stewkley Football Club

- **Tombola**
- **Guess the bunny's name**
- **Guess how many eggs in the jar**

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PERM
26
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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

GEAR UP AND GIVE

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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

WWW.RIDEHIGH.ORG/RIDEMK

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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**

THAMES VALLEY POLICE

Working together for a safer Buckinghamshire

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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.