ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

We had some noisy guests to St Michael's this week – mid week visitors in the form of 3 lambs and a hen! It was wonderful to see the younger children engage with animals and ask lots of inquisitive questions before have a gentle stroke. The animals were amazingly patient and friendly with everyone despite the occasional nervous wee! (by the lambs, I may add!)

Last weekend was the County Cross Country Championships and what a great event it was! Read on find out how we got on and for some photos of the action.

Some of our Year 4 children took part in a Multi Skills Festival this morning which was lots of fun. Please see below for some action shots.

Its Bank Holiday weekend so please enjoy an extra day off on Monday and we look forward to seeing you again on Tuesday.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Best wishes,
Fiona Phimester
School Secretary

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday
Friday 5th May – Y3 Class Assembly and Coronation Party
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 Magic Show

MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH

In this week's assembly, we introduced the pupils to St Mark, author of Mark's Gospel. Those were dangerous times as persecution of the early Christians had begun. The young Mark was not put off however, travelling around the Mediterranean with Peter and Paul to spread the Gospel of Christ. We used a couple of puppets to help us with the story; a "young lad" puppet for young Mark and an "old man" puppet for later in his life.

As the persecution worsened under Emperor Nero, it became imperative to write down the Gospel because so many witnesses to Christ's life were either dying or being killed. Peter had already been arrested once and as Peter had been with Christ from the start, we believe Peter was the main source for Mark. Hand written, the message was recorded clearly, but as brief as possible because of the dangers which means that Mark's is the shortest of the four gospels. If you were caught with a copy, you were for the chop. And Peter was killed at Nero's behest, which we know from Roman records.

Mark showed such commitment and determination in the face of huge personal danger and his Gospel has been included in every bible printed since. No wonder he's a saint.

With every blessing,

Rev'd Howard Robson.

MESSAGE FROM MR MORLEY

We are sad to announce that Sararh Parker (Croucher) is leaving at the end of this Summer term. It is always hard to lose valuable member of staff, but we are so pleased for Sarah who has been appointed EYSF + KS1 Team Leader at Eaton Bray Academy from September.
I'm sure you will all join me in wishing Sarah all the very best for her new role.

REQUEST FROM Y4

Do you have any of the following that you could kindly donate to Year 4 for their DT work please?

Wire coat hangers
Plastic bottle tops
Cotton reels
Small cardboard boxes (no bigger than a child's shoe box)
Small plastic bottles (no bigger than 500ml)

Please bring any items into Y4 class or into the office. Many thanks in advance.

FARM DAY AT FOUNDATION AND KS1

A huge thank you to Mr & Mrs Taylor and Miss Edwards for bringing their lambs and hen to our Foundation and KS1 classes. The children were captivated by their woolly and feathered visitors.

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GOLDEN LEARNERS

Congratulations to all these superstars this week:

Foundation	Betsy T, Albert W, Maisie, M
Year 1	Charlie L, Yasmina S, Ruby W
Year 2	Grace H, Archie C, Siena
Year 3	Katherine L, Oliver W, Yiannis
Year 4	Corey F, Willow H, Benjamin W
Year 5	Jake B, Amelie G, Harry S
Year 6	Harry D, Lottie D, Reuben D

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Another week with joint winners – Year 4 and Year 5 both achieved 97% in attendance this week, with Y4 being top for the second week in a row! Well done!

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FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

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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

*I'm in the process of organising some informal Parent/Carer "**Coffee and a Chat**" sessions on Monday mornings starting on **Monday 15th May 2023 at 9am to 9-30am in the Nest**. The idea is to build connections and share ideas about anything that can be tricky as a parent/carer e.g. managing anxiety in children; managing meltdowns.*

The first one will be about us agreeing the focus for each week and deciding on favourite biscuits! Let me know if you're coming along by emailing the office or texting "Yes please, Mrs Hann".

So onwards!
Best wishes as always
H Hann
Learning Mentor

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ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL SPORTS INFORMATION

CROSS COUNTRY

St Michael's team was exceptional and we are so proud of everyone who ran their socks off. The team spirit created a great atmosphere and there were lots of hoarse voices from all the cheers of encouragement. Thank you to all the parent, carers, grandparents and friends who came to support the children.
The boy's team won their category, our girls were runners-up and the St Michael's team won overall! Amazing result with lots of impressive trophies to take back to Stewkley!
Thank you to Mr Day for organising everyone on the day and it was lovely to see the familiar face of Mrs Munday at the helm of the event.

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St Michael's B 2-1 Overstone B

St Michaels Year 5 boys finished off the season in style with a dominant 2-1 win over local rivals Overstone. This result mean that St Michaels B finish above Overstone in 5th place in their league. The game itself was played predominantly in the Overstone half, with St Michaels controlling possession of the ball. The first half saw Harry hit the bar with an absolute screamer from outside the area, and some great battling in the midfield from debutant Zak. Then just before the half time whistle, Seb picked the ball up on the halfway line, set off on a mazy dribble through most of the Overstone players, only to have his stringing shot save by their keeper. Luckily, sliding in at the back post was Given to score and put St Michaels in the lead. Overstone then smashed a ball upfield and caught out the home defence with a loopy finish over Kian. 1-1 at the break was a totally unfair scoreline.
The second half saw St Michaels have shot after shot, finger tip saves were needed from Jamie, Harry and Seb's shots, while Cameron fired just wide after finding himself unmarked in the penalty area. With a minute to go, Kian came out of goal to save a promising Overstone attack. St Michaels were running out of time when Harry looped in their 10th corner of the game, Seb got his head to the cross and headed it down against an Overstone defender, it popped back to Seb and he blasted the ball in the net. St Michaels had a won and put in their best performance of the season, well done boys.
St Michaels B - Harry (capt), Zak, William, Given, Teddy, Seb, Jamie, Jake, Kian, Cameron and Henry

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MULTI-SKILL FESTIVAL

Twenty children from year 4 travelled to Aylesbury High School this morning to take part in a multi skills festival. They took part in 8 different events that tested their ball skills, coordination, teamwork and agility. The head of PE at AHS commented on how good our children were and especially about how well behaved they had all been, well done year 4!

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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.

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.

KING'S CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

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The chance to connect with like-minded people who have walked in your shoes.

Walking With You is a parent led support group for anyone supporting children and young people, up to the age of 25, experiencing mental health difficulties.

You can take part discussing shared experiences with other parents and carers as well as having **mental health professionals from CAMHs** on-hand to support and answer any questions you may have.

Currently sessions are being ran by Microsoft Teams. you can join or leave as any point (meetings are not recorded).

Our next three sessions are:

Friday April 28th 10-11.30am
Local Services Bucks County Council, KOOTH, SENDIAS, CAMHS/SPA.

Friday May 26th 10-11.30am
Anxiety, Emotional regulation and Violent behaviours.

Friday June 23rd 10-11.30am*
Transitions - CAMHS to AMS, School, University, apprenticeships, work place.

*face to face meeting

If you would like to join our session/s or would like further information, please contact:

Oma Nwajiuba,
Participation Lead
Barnado's Bucks CAMHs & Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust at
ekeoma.nwajiuba@barnardos.org.uk

Please also confirm your consent to use your e-mail address.

Buckinghamshire CAMHS

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