ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers
As we hurtle towards the May Bank Holiday weekend, it's been another packed week at St Michael's. We started the week with our older pupils travelling to the Royal Albert Hall in London to perform at the Echoes event. It was a long day, but the children had a fabulous time and thank you to all the parents who went along to support them.
KS2 enjoyed the visit from author, Michelle Harrison on Tuesday and Years 2 and 4 had a lot of fun at the cricket event on Wednesday.
On Thursday we hosted the girls football team from Bedgrove School for a match. Please below for Mr Day's match report.
We always try to encourage and implement small changes to help the environment wherever we can. Please can you play your part and if you are waiting in the car park to drop off for Breakfast Club, please can you ensure that your engine is switched off? This will save unnecessary air pollution as well as saving your fuel. Thanks so much for your cooperation.

A reminder that Monday 6th May is a Bank Holiday and so the school will be closed. Enjoy the long weekend and we look forward to seeing you again on Tuesday 7th May.

Best wishes
Mrs Fiona Phimester

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

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 2.45pm
Thurs 23rd May – Y5/6 Girls' Football Tournament 9.30am – 2pm
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
Thurs 20th June – Year 1 & 2 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo – details to follow.
Fri 21st June – Foundation trip to Waddesdon Manor – details to follow.

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Fri 21st June – Year 4 Class Assembly 9am
Tues 25th June – Contingency KS1 Sports Day
Wed 26th June – Contingency KS2 Sports Day
Fri 28th June – Year 1 Class Picnic 2.30pm
Mon 1st July – Girls County Football Finals
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 Assembly 9am
Tues 23rd July – Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 1.50pm

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Internet Safety - Webinar Information Session for Parents
Wednesday 8th May 2024 – 4pm – 4.45pm

These sessions are designed to support parents/carers in protecting their children and to help them understand the risks associated with using technology.
The session will cover –
• Current trends – what children are doing online, what apps/ games are popular amongst children.
• Understanding the Risks – a look at the risks associated with using technology, in particular when using social media, online gaming & live streaming.
• What can you do – some suggestions for how you can support your child with their online lives and what parental controls are available to help you.
• Further Support – signposting to services that are available to help you if you need it.
A link to the online meeting will be sent to parents a few days before the meeting.

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MESSAGE FROM MRS HANN

Huge thanks to all children, staff and parents/carers who were part of the preparation for and actual performance of our choir with over 1000 other pupils at the Royal Albert Hall on Monday. It really was a wonderful day and the children were exceptional as singers, as audience members and as representatives of St Michael's. Thank you!

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

MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH

In this Sunday's reading, from John's Gospel, we will hear the famous words of Christ to his disciples that he does not call them servants but instead he calls them friends. This, he says, is because he has freely shared with them those things that he has received from his heavenly Father. It is presented as part of a motivation for the disciples to immerse themselves in the command to love one another, among other things in order to perceive and understand God more deeply in so doing. This famous commandment to love may be emphasized in the Easter season but is of course something that pervades the entire church year and renews life most fully.

Best wishes to you all and especially to Revd Howard as he prepares to move to Derbyshire for his new post.

Andrew Krauss

GOLDEN LEARNERS

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

Foundation	**Freddie, Koby, Maya**
Year 1	**Marni, Bradley, Elizabeth**
Year 2	**Edie A, Oscar, Darcie**
Year 3	**Sofia, Sebastian, Luke**
Year 4	**Poppy, Paige, Wilfred**
Year 5	**Rosie Ta, Joshua B, Edward S**
Year 6	**Henry, Jack, Gabriella**

Another great week for our Year 6 class who have won the Attendance Cup for the second week in a row with 96% attendance.

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#together bell ringers this week – Well done!

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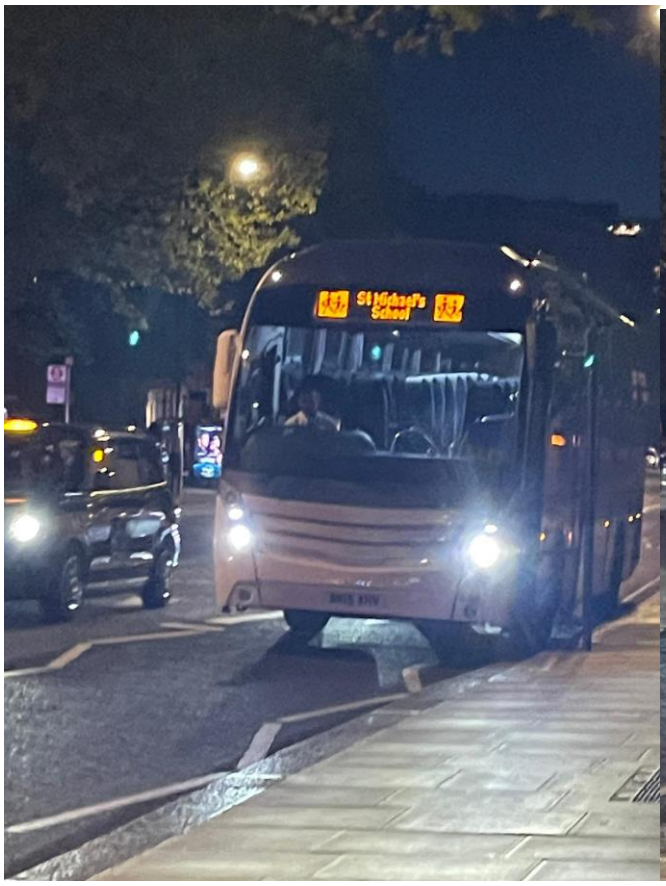
FOUNDATION CLASS

Foundation welcomed a really special guest to their classroom this week. 'George' the miniature Shetland pony was extremely patient and well behaved while the children gently groomed and petted him. He was the perfect guest! Thank you for coming to visit.

Friday morning saw another special visitor to Foundation – this time it was Big Gill – the leopard ghecko. The children were fascinated – Mrs Holdsworth less so!

ECHOES – ROYAL ALBERT HALL

30 of our Year 5 and 6 pupils travelled to the Royal Albert Hall on Monday to represent St Michael's at the Echoes performance. They had a wonderful time and did a great job of demonstrating our school values throughout the day.
I think the strap line on the bus says it all!



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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 :
16/04/24 - Minute to Win it Championship
23/04/24 - Computer Club
30/04/24 - Lego Club
07/05/24 - Big Screen Pictionary
14/05/24 - Music Fun
21/05/24 - Outside games

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

Scarecrow Making Thursdays
After school Club have been picked to represent the school in the village Scarecrow competition this time.
We might be looking for some materials. As the children have plans to make a giant mushroom with a fairy scarecrow on top and lots of little scarecrows.

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

Miss Hart creates fantastic activities for the children to take part in during After School Club. Check out these smiling faces from some of our Year 1 girls with their May Day crowns that they made in After School Club this week.

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ST MICHAEL'S CELEBRATIONS

This gymnastics superstar competed in an external gymnastics competition in Luton last weekend as part of the Gymfinity Milton Keynes Squad. She had a fabulous event and took home two bronze medals on the Beam & Bars, a gold medal on the Vault and finished in bronze medal position overall.
Well done! Everyone at St Michael's is very proud of you.

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

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ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL SPORTS INFORMATION

St Michael's 3-0 Bedgrove

Our amazing year 6 girls made it 4 wins from 4 games in the league on Thursday afternoon. Goals from Chloe, Georgie and a first ever goal from Aisha gave St Michael's a comfortable victory. If they win their next game then they win the league.

St M: Chloe (capt), Amelie, Peggy, Abi, Lucia, Emmie, Aviya, Evie, Josie, Tegan, Georgie, Evie, Aisha

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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.