ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

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Friday 5th May 2023

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Dear Parents/Carers

A short, but busy week at school, culminating in our Coronation Party in a sea of red, white and blue, plenty of amazing dancing performances and LOTS of cake!

Our Year 4 class had a trip to the Gurdwara in Milton Keynes and loved learning about the Sikh culture.

We had some more fluffy friends come to visit this week when Miss Edwards came in with 5 tiny, week old chicks for the children to see.

Its round two of the Bank Holidays so please enjoy another extra day off on Monday and we look forward to seeing you again on Tuesday.

Wishing you a great weekend – enjoy the Coronation celebrations.

Best wishes,
Fiona Phimester
School Secretary

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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

With the coronation tomorrow it seems most appropriate to offer the following official prayer…

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, bless our Sovereign Lord, King Charles, and all that are in authority under him; that they may order all things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour of your name, and the good of your church and people. Amen.

Best wishes for the weekend

Andrew Krauss

FLUFFY FRIENDS

Foundation, Y1, Y2 and Y3 were delighted to be visited by some tiny bantam chicks this week. The school was filled with the sound of chirping and the children loved gently patting the tiny birds. A huge thank you to Miss Edwards who so kindly brought them in to show us.

KING'S CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

Stewkley

Celebrating the Coronation of
King Charles III

KING CHARLES III • CORONATION • 6TH MAY 2023

Join us for a Bank Holiday weekend full of celebration, fun and games!

Saturday 6th May 2023
3pm - 5:30pm
Tea and Cakes at the Village Hall

Get together with your friends to celebrate the Coronation.

Entertainments will include:-

- A replay of the Coronation ceremony
- Local royal footage from the Stewkley Film Archive
- A Coronation Quiz
- Yummy home made cakes
- All proceeds in aid of Village Help for Ukraine and Leighton Buzzard Foodbank

Sunday 7th May 2023
12:30pm - 5:30pm
Big Family Picnic and Car Show at the Rec

Car Show
1pm – 5pm
Vehicle types to include:-

- Agricultural
- Classic
- HGV
- Motorbikes
- Vintage

Picnic
Set up your picnic area anytime from 11am

- BBQ
- Cakes and Refreshments in the pavilion
- Ice Creams
- Rec Bar open during the afternoon

Entertainment

- 1pm - St. Michael's School Maypole Dancing
- 1:30pm & 3pm - Owlswick Morris Dancers
- 2:15pm & 3:45pm - Secklow Brass

Fun and Games

- Bouncy Castle
- Golf Game
- Traditional fairground sideshows - Coconut Shy, Hook a Duck, Dart a Card, Wheel of Fortune, Splat the Rat
- Petting Donkeys and Guines Pigs from Blackthorn Nursery

Coronation Competitions
Four age groups - Under 6, Under 11, Teenagers & Parents

- 2pm - Sack race, Egg and spoon, Three-legged and Sprint races

Fund Raising Stalls
A variety of stalls will be raising money for Ukraine, charities, local organisations and youth expeditions

Monday 8th May 2023

Be part of the nationwide volunteering initiative, 'The Big Help Out'.

Team up with your neighbours to make your section of your street look its best in the Stewkley village tidy up!

THE BIG HELP OUT

Lend a hand. Make a change.

MONDAY 8TH MAY

Sponsored by Chapman DESIGN & MEDIA

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GOLDEN LEARNERS

Congratulations to all these superstars this week:

Foundation	Phoebe F, Marni B, Hayden W
Year 1	Reggie S, Max R, Edie B
Year 2	Oliver M, Oliver J, Edward R
Year 3	Samuel W, Darcie P,Kaitlyn G
Year 4	Isla L, Rosie Tu, Carys B
Year 5	Kian W, Hattie A, Henry R
Year 6	Sofia C, Jet D, Robbie D

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Amazing healthy effort from Year 1 this week with 100% attendance! Well done everyone!

YEAR 4 CAKE SALE

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Year 4 Cake Sale last week. It was a great success despite the soggy weather and £120 was raised for the class. Thank you.

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GURDWARA TRIP – Y4

The Year 4s had a wonderful trip up to the Sikh Gurdwara in Milton Keynes on Thursday. They came back armed with lots of knowledge of the Sikh culture and even enjoyed some traditional Aloo Paratha or 'spicy potato snacks' as some of the Y4s told me.

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H·art & Crafts·

Save the date for

Summer Club

Art & Crafts Week

24th to 28th July 2023

We will go on a craft adventure with different themes each day

Making & Creating with Crafts, Yoga & Music

For school aged children 5 to 11

10am - 3pm Monday to Friday

Cost £25 per session

Held at

St.Michael's School Stewkley

FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

CAN YOU HELP?

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

#together bell ringers from this week – Well done!

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MESSAGE FROM OUR LEARNING MENTOR, MRS HANN

During Singing Assembly this week, there were a couple of lines in the song that were proving tricky to get right, in terms of fitting the words to the rhythm of the melody. It would have been so easy to think it was too tricky and give up or to settle for less than the best. However, with a bit of coaxing, encouragement, modelling of the tricky lines, making it okay to have a go and keep practicing, pretty quickly the children got the hang of it. They were rightly very proud of having achieved something quite challenging. My reason for sharing this is what? Well, lots of us, adults and children alike, think we have to get something right first time and berating ourselves if it isn't. It can be so frustrating can't it? Making it okay to have a go, to practise, to make mistakes and master something new in small chunks can help us move forward into success.

REMINDER

*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".

Wishing you a great weekend.
So onwards!
Best wishes as always
H Hann
Learning Mentor

ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL SPORTS INFORMATION

No sporting fixtures to report on this week, but Mr Day has a girls' football match on Tuesday 9th May so watch this space next week to find out how they get on.

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.

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

Buckinghamshire CAMHS

Walking With You

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