ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

It's been an active week as always at St Michael's. The weather was kind to our outside events which was great and the children thoroughly enjoyed the Cricket Fun Day and the Year 3 and 4 Cross Country event at the Rec. It was lovely to see so many parents and pupils out to support the runners and enjoy the sunshine. Many thanks to Mr Day for organising the event and hopefully it will be one to repeat next year.
The familiar face of Mrs Munday came along to the cricket day much to the delight of the children.
It's Bingo Night tonight! Lots of tickets have been sold so it's looking like it's going to be a fun evening.

I hope you've all dug out your sun-cream for the weekend. Enjoy the blast of sunshine and I look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday.

Best wishes
Mrs Fiona Phimester

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

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.
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

MESSAGE FROM MRS HANN

We have all really enjoyed listening to and unpicking the song "You gotta be" by Des'ree. The children have understood that in this context "you gotta be bad" means that we have to try to be **wise, astute, observant and make good decisions**. They have offered such insightful comments not only about the song but also about how they interpret the lyrics for meaning in their own lives. Enjoy listening to this blast from the past with your children.

https://youtu.be/WRUwSk9UTrA?si=KHR0LDH47VvdnIyz

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

MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH

Yesterday was Ascension Day, a day on which the Church celebrates the return of Christ – the Son – to the Father. As a beautiful passage from Isaiah (one of the major Old Testament prophets) puts it, the Word that comes forth from God's mouth will not return to Him empty but rather will accomplish what God desires and achieve the purpose for which He sent it. The New Testament sees the Word in question as enfleshed in Christ – the Person of Christ is the divine Word as the Gospel of John

famously states. Ascension is an important aspect of the fulfilment in question, emphasizing fullness in so doing. There are many prayers associated with Ascension Day and I will share the following one here…

God our Father, you have raised our humanity in Christ and have fed us with the bread of heaven: mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings, we may set our hearts in the heavenly places. Amen.

With best wishes

Andrew Krauss

GOLDEN LEARNERS

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

Foundation	**Aryan, Barnaby, Fern**
Year 1	**Claudia, Freya, Stevie**
Year 2	**Yasmina, Alex, Iris**
Year 3	**Grae, Edward, Gabriel W-C**
Year 4	**Amelie, Blake, Lewis**
Year 5	**Oscar, Layla, Caspian**
Year 6	**Emmie, Georgie, Kian**

100% attendance in our Year 1 class this week! Amazing! Well done everyone.

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MISS HART TALKS RUBBISH!

On Wednesday we talked rubbish to the children in assembly!!! Appropriately on Sir David Attenborough's 98 birthday we talked about recycling and how to behave in the lunch hall.
We thought it would be a good idea to highlight the information about the bins in the newsletter as all our school community use our red wheelie bin at events.
The red bin is only for soft plastics - this is the type of plastic you can screw up in your hand in to a ball like a crisp packet or clingfilm etc. Hard plastics, cardboard etc like yoghurt pots and drinks cartons and all the things you normally recycle at home stay in your lunchbox to be recycled as normal. The children have made a vast improvement on all we talked about, well done and keep it up.
Thank you from Miss Hart& Mrs Conza

#together bell ringers this week – Well done!

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Herbert the one year tortoise came to visit Foundation this week!

Please help protect our children and the environment by turning off your engine.

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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

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FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
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Or email us at – pta-stmichaels@outlook.com

ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL SPORTS INFORMATION

Cross Country

Thursday was our first ever St Michaels Cross Country race at the Rec. This was for our Year 3 and 4 children who have enthusiastically taken to cross country running this year.
It was a great event and even though another school dropped out at the last minute, we welcomed the children of Newton Longville School to the Rec to take on the 1.4km course.
Congratulations to all the runners who took part on a very hot afternoon. Distance running is a very hard thing to do and a lot of our children were competing for the very first time. The arrival of the ice cream van halfway through was greeted with a cheer! Well done to Mia, Charlotte, Bear, Grae, Luisa, Willow, Liam and Harry who all got trophies for finishing in the top 3 of their races, but all our pupils should feel really proud of themselves for their efforts.
A massive thanks to Lee Bucktrout and UKP Worldwide for sponsoring the race, and for buying us a massive new banner for the school. This sponsorship paid for all the medals and trophies, and all the children loved getting a medal!
Also thanks to the Rec Committee for hosting the race, and the brilliant parents who volunteered to marshal on the course and cheered on all the children.
We are hoping to run the race again next year and now move on to Sports Day where the children will be looking forward to showing their running skills once again.

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St Michaels 7-0 Overstone

Tuesday afternoon saw the visit of local rivals Overstone to St Michaels. Their mainly year 6 girls came to take on our fantastic year 5 team in their penultimate league game of the season. The first half saw wave after wave of attacks from St Michaels and Rosie Tu scored a quickfire hatrick to put the girls 3-0 up at halftime. This should have been more but the Overstone goalkeeper managed to somehow stop out striker Chloe, who had a great game in a new position. The second half saw two more goals from Rosie, a great goal against her old school from Gracie and a first goal for St Michaels from Scarlett.
One more league game to go for year 5 to finish a brilliant season.
St M - Rosie Ta (capt), Carys, Emily, Layla, Gracie, Chloe, Scarlett, Rosie Tu

Cricket Fun Day

On Thursday we welcomed Joe from Bucks cricket who spent the day at St Michaels working with our KS2 pupils. He took assembly in the morning and introduced the whole school to what cricket opportunities there are outside of school. Then he spent the rest of the day with our KS2 classes, playing various cricket based games. All the children had a great time and we were even joined for the morning by Joe's colleague Mrs Munday, who the children were delighted to have back at St Michaels.

Big thanks to all at Bucks Cricket for coming to the school. Please contact Stewkley Cricket Club if your child would like to play cricket outside of school. They have teams and training for most age groups https://svcc.play-cricket.com/Aboutus

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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.