ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER NO 2

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Thursday 12th September 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

Attached to/contained in this week's newsletter!

1. **Flu Vaccination letter from Buckinghamshire School Immunisation Team – important information.**
2. **Junior Hockey Flyer from Leighton buzzard Hockey Club -** training on Sundays at Vandyke School.

Sharing Good News

Our Twitter and Facebook pages (@StMSchStewkley) go from strength to strength. Please remember to return your permission forms ASAP, otherwise we will not be able to use your child's photo on either Twitter, Facebook or our new upgraded website (coming soon!)

Together Bell

Last week we shared with you our vision '#together' and our Mission Statement. Before the summer break, our Y6s gave the school the amazing gift of the '#together Bell' When a child does something that encapsulates our vision they are invited to ring the bell. Yesterday we were very proud to have the bell rung for the first time.

Eddie in Year 1

Diary Dates Changes/Additions :

- All Class Assemblies this term (Y 3 4 5 and 6 in November) will be at 9.10am not 3pm.
- Class Briefings – Wednesday 18th September – parents are invited to attend a 20 minutes briefing in their child's classroom about the year ahead . Foundation at 3.40pm, Year 1 at 4pm, Year 2 at 4.20pm, Year 3 at 4.40pm, Year 4 at 5pm,Year 5 at 5.20pm and Year 6 at 5.20pm .

Reminders about some attendance policy changes

School gate closes at 8.59am. Children need to be in the classroom when the register is taken at 9am. We will write to parents on the 4th occasion a child is late to school.

At the end of each term we will write to parents when attendance drops below 92%.

Thank you for your support.

Collection for After School Clubs

Thank you to our parents for their understanding about the collection of children from clubs and Bluebell After School Club. Children attending sports clubs will be brought to the front entrance and to collect a child from Bluebell, please give them 5 minutes notice by ringing them on 07471790343

Thank you

One of our parents, Mrs Edmondson, did an amazing job for us designing our new Golden Rules posters over the summer. These are now up around the school. We are very grateful to her for her hard work and creativity.

Piano

The piano in our music room is rapidly approaching the end of its natural life! With piano lessons now taking place on a weekly basis, we are in need of an update. Do you or anyone you know have one they are looking to pass on, either for free or at little cost? We would love to hear from you.

KS2 Residential Trips

Letters about residential visits are coming out next week for children in Y3,4,5,6. During the 'Class Briefings' on Wednesday 18th September, class teachers will let you know a little more about the visits.

Stewkley Christmas Shoeboxes

Details soon.... The deadline for filled boxes to be in school will be 29th November.
They will be sent to MK Food Bank and to children at the Women's Refuge

Painting the Pergola – can anyone help?

Our outside play area is looking fantastic thanks to a team of parents, grandparents, children and staff who worked so hard in the summer holidays. One job that we didn't get round to was painting the pergola. Does anyone have any time next week to do this? We have paint and the brushes already. Please let us know if you can help

Pupil Success

Alfie (Y3) with his dog Millie and Zachary (Y5) with his dog Bodie entered the junior dog handler competition at a local dog show. It was to raise money for Medical Detection Dogs. Alfie came 3rd and Zachary came 4th. Well done boys and dogs!

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NEXT WEEK –

- Sunday 15th September - St Michael's Church Harvest Festival 10am. KS2 choir pupils singing
- Monday 16th September - New 2020 Parent tours 9.30am. Contact school office to book .
- Wednesday 18th September - Year 5 Swimming lessons begin
- Wednesday 18th September - Friends Association AGM 8pm The Swan Pub
- Wednesday 18th September - Class Briefings for parents in their child's classrooms. Foundation at 3.40pm, Year 1 at 4pm, Year 2 at 4.20pm, Year 3 at 4.40pm, Year 4 at 5pm,Year 5 and 6 at 5.20pm
- Thursday 19th September - New 2020 Parent tours 9.30am. Contact school office to book

URGENT

Please send back any remaining completed 'Using photographs / video of children' consent forms. Mrs Farran has reissued today, some blank forms to children for whom we have not yet received a completed one. Many thanks

Kind Regards
Alison Cooper
School Secretary