ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER NO 2
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Thursday 15th September 2023

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Dear Parents/Carers

Our first full week back at school and our little ones in Foundation have started full time. I'm sure there must be lots of tired children this afternoon!
As we settle back into term, our After School Clubs resume next week. Mr Day has organised lots of amazing activities for the children to sign up for. They are so amazing that we are slightly oversubscribed for some of them, but please be assure your children that if they didn't get a place this time, they will be prioritised for a place after October Half Term. Thank you for your understanding. We are working hard to accommodate everyone's requests.
Parking – a polite reminder not to park at the school gate to drop off your children. The area is too busy with pedestrians and is a 'no park' zone. There have been reports of inconsiderate parking on the High Street which makes it dangerous for our Patroller and those who cross with her. Please take a few more minutes in the morning to park further away from the school and walk in. Please see below for some poster reminders from Bucks Council.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend and enjoy the September sunshine.

Mrs Fiona Phimester

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Thur 21st Sept – Year 6 Cake Sale
Mon 25th Sept – Hannah Gold – Author Visit KS2
Fri 29th Sept – Macmillan Coffee Morning & Wear It Green Day
Fri 29th Sept – Friends Magic Show
Mon 2nd Oct – Individual & sibling school photos
Mon 2nd Oct – Harvest Festival 2pm
Wed 4th Oct – Online Safety Training for Parents – online course
Thurs 5th Oct – Year 5 Cake Sale
Thur 12th Oct – 2.30pm Secret Garden Visit for Year 1 parents
Thur 12th Oct – Flu Vaccination Clinic
Wed 18th Oct – Parents Evening
Thurs 19th Oct – Parents Evening
Fri 20th Oct – INSET Day
Thur 2nd Nov – Year 4 Cake Sale
Fri 10th Nov – 9am Year 5 Class Assembly
Mon 13th Nov – Robin Hood Day
Fri 24th Nov – 9am Year 3 Class Assembly
Fri 1st Dec – 9am Christingle Service
Wed 13th Dec – Christmas lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

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.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

As the mornings and evenings darken a little more every day, it must mean it's nearly Harvest time! Parents and carers are welcome to join us at Stewkley Methodist Chapel at 2pm on Monday 2nd October.

We will be welcoming non-perishable food donations for the foodbank from Monday 18th September. Many thanks in advance for your continued support and generosity.

ONLINE SAFETY TRAINING FOR PARENTS

There will be an online course available for parents on Wednesday 4th October 2023 from 4pm – 4.45pm

More information and link to follow shortly.

MRS HANN – LEARNING MENTOR

A warm (literally!) welcome to the new academic year.

It can take a few days to get back into the swing of things, can't it? Please do let me know if things are not settling back into a positive routine.

On Monday morning after drop- off, Coffee and a Chat sessions begin again. Do come along - you'd be most welcome.

This week we have been listening to Pachelbel's Canon in D (see link below). It's a beautiful piece in which each section of the orchestra play the same tune but at slightly different times. This creates a really gorgeous soundscape. Enjoy it!
https://youtu.be/OFfYGoVstgc?si=BmE-ZlsYw5mywL4

Best wishes as always,

H Hann
Learning Mentor, Music Lead and DSL.

A PLEA FROM YEAR 4

Please bring in your clean, clear plastic bottles (up to 2 litres in size) and give to Mrs Buckland in Year 4 – she has a plan in mind!
Thank you.

GOLDEN LEARNERS

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

Year 1	**Harry, Luca, Lily-May**
Year 2	**Alfie, Tayler, Lucy**
Year 3	**Cecily, Charlotte, Adelaide**
Year 4	**Deany-Lee, Amelie, Darcie**
Year 5	**Carys, Henry, Teddy**
Year 6	**Michael, Harvey, Harry**

PLEASE HELP PROVIDE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR EVERYONE TO ARRIVE AT SCHOOL

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#together bell ringers this week – Well done!!

Congratulations to all our bell ringers this week. So many of them did a fabulous job of singing at the Church Fair in the scorching heat last weekend.

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Hope
Respect
Forgive
Love
Singing Star!
WELL DONE!

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MATHLETICS & MATHSEEDS TRAINING

We were delighted to welcome a representative from Mathletics into school this week and she did some great training sessions with the children, teachers and parents. Please do not worry if you weren't able to join us. We will let you know when the details are made available on our website.

ST MICHAEL'S CELEBRATIONS

This super swimmer completed her ASA level 6 for swimming during the summer holidays. Well done!

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FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Thank you to everyone who has reserved their tickets for the Magic Show on 29th September. It's going to a great evening for all to enjoy.

***** Friends AGM – this will be in the Carpenter's Arms, Stewkley at 8pm on 18th October. All welcome. *****

FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
Join our Facebook Page - @friends&parentsofstmichaelsschoolstewkley

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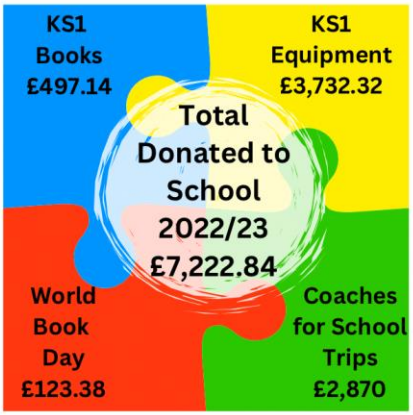
Friends Association of St Michael's School

Thank you for all your support with our fundraising efforts last year



Last year we made donations to the school in excess of our income - due to limited spending in the COVID years.

For the 23/24 year we have committed to spend up to £600 per class for coaches (total of £4,200). We are also paying for the Robin Hood Panto £999. We therefore need to maximise our fundraising for 23/24 and we can only do this with your help.

PLEASE COME ALONG TO OUR AGM ON WEDNESDAY 18TH OCTOBER AT 8PM IN THE CARPENTERS ARMS TO SEE HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED. EVEN IF YOU CAN'T COMMIT TO HAVING A ROLE ON THE COMMITTEE ANY HELP & SUPPORT YOU CAN GIVE WILL MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE.

FAMILY MAGIC SHOW

FRI 29TH SEPTEMBER

ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL STEWKLEY

4PM - 5PM (DOORS OPEN 3:30PM)
6PM - 7PM (DOORS OPEN 5:30PM)

Tickets £5

from pta-stmichaels@outlook.com

or 07884188612

Bring a few extra £'s as there will be Refreshements, A Raffle & Joke/Magic Stall

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MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING & WEAR IT GREEN DAY

The return of the Macmillan Coffee Morning! Hurrah! Please come along and enjoy some coffee and cake with us from 10am on Friday 29th September. Everyone in the community is more than welcome so do bring along a neighbour or friend.

If you are a budding Mary Berry and would like to donate some sweet treats for the occasion, please let me know if you can help.

Everyone will be encouraged to incorporate green into their outfit (non uniform) for the day in return for a donation of your choice.

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It's time for Coffee Morning and you're invited

I'm hosting my Coffee Morning to raise money for Macmillan.
There's a cuppa with your name on it.

When: FRIDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

Where: ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL, STEWKLEY

RSVP: JUST COME ALONG!

From: 10AM - 11·30AM

More info: office @ st-michaels.bucks.sch.uk

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Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (261017), Scotland (SC039907) and Isle of Man (1079). Also operates in Northern Ireland. MAC19622_0918

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH

Stewkley Newsletter.

This week, here's a little quiz; name each of the following, he makes webs, they live in the Octopod and finally, he's allergic to kryptonite. Correct! Spiderman, the Octonauts and Superman. These questions and more were part of today's Pop-Up Church mixed in with "he turned water into wine" and similar.

We again played The Game of Life and when a team landed on a Question square, we explored their knowledge of superheroes and what superpower they would most like to have. Of course, the question about water and wine and similar referred to Christ. We talked about how the superheroes operate; in particular how whilst they do good stuff, they do not share their powers with anyone else. In contrast, we spoke about how Christians believe that through the Holy Spirit Christ enables ordinary people to do amazing things - please note, amazing things which do not include making webs etc…

We explored the Christian belief that we are not idle bystanders, but can partner Christ in proclaiming his power in this world.

With every blessing,

Rev'd Howard Robson.

ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL SPORTS INFORMATION

SPORTING NEWS

Watch this space as Mr Day fills it up with exciting sporting fixtures!