ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

A 5 day this week! 5 days of learning and new experiences at St Michael's. Our Foundation and KS1 classes have had so much going on.
Mr Horwood and Deany-Lee delighted Foundation by bringing in their homing pigeons before setting them free from the field to find their way back home.
Year 1 have spent today at College Lake with their teddy bears and Year 2 enjoyed a morning at a Multi-Skills Festival in Aylesbury.
Year 6 have taken a breath this week after their SATs last week, but our girls have been displaying some dazzling performances on the football pitches again. We will keep you in suspense until next week's Newsletter which will feature a bumper sport section.
Next week is another short week with our Inset Day on Friday 26th May. I hope you enjoy the day off as we slide into last half term of this academic year.
June and July are shaping up to be busy already with lots of exciting things planned before the summer holidays.

Best wishes,
Fiona Phimester
School Secretary

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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
Wednesday 14th June – Y4 Everdon Residential
Friday 15th June – Y2 Cake Sale
Monday 19th June – Y6 Isle of Wight Residential
Friday 23rd June – Foundation Class Assembly
Thursday 29th June – Bag 2 School
Saturday 1st July – Family Fun Day
Monday 3rd July – Y3 Caldecotte Residential
Wednesday 5th July – Hudnall Park Residential
Friday 7th July – Year 2 Class Assembly
Friday 14th July – Y5 Class Assembly
Friday 29th Sept – Family Magic Show

WATER BOTTLES

We have noticed the increased number of Air-Up water bottles in the school and are aware that these are a costly item. Please note that if your child has one of these bottles in school, we cannot be responsible if they are lost, damaged or stolen whilst on the premises.
Furthermore, the children are not allowed to trade the 'pods' at school. Please can you reiterate this with your child/children. Many thanks for your cooperation.

LOST PROPERTY

There is an overflowing basket of lost property at the school. We plan to put make this available outside the front of the office before the end of next week, but as we approach the next academic year, please can you ensure that all items of uniform and PE kit are clearly named so they can be easily reunited with their owner if they ever get misplaced.

BAG 2 SCHOOL

We have our next Bag2School day booked for Thursday 29th June, so if you're planning a clear out of some pre-loved items, you have plenty time to sort out those cupboards at home. More information to follow...

MARIE CURIE DAFFODIL APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who bought a daffodil badge. We raised £67.73 for the wonderful Marie Curie charity. Well done everyone.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH

Yesterday was Ascension Day, so the prayer set for that occasion would seem fitting for this week…
Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ
to have ascended into the heavens,
so we in heart and mind may also ascend
and with him continually dwell;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

With all good wishes
Andrew Krauss

DEANY-LEE'S PIGEONS & FOUNDATION

Mr Horwood and Deany-Lee kindly took their homing pigeons into school this week and Foundation were enthralled with them. They leant lots of pigeon facts and then watched as Mr Horwood released them to find their way back home again. All the Foundation children would like to thank Mr Horwood for taking time out of his day to visit St Michael's.

CHESS – report by Henry Russell Y5

THE CHESS MEGA FINALThe Delancey Megafinal is a competition where people from around England challenge to become the English champion.

The Mega-final which Aisha, Amelie and I attended was held in Rickmansworth and Nottingham. There were about a hundred people there from the age of 7-18 all in one room. Everyone had to be silent. You and your opponent have 25 minutes each to make their moves and to win the game. We each played six games.

We all had a brilliant time and got to play opponents with different chess skills. We really love chess club and the amazing chess teacher Mr. McClellan who always gives good tips and advice.

ST MICHAEL'S CELEBRATIONS

These determined sisters completed the Race For Life this week. The 5k course was a hilly challenge over at Waddesdon and there was an incredible atmosphere. Well done girls – we are all very proud of you.

FOUNDATION CAKE SALE

A huge thank you to everyone who supported Foundation's Cake Sale last week. Over £188 was raised which will make such a difference to the class. Thank you to all the bakers, seller, buyers and munchers!

GOLDEN LEARNERS

Congratulations to all these superstars this week:

Foundation	Claudia R, Louis M, Antonio C
Year 1	Siena S, Max R, Tayler M
Year 2	Carys B, Mia G, Sam L
Year 3	Alfie A, Edie M, Liam W
Year 4	Caspian M, Harry B, Freddie H
Year 5	Lucia P, Given N, Zak D
Year 6	Oliver H, Emmanuel L, Grace C

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Well done to Year 4 this week with 98% attendance. Great effort!

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Friends of St Michael's School

FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday 1st July
Time: 12pm - 4pm

We need your help

We have had lots of pledges of support but we need people to take charge of organising & running stalls such as:

- Bar
- BBQ
- Sweet Stall
- Ice Cream Stall
- Cake Stall
- Jam Jar Tombola
- Floor is Lava
- Toilet Roll Toss
- Beat the Goalie
- Lollipop pick
- Temporary Tattoos
- Outside Stall Holders
- Selfie Booth
- Tug of War
- Selling tokens

Please sign up by Thursday 25th May at the following website https://volunteersignup.org/3BRTR or scan the QR Code

If we do not get enough volunteers sign up we will not be able to run the fun day

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#together bell ringers from this week – Well done!

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MESSAGE FROM OUR LEARNING MENTOR, MRS HANN

It was great to have a coffee and a chat with some of you in the Nest last Monday. The kettle's going on again at 9:00 on Monday! Just text or email school the message "Yes please Mrs Hann" if you'd like to join in.
This week in assemblies, we have listen to Summer from the Four Seasons by Antonio Vivaldi. The children are becoming experts at noticing how the composer creates images in our minds within the music. Enjoy!

Antonio Vivaldi - Summer (Full) - The Four Seasons
youtu.be

Best wishes
H Hann
Learning Mentor and Music Lead.

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.

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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.

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FREE ONLINE SCHOOLS COURSES for PARENTS and CARERS

To book - SCAN the QR code, CLICK on the link below or PHONE 01296 383582

RECEPTION

Wellbeing

GETTING CONFIDENT for YEAR 1 (5 WEEKS) Help your child be ready for the big jump from Reception to Year 1

- **Monday 5 June, 9:30am-11:30am** OR **Tuesday 6 June, 9:30am-11:30am**

WORKSHOP Every Wednesdays, 9:30am-11:30am

- **7 June: Help your Child with Handwriting**
- **14 June: Developing Writing through Stories**
- **21 June: The Fish Who Could Wish**
- **28 June - Wellbeing**
- **5 July - Have Fun While Learning Outside**

Crafts

YEARS 1 & 2

SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH SCIENCE (5 WEEKS)

Science

Learn how to support your child to improve their skills and knowledge in science.

- **Monday 5 June, 7pm-9pm**
- **Tuesday 6 June, 12:30pm-2:30pm**
- **Wednesday 7 June, 9:30am-11:30am**
- **Thursday 8 June, 9:30am-11:30am**

YEARS 3 & 4

Maths

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH FRACTIONS, DECIMALS and PERCENTAGES (5 WEEKS)

- **Tuesday 6 June, 9:30am-11:30am**
- **Wednesday 7 June, 12:30pm-2:30pm**
- **Thursday 8 June, 7pm-9pm**

HELP YOUR CHILD TACKLE MATHS PROBLEMS WORKSHOP

- **Tuesday 11 July, 9:30am-11:30am**
- **Wednesday, 12 July, 12:30pm-2:30pm**

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6

SUPPORT your CHILD with HOMEWORK WORKSHOP

- **Wednesday 12 July, 7pm-9pm**
- **Thursday, 13 July - 9:30am-11:30am**

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FREE EARLY YEARS COURSES for PARENTS and CARERS

Booking is essential. SCAN the QR code, CLICK on the link or PHONE 01296 383582

STEPS INTO NURSERY WORKSHOPS

HAMPDEN WAY FAMILY CENTRE, HIGH WYCOMBE (PARENT AND CHILD)

- **Wednesday 21 June and 05 July, 10am to 11:30am**

ONLINE (PARENT ONLY)

- **Tuesday 04 July, 9:30am to 11am**

Imagination

GET READY FOR RECEPTION WORKSHOPS

ONLINE (PARENTS ONLY)

- **Tuesday 13 June, 20 June and 27 June, 9:30am to 11am**

ELMHURST FAMILY CENTRE, AYLESBURY (PARENT and CHILD)

- **Thursday 15 June and 22 June, 10am to 11:30am**

NEWTOWN FAMILY CENTRE, CHESHAM (PARENT AND CHILD)

- **Wednesday 28 June, 10am to 11:30am**

WORKSHOP WEDNESDAYS 10AM TO 11:30AM

HAMPDEN WAY FAMILY CENTRE, HIGH WYCOMBE

- **07 June, Little Gardeners Workshop**
- **14 June, 10 Little Pirates**

NEWTOWN FAMILY CENTRE, CHESHAM

- **14 June, Bear, Brown Bear what do you see?**
- **21 June, Hole at the Bottom of the Sea**
- **05 July, Little Gardeners Workshop**

ELMHURST FAMILY CENTRE, AYLESBURY

- **29 June (Thursday), Super Duck**

STORY EXPLORERS 5 WEEK COURSE

Learn many fun practical ideas to support you child's speech and language development through different types of play (5 weeks)

SOUTHCOURT FAMILY CENTRE, AYLESBURY

- **Tuesday 13 June, 1pm to 2:30pm**

FIRST AID WORKSHOP

Increase your confidence and learn how to deal with basic First Aid. Lots of practical tips on how to deal with choking, burns and minor injuries.

NEWTOWN FAMILY CENTRE, CHESHAM

- **Friday 09 June, 9.30am to 12pm**

HAMPDEN WAY FAMILY CENTRE, HIGH WYCOMBE

- **Friday 19 July, 9.30am to 12pm**

Sensory

BUSY FINGERS 4 WEEK COURSE

Explore fun ideas, toys and games to support your child's fine motor skills development (4 weeks)

HITHERCROFT FAMILY CENTRE, HIGH WYCOMBE

- **Monday 12 June, 9:30am to 11:30am**

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How to deal with...

Stress, Anxiety and Low Mood

Course for young people

Would you like to feel better about life? Do you feel stuck and need some tips on how to move on?

Starts week commencing 5 June 2023

If you're in school years 7 and above then our interactive 6-week course could be for you!

6 sessions cover:

- What stress, anxiety and low mood actually are
- Strategies to feel better
- How to deal with setbacks
- Planning for a brighter future

Book by 22 May 2023

To secure your place, scan the QR code for more information.

If you need help email earlyhelpduty@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Aylesbury
Tuesdays
5:30 to 6:30pm
Southcourt
Family Centre Plus

High Wycombe
Wednesdays
6pm to 7pm
Castlefield
Family Centre

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Family Support Service

Meet-up Mondays

Parent and carer coffee drop-in

Starting 5 June 2023

- Are you a parent locally that would like to meet other parents? Do you want somewhere to go to share hints and tips with other parents?
- Come along to our fortnightly coffee drop-in at **Southcourt Family Centre Plus** and meet other parents. Free tea, coffee and biscuits are provided.
- A member of the Family Support Service will be available at the centre if you need advice, support or to request a food bank voucher.

CONTACT US

01296 398 242

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9:30 to 11:00am

Scan the QR code for dates

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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
ekeoma.nwajiuba@barnardos.org.uk

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

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