ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers
And here we are at the end of our Summer Half Term! Time is whizzing by and before we know it our Year 6's will be walking out of our school gates for the last time as their next adventure awaits.

Our KS1 children entertained their grandparents this afternoon with their delightful assembly and thank you to 'Friends' who put on refreshments for all the Grandmas and Grandads.

Our last half term is shaping up to be a busy one with our residential trips taking place, a couple of school trips for KS1 (more details to follow), Leaver's celebrations and Sports Days.
Please have a look in school bags this afternoon for information on our Sports Days which take place the first week back from our half term break. Let's hope the fine weather stays for us.

Wishing you all a restful half term and we look forward to welcoming you back to St Michael's on Monday 5th June.

Best wishes,
Fiona Phimester
School Secretary

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Friday 26th May – Inset Day
Wed 7th June – KS1 Sports Day
Thurs 8th June – KS2 Sports Day
Wednesday 14th June – KS2 Author Visit
Wednesday 14th June – Y4 Everdon Residential
Friday 15th June – Y2 Cake Sale
Monday 19th June – Y6 Isle of Wight Residential
Monday 19th June – Foundation trip to Waddesdon Manor
Friday 23rd June – Foundation Class Assembly
Thursday 29th June – Bag 2 School
Friday 30th June – Year 1 Class Assembly – NB CHANGE OF DATE
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

SCHOOL CAR PARK

A reminder that the school car park is for use of St Michael's staff, contractors and blue badge holders only.
Parents are invited to park by the village hall, on the High Street (a safe distance away from our patrol crossing and the junction) or walk to school.
Buttons car parking spaces are not available for use.

SUNCREAM, HATS AND WATER BOTTLES

In the hope that the sun is here to stay for a while, please can parents ensure that any suncream is applied in the morning before school.
Each child should have a suitable sun hat to protect from the sun and must bring a named water bottle to school each day. Many thanks.

PRE-LOVED PE KITS

If you have any pre-loved PE kits at home, we would gratefully receive any donation, especially if they are to fit our older classes. Please drop into the office if you can help.

ECO-COUNCIL

The Eco Council would like you to get busy in the half-term holiday and have a go at some of the activities suggested by'30 Days Wild' on the Wildlife Trust
website: https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/30dayswild

MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH

This coming Sunday is the Feast of Pentecost, the church's commemoration of the gift of the Holy Spirit among the first followers of Christ. One of the prayers set for the occasion asks that we may, by the same Spirit, come to 'have a right judgement in all things and evermore rejoice in his holy comfort'. The nature of the Pentecost story is that all concerned were 'gathered together in one place' and the implication is that 'right judgement' is to be reached and discovered collectively, among one another. The 'comfort' spoken of in the prayer is not about everything being smooth – disturbances may well occur – but it is about taking both council and counsel *together*. Unity and right judgement must be collectively sought among God's people and discovered as a gift emerging from this process, not artificially constructed or pronounced on the initiative of any one of us alone. Likewise, the narrative of Pentecost notes the presence of many different languages, but understanding is still possible in the native language of each onlooker. So the Pentecost prayer, attuned to each of our own ways of comprehending, is a call to search for and discover the very best in diversity – rejoicing in diversity-in-unity and discerning unity-in-diversity.

With all good wishes
Andrew Krauss

MESSAGE FROM OUR LEARNING MENTOR, MRS HANN

Just a quick note to wish you all a happy holiday. I hope the sun keeps shining during the next week and you get a chance to get outside and have some fun together as families.
I am excited to see children start at Buttons Preschool very soon. If you have preschool aged children, I'd encourage you to have a look at this brilliant provision next to St Michael's- it's looking wonderful.

Best wishes
H Hann
Learning Mentor and Music Lead.

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ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL SPORTS INFORMATION

Wow! What a half term that has been in the PE department. I thought things would slow down after Easter but I've been busier than ever with our pupils representing the school at all types of sports and events. Highlights have included, taking all of year 2 to a Multiskills festival in Aylesbury, the all conquering girls year 6 football team winning the league, another tournament and qualifying for the cup final. The school team winning the regional cross country races at Ascot House, and a personal favourite of mine, the year 5 boys beating Overstone in their last football match of the year!
PE lessons have been great too with the help of Mr Bay. We have finally got out to use the village tennis courts for years 5 and 6, massive thanks to coach Matt for helping us with this. KS1 have been working on their ball skills and continuous relays, and our Foundation class have expertly managed to get changed by themselves for their PE lessons.
After school clubs have had an amazing attendance and we have a number of these carrying on next half term. Big thanks to Stewkley Cricket Club for allowing us to use their outfield for our cricket club on Thursdays.

Straight after half term we have the highlight of everyone's school year, Sports Day. Preparations are well under way here at St Michaels, this week myself and Mr Bay have been working mostly on baton changes for the relays! The two days promise to be a lot of fun for all our kids and we hope parents enjoy coming to watch (and join in to).
Thanks for all the parents who have given lifts, helped us with our new online form system and generally been a massive support to the pupils. Just over 100 of our children have participated in sporting events outside of school this half term and that couldn't be done without the help of you parents.
See you all at Sports Day.

Mr Day and Mr Bay

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QUADKIDS ATHLETICS

Our elite athletics squad travelled to Cottesloe School to take part in their annual Quadkids athletics competition. Each child had to run a 75m race, 600m race, throw the javelin and jump the long jump. Our team were exceptional in each event, they ended up winning 14 of the 16 sprint races! The team's attitude and support to other participants was commented on by other teachers and they competed with big smiles on their faces. Everyone in the team contributed big performances and contributed to us winning by over 30 points. Extra medals were achieved by Grace B for the outstanding performance of all in the 75m and Alfie for most outstanding performance in the javelin. Sports day is going to be VERY competitive this year! Well done St Michael's.

St Michael's athletics team: Kian, Oliver H, Grace B, Emmanuel, Charlotte, Eden, Isla, Alfie, Jet and Toby

YEAR 2 MULTI SKILLS FESTIVAL

Last Friday, all of our year 2's went to Aylesbury High School to take part in their first multiskills festival. They got to travel around the PE facilities, trying out different games under the instruction of the Year 10 girls from the school. Much fun was had by all and the children were so well behaved. The head of PE said that she would like them to come back every week! Well done year 2, a real credit to the school.

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AVSFA Cup Semi Final
Turnfurlong 0-0 St Michaels
(St Michales win 2-0 on penalties)

This was the big one. St Michaels returned to Turnfurlong, the scene of their only defeat of the year, to play the cup semi final. The first half was all St Michaels with the home team putting in a number of last gasp blocks from their enormous centre backs. The second half saw St MIchaels still dominating the ball and Daisy had a near certain goal cleared off the line (although some say it was in the goal!). Extra time came and went and still no one could score so penalties (3 each) were to decide who got through to the final. Turnfurlong won the toss and opted to go first, their striker came up, and hit the post, sending the ball wide. Probably put off by goalkeeper Eliette's swaying on the line. Our first pen, Primrose smashes it in to the bottom right and St Michaels are 1-0 up. Turnfurlong are next, it

goes flying over the bar! Jet stepped up for our next penalty, knowing if it went in, we would win. She hammered it off the right post and in to the net, St Michaels were through!

This was perhaps their greatest victory yet and showed great strength and courage (Eden had a bruise the size of a football on her knee). Big congratulations go to Eliette in goal who pulled out some incredible saves and didn't conceded against some real pressure, well done to her and her defence. The final will be after Half Term against William Harding or Brill, and St Michaels will be looking to bring back their 5th trophy of the season.

St Michaels - Zaynab (capt), Isla, Eden, Primrose, Daisy, Eliette, Grace C, Azura and Jet

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ST MICHAEL'S CELEBRATIONS

Lots of swimming success with a STANley 2 Award and a Puffin Award! Well done and keep up the good work.

Rugby Awards – fair play and good communication skill and another for being the most improved player this season. Congratulations boys – great work!

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GOLDEN LEARNERS

Congratulations to all these superstars this week:

Foundation	Lily T, Lily K, Bradley F
Year 1	Ruby W, Edwin V, Yasmina S
Year 2	Shore P, AJ, Alex P
Year 3	Kaitlyn G, Luisa C, Tia A
Year 4	Scarlett K, Eddie H, Chloe B
Year 5	Peggy C, Dennie F, Jack P
Year 6	Finley D, Oliver T, Azzie M

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Huge congratulations to Year 3 who had the highest attendance this week. Well done everyone!

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HALF TERM TENNIS CAMPS

It's time to hit the court...

1 OR 2 DAYS
9-1PM AGES 5-14
GREAT LINFORD & STEWKLEY TENNIS CLUBS
2 DAY BOOKING 10% DISCOUNT INCLUDED IN PRICE
EXTRA 10% DISCOUNT FOR SIBLINGS

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR ALL THE DETAILS

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Hart & 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

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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

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.

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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

southcourtfcp@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

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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