ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

As I type this, there is a flurry of activity on the school field as all our amazing Friends volunteers are setting up for the Colour Run. It looks fabulous! We are so grateful for all the planning and organising that has gone into this massive fundraiser which will hugely benefit the whole school. Thank you to everyone who has helped in bringing this event to life.

Next week sees our Year 5 class head off to Hudnall Park in the last of this year's residentials. I'm hopeful that this lovely weather will hold for you all.

The transition days went smoothly this week and lots of the Year 6s have been coming up to the office and telling me how much they enjoyed their time at their new schools.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes
Mrs Fiona Phimester

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Tues 8th – Thurs 10th July – Year 5 Hudnall Park residential trip
Wed 9th July – Year 2 Class Trip – Berkhamsted Castle
Thurs 10th July – Year 1Class Trip to MK Museum
Thurs 10th July – Year 1 Cake Sale
Fri 11th July – Year 3 Assembly
Fri 11th July – Transition Games – Year 6 at Cottesloe School
Tues 15th July – AFTER SCHOOL CLUB IS NOW AVAILABLE ON THIS DATE IF REQUIRED
Fri 18th July – Year 5 Class Assembly – Hudnall memories
Wed 23rd July – Leavers Assembly 1.50pm
Wed 23rd July – AFTER SCHOOL CLUB AVAILABLE UNTIL 4.30PM ONLY
Wed 23rd July – Last day of term

MESSAGE FROM MRS HANN

We have really enjoyed listening to this classic from the Beatles. It's matched perfectly with the weather!

The Beatles - Here Comes The Sun (2019 M

Best wishes as always

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

GOLDEN LEARNERS

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

Foundation	**Caspar, Phoebe, Lily-Rae**
Year 1	**Freddie, Fern, Matteo**
Year 2	**Claudia, Charlie, Lily K**
Year 3	**Alexander, Lucy, Vidya**
Year 4	**Eliza, Wilf, Poppy**
Year 5	**Bethany, Alfie, Edith**
Year 6	**Edward S, Tom, Rosie Ta**

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FRENCH CAFÉ – YEAR 6

The Year 6s had a wonderful time at their French Café this week and were served a feast of croissants, juice and hot chocolate by a couple great French waitresses. The sun was shining and a great time was had by all.

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MR DAY'S ST MICHAEL'S SPORTS UPDATE

Cricket

The last couple of weeks have seen us squeeze in 2 sports days and 4 (soon to be 5) days of cricket with various year groups experiencing cricket for the first time.

The first was our year 3's who all went over the road to the Rec to play in a festival where they tried different cricket skills and took part in various drills and games.

We then took our year 5 and 6 boys to play in a tournament at Waddesdon. They were split in to 2 teams and played 6 games each over the day. As is always the case, the standard was very high, especially from some of the large Aylesbury schools. But our boys were fantastic and both teams managed to win games. More importantly the standard of their cricket and teamwork just rose and rose as the day went on.

Next up last Thursday was a tournament for our year 6 girls at Dinton. Half of our team had never played cricket before and so we started off hoping that they could help each other and have a great day out. They ended up winning their first game narrowly against the pre tournament favourites and then went on to win all 5 of their matches, winning the tournament. This is a real testament to working hard as a team and helping eachother. The girls never stopped encouraging their team mates and giving positive advice in how to get better. Well done girls, they are playing in the County Finals at Dinton today, more news next week.

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Then last Monday in sweltering temperatures, our year 5 girls travelled to Buckingham to play in a festival. Again, this was a day of learning and developing cricket skills and the girls were amazing. Even the 30 plus degrees heat couldn't stop their enthusiasm, although this was much easier to deal with once we were given the green light to use the sprinkler system to cool down!

Cricket is such a great sport and our children have excelled over the last few weeks. IF your child is interested in playing more cricket then please get in touch with Stewkley Cricket Club who run teams for all ages and for girls and boys.

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FACE

August Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each
or **FREE** with School Membership - 90 minutes long
Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk Recordings available for 48 hours

Anxiety Explained	4th 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	4th 7pm
What is ACT?	5th 10am
Introduction to OCD	5th 7pm
Raising Self Esteem	11th 10am
Decreasing Depression	11th 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	12th 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	12th 7pm
Improving Family Communication	18th 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	18th 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	19th 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	19th 7pm
Understanding Anger	25th 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	25th 7pm
Facing Defiance	26th 10am

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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, we will text or ring 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 **Sunday at midnight, 1 week 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.

DOGS

Dogs are not permitted anywhere on the school premises at any time. Please ensure that anyone accompanying you is also aware.

Penalty Notices for School Attendance

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following will come into force for absences that start after 19th August 2024. This is nationwide and across borders if you move school or house. Term Time Leave is only allowed in exceptional circumstances when communicated in advance with evidence provided as soon as possible to the Headteacher.

FIRST OFFENCE

The first Penalty Notice issued for Term Time Leave of Absence or Irregular Attendance, the amount of the fine will be £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days and reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid with 21 days

SECOND OFFENCE

For the second Penalty Notice (within three years of the first offence) issued for Term Time Leave of Absence or Irregular Attendance, the amount of the fine will be £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered

THIRD OFFENCE AND SUBSEQUENT OFFENCES

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave of Absence or Irregular Attendance, a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. If found guilty there could be up to a maximum fine of £2,500 or a term of imprisonment not exceeding 3 months.

PLEASE ENSURE YOU COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL

In law only the headteacher of a school can authorise a child's absence. A pupil's attendance forms part of their official school record.

Parents do not have an automatic right to remove their child from school during term time for the purpose of a leave of absence and are strongly advised not to do so.

Headteachers are unable to authorise leave of absence during term time unless they are satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances.

The fundamental principles for defining 'exceptional' are rare, significant, unavoidable and short. 'Unavoidable' implies that an event could not reasonably be scheduled at another time.

<u>10 sessions in 10 weeks</u>

Penalty Notices will be considered for any 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in 10 weeks.

5 consecutive days of term time absence can trigger a Penalty Notice.

Do not forget that Penalty Notices are issued Per Parent. Per Child.
i.e. Two siblings absent would result in each parent receiving 2 fines. This could amount to £640

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