ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Wow – this is the last Newsletter before the summer holidays! It's been my first full academic year and it's certainly flown by. Thank you for all your support and company along the way!
The last week has been a whirr of awards assemblies, class assemblies, bee visits, Leavers' rehearsals, Leavers' parties and an ice lolly afternoon to cool us all down.
I can't believe that our lovely Year 6s only have a couple of days left with us and I shall miss them all next year. I wish them all the very best for their fresh adventures in September.

I am aware that the parking situation has been particularly challenging over the last couple of weeks with both the village hall and Swan spaces being restricted. This makes it even more imperative that everyone is considerate, patient and responsible at drop off and pick up times. I unfortunately received an email from a local resident who couldn't access her own front door due to a car parked so closely to her house. Please can we think about the impact on others when parking.

Following on from last week's communication, we need some volunteers to step into the shoes of Mrs Turnbull and Mrs Vale who are stepping down as Chair and Secretary of Friends Association. Please contact me in the office if you would to express your interest or simply find out more about the roles. Friends are such a valuable asset to St Michael's and do a wonderful job of creating fun events for all our families as well as raising much needed funds that assist with the cost of school trips and so much more.

With just two more days of term to go, I wish you all a wonderful summer break and look forward to welcoming you all back on Wednesday 4th September.

Best wishes
Mrs Fiona Phimester

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Tues 23rd July – Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 1.50pm
Tues 3rd Sept – INSET DAY
Wed 4th Sept – Start of our Autumn Term.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH

As this is both the last newsletter before the end of the academic year and also my last one before I move on, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody the very best for whatever lies ahead. We think especially of course of all pupils and staff who are moving to pastures new, but every new academic year brings change for those going through it. To everyone involved in the school community, therefore, I hope the new experience of what is to come proves fruitful. I have enjoyed my time here and it has been a great joy to see the school being such a happy, healthy and successful place.

With my thoughts and prayers for the coming year.

Andrew Krauss

MESSAGE FROM MRS HANN

We have really enjoyed listening to and singing this classic end of year hymn this week. It has such a powerful message. Very much worth a listen.

BBC songs of praise - One More Step Along The World I Go
youtu.be

I would like to thank all the children and families I have worked with this year. You have all been so brave and committed to taking "one more step along the road".

With best wishes as always
H Hann

Learning Mentor and DSL

My usual working pattern is Monday to Wednesday in school.

GOLDEN LEARNERS

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

Foundation	**Aubrey, Rosie, Kingsley**
Year 1	**Oliver, Louis, Betsy**
Year 2	**Yasmina, Rocco, Edie A**
Year 3	**Carys, Flynn, Wilfred**
Year 4	**Joseph, Liam, Seb**
Year 5	**Tom, Harry Ba, Joshua**
Year 6	**Everyone!**

BELLRINGERS #together

Lots of bellringers this week – still doing amazing things that encompass our #together values.

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SUMMER TERM AWARDS ASSEMBLY

We were delighted to welcome Mrs Farran back to St Michael's to present the KS1 awards and Mr Jones from The Cottesloe School joined us for the KS2 awards. Well done everyone.

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GOODBYE MRS SHEFFERD

After 21 years of dedicated service to St Michael's, we bid farewell to Mrs Shefferd this week. Thank you for all your support and hard work over the years and we all wish you the very best for the future.

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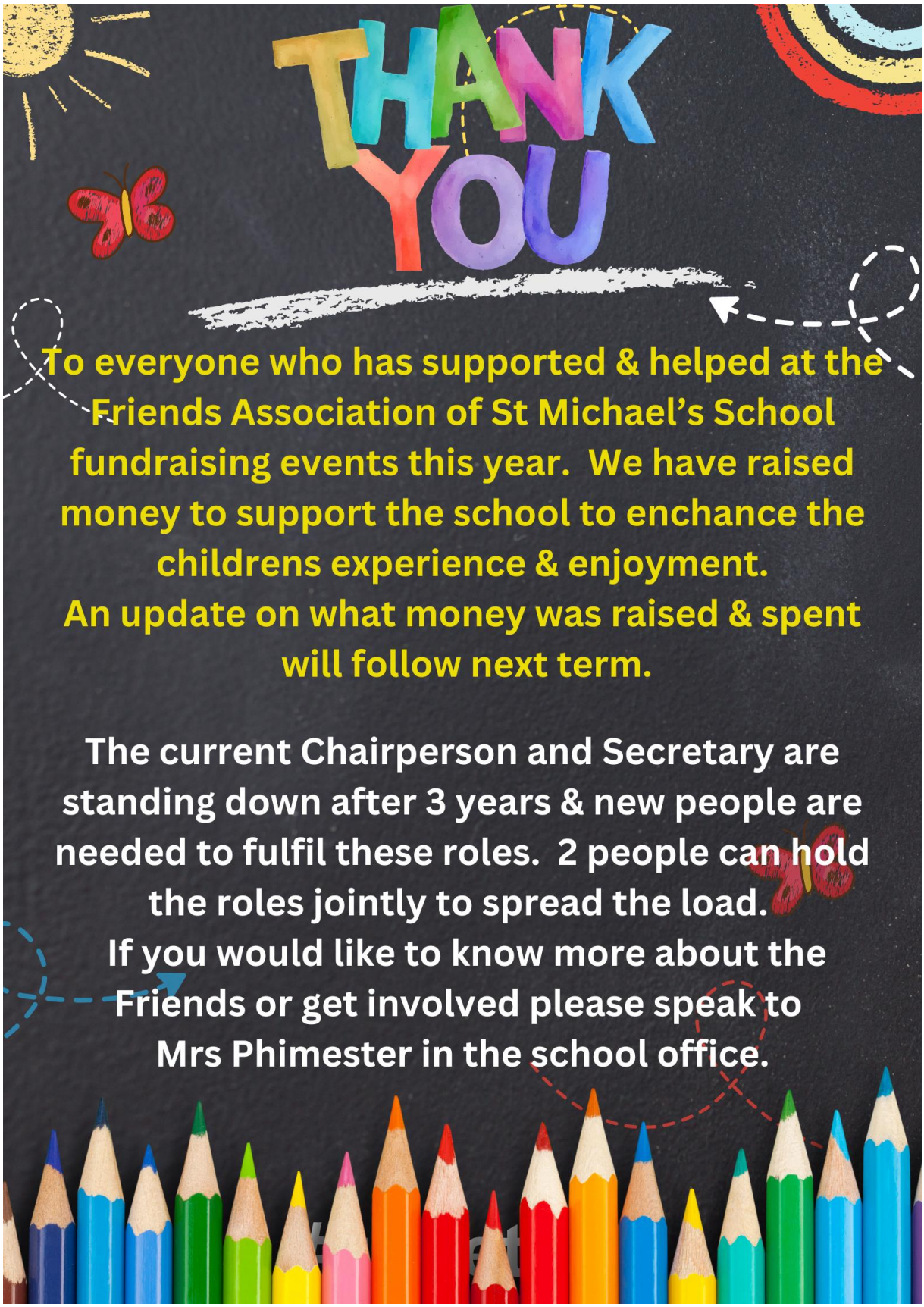
LOST PROPERTY

Our Lost Property basket is very full. Please come and have a look if your child has lost anything. If it is unclaimed and unnamed, it will be moved into our 'pre-loved' uniform cupboard at the end of term.



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OUR VERY OWN OLYMPIC ST MICHAEL'S DAD!
This superhero has been chosen for the French wheelchair basketball team to compete in the Paris Paralympic Games 2024. We are so proud of our St Michael's family and can't wait to follow your team's progress. Good luck!

Attendance Cup
Well done to Foundation this week who have managed 99% attendance this week. AMAZING!

ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL SPORTS INFORMATION

District Athletics

Last Monday saw our elite athletics team travel to the world famous Stoke Mandeville athletics stadium to take part in the District Athletics Championships. We were joined by 15 other local Primary Schools on a rain socked blustery night in Aylesbury.
St Michaels dominated the field events with 4 wins from the 8 competitions. Special mention to Rosie Taylor who arrived late for the year 5/6 shot put and had one throw at the end of the event (when others had 3), she ran to the throwing circle, picked up the shot, and won with her one throw!
Then it was on to the track events, St Michaels did brilliantly in the sprints, keeping us near the top of the leader board. Distance races followed this and it was a double victory for the Makin family with Harry and Poppy winning the 600m and 800m respectively, Poppy by nearly 80m!
Going in to the relays St Michaels were in the top three and managed to squeak through in to 2nd place overall, a fantastic achievement from our athletes and a great end to sport at St Michaels this year. Well done to all involved and thanks to the parents and siblings who came and cheered them on, we definitely have the most vocal supporters in the District!
St M's Athletics Squad - Poppy, Tegan, Jamie, Eddie, Rosie Tu, Rosie Ta, Henry S, Zed, Luke S, Liam, Harry M, Olympia, Louisa, Aaliyah, Charlotte and Oliver M.

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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, 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.

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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.

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JUNIOR OPEN DAY

This fun golf day for juniors aged 6-12 for all abilities! Come and give golf a try! The following days are available:

On Tuesday's during the summer holidays
30th July, 6th August, 13th August and 20th August

10:00	Arrival + Check In
10:15	Coaching with competitions on the Driving Range, Chipping area and Putting.
12:45	LUNCH (Nuggets, Chips n Beans)
13:30	Golf Course Games First steps onto the golf course playing 3 holes as a team
15:45	Results, Presentation and Prizes
16:00	Finish

EACH DAY INCLUDES LUNCH AND COSTS

£35

per child each day

You must book your child's place in any day in order to take part
Price includes, greenfees, range balls, coaching, competition, lunch and prizes
Ages 6-12 all abilities. Maximum number 20 people

TO SIGN UP CONTACT
HEAD PGA PROFESSIONAL RUSSELL PHILLIPS ON
07843 692948 or r.phillips@avgc.co.uk
Please book at least 1 week in advance as some days may cancel and please pay on arrival.