ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER NO 3

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Thursday 19th September 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

Attached to/contained in this week's newsletter!

1. **Curriculum Overviews** for Foundation, Year 1&2, Year 3&4 and Year 5&6.
2. **Paper plates for all families – Macmillan Coffee Morning Friday 27th September –** donations of cakes very welcome on Thursday 26th and early Friday 27th September. Thank you in anticipation.
3. **Flyer from 1st Stewkley Scout Group about the Stewkley Fireworks Display Saturday 2nd November 6pm behind the Carpenters Arms.**
4. **Sponsored Obstacle Race organised by Stewkley Recreation Ground Committee Sunday 29th September 12-4pm –** sponsor forms are being handed out to families in the playground by parent Mrs Short. Scanned version of the form attached.
5. **Named Data Collection Sheets for ALL pupils –** please check, amend/add details accordingly, sign and return to the school office ASAP. These cannot be sent electronically at the moment. Feel free to return them to school in the envelope marked for the School Office or folded over and stapled due to the confidential information. We need to ensure our data base is up to date and accurate for the school census on 3rd October. Thank you for your cooperation.
6. **Year 5 and 6 trip letter to Stowe House in Buckingham 17th October– to follow**

The Friends Association of St Michael's School needs you!

The Friend's AGM was held last night and the former Co-Chairs, Sarah Dunn and Emma Smith have stepped down from their positions. The Treasurer (Claire Olliffe) and the Secretary (Hannah Pierce) have also stepped down. We were successful in fulfilling the position of Treasurer and Secretary but presently **we do not have a Chair duo** to move the Friends forward. We would like to welcome on board **Alex Towse (Treasurer) and Laura Lee (Secretary),** however without a Chair the Friends cannot exist and therefore events like the Christmas Fayre, Discos and Gift Shops will not take place! This position really needs two people to lighten the load so we would like to appeal to all parents who may be interested in taking on this role to make themselves known to the office. If anyone would like to have a chat with Sarah or Emma about the role, please feel free to contact us.
Many thanks, The Friends

Harvest Festival at St Michael's Church last Sunday

A huge thank you to the KS 2 pupils who sang at the Harvest Festival Service at St Michael's Church last Sunday 15th September. Mrs Deverill was thrilled with the singing and afterwards received numerous compliments from the congregation.
Their hard work with practicing the songs, despite the short amount of time to learn them, paid off. Thank you!

Some Thanks

Thank you, Mr Day, for putting together our new wooden bench for the Year 1 outside area.
Thank you, Mrs Pollard (Ella's mummy) for donating the piano for our music room and to Mrs Wiseman for her expertise in sorting it. Thank you to all the other people who offered pianos - we could have had four!

Behaviour Policy

Our new behaviour policy has been in place now for just over two weeks. We would like to remind our parents to regularly ask their children about their behaviour in school and if they have had to stay in at lunchtime. In the first 11 days, only 3 'yellow slips' have been issued. This is a testament to the excellent behaviour at St Michael's School.

KS2 Residential Visits

There will be a slight delay in receiving letters about our 2020 residential visits to parents. We are still finalising prices and hope to have the letters with you by Tuesday.

Class Briefings

Thank you to all the parents who came to our 'Class Briefings' yesterday. Many parents were very positive about the opportunity to learn more about classroom life. We will be sending out some notes from the meeting soon.

ALL PUPILS - ART AND DESIGN TECHNOLOGY CONTRIBUTION 2019/2020

In order to make the most economic use of the monies available for the Art and Design Technology, including cookery, we would like to invite parents to make a voluntary contribution of £5.00 per child for the school year towards the cost of items made in these areas. Your £5 voluntary contribution would be welcomed via Parentpay . https://www.parentpay.com/

Flu Vaccinations for all pupils and Year Foundation & Year 6 Measurement Programme

Due to a national shortage of the flu vaccine, the flu vaccinations in our school will now take place on the alternative date we issued last week – Thursday 12th December 2019 and not 2nd October. If you want your child to have the flu vaccination (a nasal spray) don't forget to complete the on line form ASAP : https://www.buckschildimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu
School nurses will also be in school on the 12th December for Year Foundation and Year 6 National Childhood Measurement Programme 2019 2020. All Foundation and Year 6 pupils will participate in the programme (height and weight measurements) unless you have opted out. (Details on Newsletter no 1 5th September with attachments)

NEXT FRIDAY September 27th 2019 – 9.30 – 11 am

TODAY – all families are coming home with a paper plate and we are asking you to fill it with a cake or small cakes or even biscuits for us to all enjoy on Friday 27th September. Thank you.
Cakes can be brought in next Thursday 26th or Friday 27th at the beginning of the school day. They can be any flavour, shape or size – we just ask that they do not contain sesame seeds or nuts. But most importantly we need your support in joining us on the morning of the 27th.
The coffee morning will be held in the school hall from 9.30-11 am with coffee and tea being served with a choice of delicious cakes.
Come along with your family, or friends you haven't seen in a while and enjoy a chat and a treat. Some of our Year 5 pupils will be there to help look after you!
We hope you can help make this a fantastic morning. Tell your neighbours, friends and family.
As usual we will also be holding a raffle in which you can win the most amazing cake made by Ricarda Casey (ex pupil of the school).

Next Week:

- Tuesday 24th September - New 2020 Parent tours 2pm. Contact school office to book
- Wednesday 25th September - New 2020 Parent tours 2pm. Contact school office to book
- Wednesday 25th September - Foundation Parents Reading meeting 9am – please join us in the staffroom when you have dropped your children off!
- Friday 27th September - Macmillan Coffee Morning in school all welcome. 9.30am-11am.

Kind Regards
Alison Cooper
School Secretary