ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER NO 3
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Friday 20th Sept 2024

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Dear Parents/Carers

A wee last blast of summer this week with some warm weather. You may be making the most of the sunshine and combining walking your dog at the same time as doing the school pick-up. Please note that dogs are not permitted on the school premise, even if they are being carried. Thank you for your understanding.
All of our After School Clubs started back this week and we are delighted to offer approximately 185 places on our extra-curricular clubs from Year 2 upwards with some great new additions such as Musical Theatre and Dodgeball.
Our Harvest Festival is at 9.45am on 7th October. Parents and carers are welcome to join us at the Chapel. We are going to start a collection that same day for Leighton-Linslade Helpers who run a food bank in our local area. If you would like to contribute, please bring in any non-perishable items to the office any time between 7th and 11th October. Thank you in advance for your generosity.
Friday 27th September is our Macmillan Coffee Morning and we look forward to welcoming all parents/carers/grandparents/friends for some tea and cake between 10 – 11.30am. Thank you to those who have kindly offered to bake for the event. All offers gratefully received! Please let me know if you would like to whip up something tasty.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes
Mrs Fiona Phimester

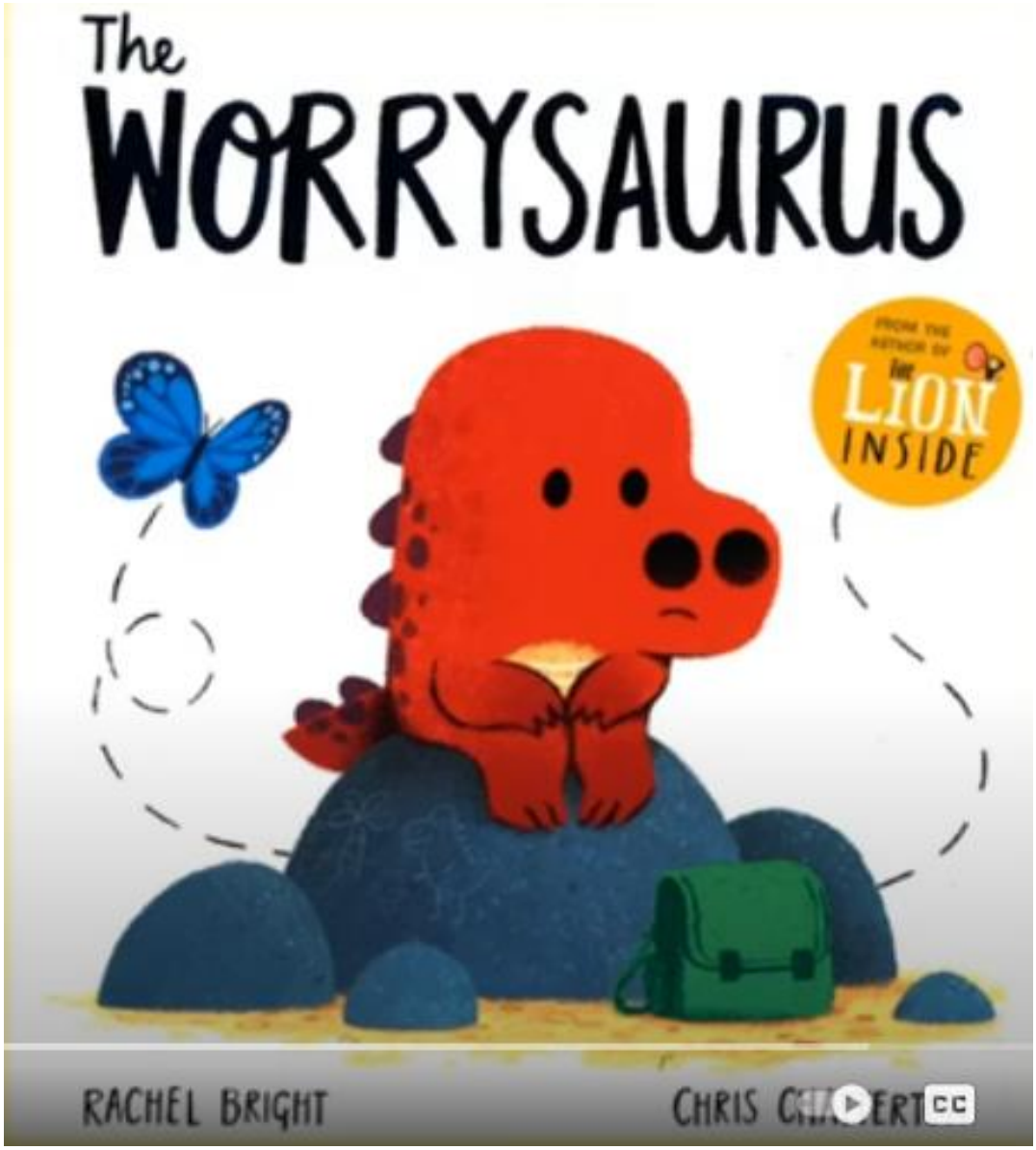
DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Friday 27th Sept – Macmillan Coffee Morning
Mon 30th Sept – School photos – Individual & sibling photos
Mon 7th Oct – Harvest Festival
Mon 7th Oct – Food Bank collection in school.
Friday 11th Oct – Transfer Test results
Friday 18th Oct – Year 5 Chinese Dragon craft workshop with parents
Wed 23rd Oct – Parents' Evening
Thurs 24th Oct – Parents' Evening
Tues 5th Nov – Swimming lessons start for Year4
Mon 11th Nov – Peter Pan Day
Friday 22nd Nov – Year 3 Class Assembly
Friday 29th Nov – Year 6 Class Assembly
Thurs 12th Dec – Year 1 Nativity 9.10am
Friday 13th Dec – Year 4 Christingle Service
Friday 13th Dec – Foundation Nativity 2.45pm
Wed 18th Dec – Year 2 Nativity 9.10am
Friday 20th Dec – End of Term

MESSAGE FROM MRS HANN

You may enjoy sharing this book (YouTube link below) with your child. Not only is it an enjoyable story, but it can open the door for conversations about some deeper things.

https://youtu.be/dxS5useu448?si=-EfPurh-ciCiJHNc



Best wishes as always

H Hann

Learning Mentor, DSL and Acting SENCo

My usual working pattern is Monday to Wednesday in school.

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GOLDEN LEARNERS

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

Year 1	**Rosie, Arlo, Amelie**
Year 2	**Betsy, Oliver, Amber**
Year 3	**Reggie, Siena, Alexander**
Year 4	**Wilf, Grace, Poppy**
Year 5	**Kaitlyn, Seb, Aaliyah**
Year 6	**Rosie Ta, Eliza, Edward S**

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Congratulations to Year 5 who managed to dodge the coughs and colds this week with impressive 99% attendance this week.

ST MICHAEL'S CELEBRATIONS

This Year 4 superstar competed in an International Orienteering competition in Wales at the end of the Summer term. He was the fastest boy in the Under 10 category. Mr Day presented him with his medal during assembly this morning. Well done – everyone at St Michael's is very proud of you.

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BELLRINGERS #together

Chess news from Mr McClellan September 2024

I am delighted to have a new group of beginners from KS2 starting the "Introduction to Chess" Course this term.
As parents will be aware, knowledge of how to play the game has tremendous educational benefits. Chess is about problem analysis, the evaluation of options, the application of learned knowledge, creativity and the making of decisions.
Playing chess gives children the opportunity to make new friends, develop respect for others and their ideas, anticipate and react to their opponent's intentions and have fun!
A child will also develop character as they will learn more about their strengths and weaknesses, understand the consequences of their decisions and how to play, win or lose, with courtesy towards their opponent.

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There is much more to learn and next term all children completing the "Introduction to Chess" course will be invited to continue with their chess and will be joined by more experienced club members. The combined group will be entered for a national competition which will enable them to play against other children in the region. St Michael's School has had great success in this competition in previous years.
I have been teaching chess at the school for over 20years and I am always pleased to meet children that I have taught several years ago at various chess competitions throughout the country. Once you have learned how to play the game it stays with you for life!
B, McClellan
Chess Teacher

LOCAL MP INFO

Please below for a list of constituency advise surgery dates for the rest of 2024 from Callum Anderson.

Callum Anderson MP
Member of Parliament for the Buckingham and Bletchley constituency
www.callumanderson.org.uk | @_CallumAnderson |

Friday 20 September	2.30pm - 4.00pm	Spotlight Community Centre, 114 Serpentine Court, Bletchley, MK2 3QR
Friday 27 September	4.00pm - 5.00pm	Buckingham Library, Verney Close, Buckingham, MK18 1JP
Thursday 3 October	5.00pm - 6.30pm	Winslow Town Council, 28 High Street, Winslow, MK18 3HF
Friday 11 October	9.00am - 10.30am	Buckingham Library, Verney Close, Buckingham, MK18 1JP
Friday 18 October	4.30pm - 6.00pm	Priory Park Pavilion, Priestley Drive, Tattenhoe, Park, Milton Keynes, MK4 4NW
Friday 25 October	4.00pm - 5.30pm	Sycamore House, Drayton Rd, Bletchley, MK2 3RR
Friday 1 November	4.00pm - 5.30pm	Fenny Stratford Community Centre, 13 George Street, Bletchley, MK2 2NR
Friday 8 November	9.30am - 11.00am	Rose Room, Winslow Public Hall, Winslow, MK18 3DG
Friday 15 November	9.30am - 11.00am	221 Whaddon Way, Bletchley, MK3 7DZ
Friday 22 November	9.30am - 11.00am	TBC in Buckingham
Saturday 30 November	2.00pm - 3.00pm	Priory Park Pavilion, Priestley Drive, Tattenhoe, Park, Milton Keynes, MK4 4NW
Friday 6 December	9.30am - 11.00am	Newton Leys Pavilion, Furzey Way, Bletchley, MK3 5SP
Friday 13 December	9.30am - 11.00am	221 Whaddon Way, Bletchley, MK3 7DZ

In partnership with Knowsley CLCs, all parent/carers are invited to an:

Online Safety Information Session

This session is delivered virtually so can be watched from anywhere!
We will share the link with you privately.

Current trends – what children are doing online and what apps/games are popular amongst children.

Understanding the Risks – a look at the risks associated with using technology, in particular when using social media, online gaming & live streaming.

What can you do? - suggestions on how you can support your child with their online lives and what parental controls are available to help you.

Further Support – signposting to services that are available to help you.

WEDNESDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2024

4PM – 4.45PM

Knowsley City Learning Centres

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Friends of St Michael's School

AGM

Wednesday 16th October

8pm - The Swan

Everyone Welcome

NEW VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO TAKE ON THE ROLES OF CHAIRPERSON & SECRETARY AS WELL GENERAL HELPERS & ORGANISERS

GET INVOLVED TO HELP ENRICH YOUR CHILDS SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

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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.

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.

Wear It Green

for Macmillan day

Change into your favourite green outfit for the day and help us raise money in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, helping them do whatever it takes for people living with cancer.

When: Friday 27th September

Suggested donation:* £1.00

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MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

*No donation necessary.

Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (261017), Scotland (SC039907) and the Isle of Man (604). Also operating in Northern Ireland. MAC19471_WearGreen

It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning

and you're invited

Let's do whatever it takes to support people living with cancer.

Place: St Michael's School

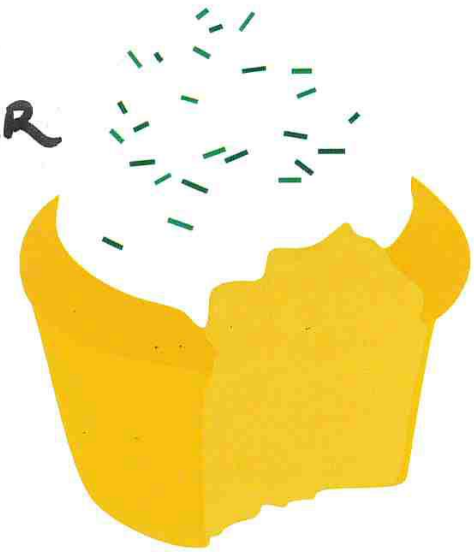
Date: Friday 27th September

Time: 10 - 11·30am

Contact:

Mrs Fiona Phimester

School Office



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- Win up to £25,000!
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YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

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