ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER NO 4

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Thursday 26th September 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

Attached to/contained in this week's newsletter!

1. **Letter for Year 5 and 6 trip to Stowe House in Buckingham Thursday 17th October** **https://www.parentpay.com/**

2. **Letter for Year Foundation trips to Forest School Tuesday 15th October and Tuesday 5th November and Information Letter** **https://www.parentpay.com/**

3. **Letters for Year 3 4 5 and 6 Residential Visits 2020** **https://www.parentpay.com/**

4. **Class Information 2019/2020 –** a summary sheet for parents following the Class Briefings on 11th September. Please also refer to the Curriculum Overviews we have issued.

5. **Flyer for 'Travelling Tunes Band on Tour' –** Bucks Music Trust are at St Michael's next Thursday 3rd October 4pm -5.15pm. See section in newsletter too!

6. **Scholastic Book Club Leaflets** – see note below. Any orders by Friday 4th October please.

TOMORROW - FRIDAY September 27th –9.30am – 11 am

Donations of cakes 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 tomorrow.
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).

Data Collection Sheets

Thank you to those families who have returned checked and signed data collection sheets – we have had 73% back already. Your support is very much appreciated. 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.

Phone lines to school

We are still waiting for Open Reach(BT) to repair our phone lines by digging underground on the school drive. Calls are still being diverted on one line to the school mobile phone so apologies if you have difficulties getting through, or the reception isn't brilliant. The usual answer phone for reporting absences is not in operation at present. Please bear with us.

Keeping Safe on Mobile Phones

The following web site has been brought to our attention which may be of interest to our upper KS2 parents about keeping children safe on their phones.

https://www.tigermobiles.com/blog/how-to-protect-your-children-on-their-smartphone/

The Friends Association of St Michael's School
GOOD NEWS!

Many thanks to parents **Hannah Pierce** and **Rachael Drohan** who have come forward and will be **Joint Chairs**. There is now a full committee with **Alex Towse as Treasurer and Laura Lee as Secretary. Please give them your full support this year. A calendar of planned fund raising events will be out soon!**

Scholastic Book Club Leaflets

We are sending home Book Club leaflets today. We have set up our Scholastic Book Club school group order online in case any parents want to order this way -
https://clubs-school.scholastic.co.uk/st-michaels-ce
You need to order your books on line or by sending a paper order request into school by **Friday 4th October**. After that date, we will confirm that all orders are in and the books will be delivered to school for handing out in class. (Please let us know if you do not want us to give them to your child – e.g. if they are for a gift) For every £1 you spend 20p goes back to our school to spend on much-needed books for our classrooms and library! Many thanks for your support.

Next Week:

OCTOBER

(2nd Nasal Flu Vaccinations in school – open to ALL pupils) – **MOVED TO 12TH DECEMBER**

3rd No Karate After School Club

NEW DATE

3rd Bucks Music Trust – Buckingham Music Centre – Travelling Peripatetic Band in school 4pm to 5.15pm open to ALL pupils who play a musical instrument!

Bringing Music Centre to you!

For more information email: aylmusic@bucksmusic.org

If you're at primary school and you play an instrument come and try our playing in a band. All abilities and all instruments are welcome. We'll be visiting as many primary schools as possible and we'd love you to come on tour with us! Each session is £10 and there will be four per term. You can pay in cash before the session starts or you can pay for the term in one go.

Autumn Term Dates	**Autumn Term Venues**
3rd October 4:00-5:15	St Michael's CE Combined School, Stewkley, LU7 0HA
17th October 4:00-5:15	Venue tbc
14th November 4:00-5:15	George Grenville Academy, Buckingham, MK18 1AP
28th November 4:00-5:15	Steeple Claydon School, MK18 2PA

3rd Parent Evenings –our on line booking system opens at 8pm.
https://stmichaelscecombined.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/

Monday 7th Harvest Worship in school for YF, 1, and 2 at 9.30 am. Parents welcome .
Harvest Festival Service at The Methodist Church 2pm start. Years 3-6. Parents welcome

Harvest Festival for pupils in Year 3-6 - Monday 7th October 2019 1.45pm for a 2pm start at The Methodist Chapel, High Street South. Parents welcome.

Our KS2 Harvest Festival service will take place at the Methodist Chapel in High Street South this year with Reverend Donna Broadbent-Kelly leading proceedings for us on Monday 7th October at 2pm. We are grateful to Reverend Broadbent-Kelly and the Methodist Chapel for their welcome and, as usual, Harvest gifts will be going to the **MK Food Bank.** Please bring donations into school at your convenience and at the latest on the morning of Monday 7th October. **WISH LIST - Baked beans, Long life juice, Long life milk, Tinned vegetables, Tinned fruit, Tea bags, Dried rice & pasta, Tinned meat.** If you can be a parent volunteer and walk with the children to the Methodist Chapel and walk back with them please let the school office know – Thank you! Please note children will be dismissed as normal at 3.30pm from school.

Harvest Worship in school for Year Foundation, 1 and 2 –Monday 7th October 2017 9.30am. Parents welcome.

The younger children and staff will be celebrating Harvest in school with Reverend Broadbent-Kelly. Parents of Year F,1 and 2 are welcome to attend Worship at 9.30am in the school hall.

Head lice and Threadworms– several cases reported!

We have had a number of parents report that their child has had to be treated for head lice or threadworms. *Please remain vigilant and check your child's hair regularly for head lice*. Your local pharmacy will be able to advise you on the up to date treatment. You can also visit the NHS's website for advice. Thank you for your cooperation. https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/
https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/

Message from Stewkley Tennis Club- Open courts this weekend (Sept. 28 – 29)

It's Nature Valley Big Tennis Weekend at Stewkley Tennis Club on Saturday and Sunday. Please do tell friends and family that we're opening the courts and offering the chance to play tennis for free this weekend from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m - weather permitting. Coach Matt will be on hand on Sunday afternoon from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. to offer hints and tips. Our aim is to raise awareness of the club and attract new members to (or back to) the sport. All are welcome and I'd welcome your help getting the message out.

Message from Stewkley Pavilion and Recreation Ground – fund raising event

BINGO Friday 4th October. Doors open 6.30pm. Eyes down 7pm. Pizza £1 and a Bar open. £2.50 entry, including a book. Everyone is welcome!

Kind Regards
Alison Cooper
School Secretary