ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER NO 4
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Dear Parents/Carers

Thankfully the torrential rain at the start of the week has slightly subsided and I hope that you and your properties stayed safe from the forces of mother nature.

School photos for individuals and siblings will be on Monday morning. Your child will come home with a QR code and details on how to view and order your photos once they are ready. This can take up to 10 days so please look out for further communication to let you know they can be viewed.

Thank you to everyone who kindly baked for our Macmillan Coffee Morning and to everyone who came along to support the event. It was great to see such a great turnout from the village. Early indications are that we have raised around £700, but I'll confirm a grand total next week. The bakers of Stewkley never let us down – the cakes were amazing!

We all enjoy the fresh air of the Buckinghamshire countryside in our lovely village. Please can I remind everyone to help keep our air clean by switching of their engines whilst dropping off for Breakfast Club or picking up from After School Club. That would be much appreciated.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes
Mrs Fiona Phimester

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

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

LEAVERS HOODIES - PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?

In the last three years, two parents and an uncle, who are professional artists / graphic designers, have given up their time for free to work with our Year Six children on a unique design for the back of the Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies.

We are really keen to find someone (it could be parent from ANY year group) has similar skills to work on the 2024-2025 design with our children. If you would like to lead this for us this year, please let me know by Thursday 3rd October 2024. Your support would be gratefully received.

Best wishes
Mr Morley

MESSAGE FROM MRS HANN

I have been having a trawl for links to what our local library service offers in this area. Here's what I found:
Wing *https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/libraries/information-about-local-library/wing-community-library/*
Winslow *https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/libraries/information-about-local-library/winslow-community-library/*
Aylesbury Chatterbooks Club for 7+ year olds *https://buckinghamshire.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/FULL/WPAC/EVSESENQ/390971/7431694,7*

Hope this is useful for helping you build your family's reading for pleasure.

Best wishes as always
H Hann
Learning Mentor, DSL and Acting SENCo
My usual working pattern is Monday to Wednesday in school.

GOLDEN LEARNERS

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

Year 1	**Rory, Dilly, Freya**
Year 2	**Lily, Oliver, Joseph**
Year 3	**Iris, Darcie, Theodore**
Year 4	**Reagan, Maddie, Samuel**
Year 5	**Joseph, Ben, Monty**
Year 6	**Noah, Chloe, Ted**

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Huge congratulations to Year 4 this week who achieved an incredible 100% attendance.

BELLRINGERS #together

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BIKEABILITY LEVEL 1

Children from our Year 3 and 4 classes took part in Bikeability Level 1 this week where they learnt some basic road safety skills on their bikes.

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MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Foundation came to the hall to find out all about Coffee Mornings and deliver their donations.

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An incredible turnout out of amazing cakes at this year's Macmillan Coffee Morning. Thank you to everyone who baked and ate!

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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.

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