ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to everyone who was able to make it along our Harvest Festival on Monday and I hope you all enjoyed the service. It was a slightly soggy walk back to school, but I don't think it dampened any spirits. A huge thank you for all the generous donations of food items. We have a tremendous amount of goodies ready to go to the food bank next week.
The Magic Show was a huge success last Friday evening and thank you to everyone involved in making this happen, particularly Mrs Turnbull and Mrs Vale. Please see below for some photos and details of the amount raised.
Bikeability Level 2 started for our Year 5 and 6s this week and it proved to be a great success! Next week is the turn of our Foundation class and some more Level 2 classes for our Year 5 and 6 children. Please remember your helmets and bikes on the relevant days.
Parents Evening – please look out for details on how to book your appointments with the class teacher. This will be going out at the beginning of next week.

Wishing you a lovely weekend as always.
Mrs Fiona Phimester

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Thur 12th Oct – 2.30pm Secret Garden Visit for Year 1 parents
Thur 12th Oct – Flu Vaccination Clinic
Wed 18th Oct – Parents Evening
Thurs 19th Oct – Parents Evening
Fri 20th Oct – INSET Day
Thur 2nd Nov – Year 4 Cake Sale
Fri 10th Nov – 9am Year 5 Class Assembly
Mon 13th Nov – Robin Hood Day
Fri 17th Nov – Y6 Class Assembly
Fri 24th Nov – 9am Year 3 Class Assembly
Fri 1st Dec – 9am Christingle Service
Wed 13th Dec – Christmas lunch, Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Discos

PARKING

A gentle reminder that parking in the school car park and Buttons allocated spaces is not permitted unless you have a valid Blue badge. Please park in the village hall car park or further away from the school to ease congestion and make it a safe environment for everyone.

WATER BOTTLES

As you are aware, the children need to bring in a water bottle to school everyday. These bottles need to have a sports lid that does not leak.

We appreciate the popularity of the 'Air Up' bottles at the moment, but have experienced a number of incidents of them being knocked over and creating spillages. If you happen to have an alternative sported lidded bottle at home that would be a preferable alternative to take to school. Many thanks in advance.

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.

HARVEST DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone who has brought in non-perishable food donations. We are still collecting for the foodbank from now on until Harvest Festival on 2nd October. Please feel free to drop off items to the classrooms or to the office. Many thanks in advance for your continued support and generosity.

VACANCY

We have an exciting opportunity for someone to come and join our St Michael's team. Please see the attached link for details on how to apply for a part-time Teaching Support Assistant on a fixed term contract until the end of the Summer Term 2024. This will be support one of our amazing Year 6s with their learning (Mon-Fri mornings only). This role may suit a university graduate/student in a gap year.

https://www.mynewterm.com/jobs/110414/EDV-2023-SMCECS-19846

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MRS HANN – LEARNING MENTOR

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our School Harvest Service on Monday. I'm looking forward to seeing some of you this Sunday at the church's own Harvest Service. I was struck by how much pleasure the children took in singing together. It's made me think about how often we sing with our families. As a child, we used to sing in the car in the days of cassette tapes! When I look back, these are some of my happiest memories. So if you get the chance to sing together as a family, do and create lifelong memories together. ♪♪🎼♪.

Coffee and a chat on Monday after drop-off as usual… there's often toast as well!

Best wishes
H Hann, Learning Mentor, Music Subject Leader and DSL
@MrsHannStMSch on X/Twitter

GOLDEN LEARNERS

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

Year 1	**Louis, Phoebe, Claudia**
Year 2	**Edwin, Tyler, Edie A**
Year 3	**Carys, Archie, Samuel**
Year 4	**Sofia, Kaitlyn, Luisa**
Year 5	**Noah, Riley, Rosie**
Year 6	**Abi, Tegan, Amelie**

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ATTENDANCE AWARD

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Hurrah for Year 2!
98% attendance for this week.

FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

***** Friends AGM – this will be in the Carpenter's Arms, Stewkley at 8pm on 18th October. All welcome. *****

FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
Join our Facebook Page - @friends&parentsofstmichaelsschoolstewkley

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Friends of St Michael's School

AGM

Wednesday 18th October

8pm - Carpenters Arms

Everyone Welcome

GET INVOLVED, MEET NEW PEOPLE & HELP ENRICH YOUR CHILDS SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

Volunteers needed - come along & see how you can help

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Thank You

The Family Magic Show raised a Magnificent

£837.85

We are extremely grateful to everyone who came along, took part in the show or helped in anyway

Thank you also to the following companies who donated raffle prizes

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Start searching down the sofa, in the car, coat pockets...

The Spare Change Challenge is back!

Please bring your spare change into school and pop it in the bucket in your classroom between 9th October and 30th November

Prize for the class who fills their bucket up the fastest

Prize for the class with the heaviest bucket overall

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WYCOMBE MUSEUM

OCTOBER HALF TERM

22nd - 29th October

Pumpkin Hunt Trail

Available daily except Monday & Saturday • 10am - 4pm • £3 per child

Hunt for pumpkins and solve our puzzle for a prize!
Book online or drop in.

Seasonal activity trail Best for ages 3-11

24th & 25th October, Tuesday & Wednesday

Discover & Make: Clay Creations

Starts 10.30am • £4.50 per child

Design your own coins in clay as you learn about money through the ages.

Crafts For ages 3-11

29th October, Sunday

Halloween Ghost Hunt

Starts 2pm • £6.50 per child

Come dressed to scare & join in with ghoulish games and creepy crafts in this after-dark experience.

Family fun day Best for ages 4 - 11

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For children
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LOST PROPERTY

Please come and collect from the office if this watch belongs to your child. Thanks.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH

This coming Sunday will be Harvest Festival in the church and, as last year, pupils and their families are warmly invited. We think particularly at this time of all who work in agriculture, and, as a prayer for the week, here is the traditional prayer for Harvest Festival…

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Best wishes to you all

Andrew Krauss

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HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thank you to everyone to has signed up to come along and sing at the Harvest Festival this Sunday. I know you are going to sound amazing and do a great job of representing St Michael's School.

ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL SPORTS INFORMATION

SPORTING NEWS

Watch this space as Mr Day fills it up with exciting sporting fixtures!

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