ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

There has been some lovely singing coming from the hall this week as the children rehearse their songs for the Harvest Festival which takes place on Monday 7th October at 9.45pm at the Methodist Church. Parents and carers are welcome to join us, but please be aware that it may be standing room only.
In conjunction with our Harvest Festival, please feel free to bring in some non-perishable food donations from Monday 7th October. These will be collected at the end of next week by Linslade Leighton Helpers.
Bikeability Level 2 has been taking place this week and I hope your children enjoyed how to ride their bike safely. The groups have either been blessed with some Autumn sunshine or absolutely soaked! Thank you to all the children for being so resilient when faced with all the rain and hopefully the hot chocolate afterwards helped to warm them up.
The Friends Association plays a huge role in our St Michael's School community. They make a massive difference to every class when they are able to make significant financial contributions to the cost of coaches for our class trips, thus helping to keep costs to a minimum for everyone. Friends are hosting their AGM on Wednesday 16th October in The Swan.
Please do pop along to find out more about plans for the year and how you may be able to help. It's a great way to get to know new people, release your inner fundraising self and support the newly re-opened Swan at the same time!
The Macmillan Coffee Morning was a fantastic success last week. After such a wet morning, the sun appeared in the afternoon and we had an incredible turnout for the playground cake sale in the afternoon when we were literally cleared out of all sweet treats! There is now a grand total of £1000 to add to the Macmillan pot so thank you to everyone who contributed with all the baking and eating! If you are still missing your cake box, please pop round to the office to collect.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes
Mrs Fiona Phimester

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Mon 7th Oct – Harvest Festival
Mon 7th Oct – Food Bank collection in school.
Friday 11th Oct – Transfer Test results
Wed 16th Oct – Friends AGM Meeting 8pm, The Swan
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

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Mon 11th Nov – Peter Pan Day
Friday 22nd Nov – Year 3 Class Assembly
Friday 29th Nov – Year 6 Class Assembly
Wed 11th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch
Wed 11th Dec – School Discos
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

Vivaldi Four Seasons: Autumn (Autunno) Full, original version. Carla Moore & Voices of Music RV 293
youtu.be

We have much enjoyed listening to this piece of music again this week. It's great for conjuring up images of Autumn.

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	**Grace, Mila, Joe**
Year 2	**Hayden, Bradley, Claudia**
Year 3	**Lucy, Vidya, Jacob**
Year 4	**Owen, Bobby, Bear**
Year 5	**Deany-Lee, Bethany, Sophia**
Year 6	**Arnie, Teddy, Joshua**

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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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ATTENDANCE AWARD

Two weeks in a row – Year 4 are the winners of the Attendance Cup! Well done everyone – an amazing 99%!

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FOUNDATION

Can we say a massive thanks to Mrs Burke and Dr Atkinson who came in last Monday to talk about being a dentist and a doctor. All the Foundation children (and grown ups) learned a lot about having healthy bodies and healthy teeth.

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MALAWI DONATIONS

Our wonderful volunteers have been in to sort out our pre-loved uniform donations and sifted out some to make their way to schools in Malawi. The bags were collected this week to begin the long journey to Africa.

BIKEABILITY LEVEL 2

Hot drinks after cold and soggy Bikeability!

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Blue skies for Bikeability towards the end of the week.

MATERIALS

We were lucky to receive donations of homemade blankets and teddy bears to school recently from a community needlecraft group in Aylesbury called The Sew & So's. These were gratefully received by all the classes. If any of our parents happen to work in a textile industry and might have access to surplus materials, please let me know as the Sew & So's would be delighted to receive any donations of wool or materials etc.

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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