# ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

**NEWSLETTER NO 6**

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Thursday 10th October 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

Attached to/contained in this week's newsletter!

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1. **Buckingham School Sports Partnership KS1 Multi Skills Festival** – Tuesday 15th October 3.45pm at the Fremantle School, Winslow – letter for selected Year 2 pupils went home yesterday
2. **Aylesbury Vale Primary Schools FA Cup match v High Ash School** – at home – Wednesday 16th October – letter for Y5/6 team members.
3. **Aylesbury Vale Primary Schools FA District 7 a side Girls Tournament** – Saturday 18th October – letter for Y5/6 team members
4. **Aylesbury Vale Primary Schools FA District 7 a side Boys Tournament** – Saturday 18th October – letter for Y5/6 team members

## Thank you, Mrs Kirchin, for donating two picnic tables and thank you, Mr Frampton, for collecting the picnic tables and bringing them to school.

**Harvest Festival – last Monday**

Thank you to all of our families who attended or supported our Harvest Festival on Monday. We had a fantastic turn out for the morning service at School and the later service held at the Methodist Chapel. We had a bumper harvest of jars, tins and packets that have now been delivered to the Food bank in Milton Keynes.

We have received a lovely message from Reverend Donna following Monday's services:

*We had so many harvest donations this year which was just so amazing from both the school and the community. I had three parents knock my door, who were inspired by the assembly on the Monday, to go out and buy food…just wonderful! I took a car load (and I mean the boot, back seat and front seat were full of donations!) to the collection point for the Milton Keynes Food Bank and then a van from the Salvation Army from Leighton Buzzard who work with the Women's Refuge, the Homeless Shelter and Food Bank referrals, came to Chapel to collect over 25 bags full of food and 4 boxes. They are so grateful; both have said that they will write letters of thanks to the school.*

*Here's a BIG THANKYOU from me! Well done St Michael's- your donations are going to make such a difference to local people. #together we can make a difference.*

**SIAMS Inspection – last Monday**

On Monday we had a visit from Church of England School Inspectors. They come and visit schools every 5 years. During their time in school they met with parents, children, staff, governors and the local clergy. The

inspectors made lots of positive comments about our school and we are pleased and encouraged with the outcome. Their overall judgement is a secret until their report is published in a few weeks' times. We will now not see the inspectors for another 5 years. The inspectors have given us a brief outline of the things that would like us to work on and these mainly focus around our daily act of worship and our teaching of RE.

**School Twitter Account**

Our School Twitter account is now in full swing. Two of our classes, Year 5 and Year 1, have their own accounts and they were joined this week by Mrs Munday's School Sport Twitter. We have been updating our school website in recent days, where people who do not have Twitter can view our tweets. If we do not have permission to use your child's photo, please contact the school office to sign a form.

**Christmas Boxes**

We know that lots of our parents have made a start on building their Christmas Boxes as part of our annual appeal. We have already had 5 boxes arrive in school. We have set ourselves a target of collecting 101 boxes this year. Thank you for your support.

**This week/Next Week:**

**Tomorrow – KS2 Residential deposits due via Parent pay and reply slips retuned.**
**Monday 14th – Pupil photographs in school – please ensure your child has a school jumper in school. Thank you. School families will also be photographed together as well as individually.**
**Tuesday 15th – Foundation visit to Forest School- am**
**Thursday 17th – Year 5 and 6 to Stowe House for the day.**
**Friday 18th – JRSO's Fun afternoon at Green Park**
**Friday 18th – 11+ results for Year 6 pupils.**

**Parent Consultations – ON LINE BOOKINGS CLOSE 12PM FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER**

**https://stmichaelscecombined.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/**

We shall be holding consultation meetings on Tuesday 22nd October and Thursday 24th October 2019 for all pupils. Year 4, 5 and 6 have additional times for you to book if convenient - Year 4 – 2.30pm to 4.30pm on Monday 21st October, Year 5 – 8am to 8.50am on Thursday 24th October and Year 6 – 2pm to 3.20pm on Tuesday 22nd October. These will provide an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teachers. The teachers will be holding the ten minute consultation meetings in their classrooms, should a longer discussion time be necessary this can be arranged for a later date. We will open up the top playground for additional parking so please avoid causing congestion in Chapel Square and High Street North. Thank you for your cooperation. Please use the main school entrance to enter and leave the school. May I remind you that these evenings are for parents/ carers only. Thank you

**REMINDER - Friends' Association Theatre Club**

**Don't miss this year's Christmas Panto at Aylesbury Waterside Theatre!**

**The Friend's Theatre Club has now secured discounted tickets for "Beauty and the Beast" for Friday 20th December at 7.00pm**

**Laugh-a-minute duo Andy Collins and glam icon La Voix are returning to tread the boards once more, along with London-born actor Danny Walters currently playing Keanu Taylor in the BBC's "Eastenders".**

Perfectly silly fun for all the family and a real festive treat just before Christmas! Great seats in the stalls and a fabulous occasion for all the children to be out for the night with their school friends and family. What's not to like?!

See details attached - don't miss it! Tickets only £20 with no fee (normally £30.50 + booking fee!)

**Email beckshadley@hotmail.com** as soon as possible in order to secure your tickets! Payment information will then be sent to you.

Information on more theatre fun for 2020 to come later in the year!

**Macmillan Cancer Support Fundraising- by parent Mrs Phimester- we are happy to pass on a message and support**

We have agreed to have a green, decorated jar in each class from, Mrs Phimester, to collect any small change for Macmillan Cancer Support. If you would like to contribute any small change please feel free to do so. Jars will be collected on 9th November. All proceeds will contribute towards Mrs Phimester's fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support.

# ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL SPORTS INFORMATION

**Hi-Five Netball Festival at Sir Thomas Freemantle School – Tuesday 8th October**
**Report from Mrs Grant**

On Tuesday afternoon, two teams from St Michael's took part in the Bucks Partnership Hi-Five Netball Festival over at the Sir Thomas Freemantle School. All of our players performed exceptionally well and for some players, this was their first competitive netball game.

Our Yellow Team was made up of Matthew, Max, Poppy, Emily, Bailie, Jamie (Yr. 6) and Emily (Yr. 5). Their play was fast-paced and exciting to watch, showing impressive skills in both attack and defence. They were unbeaten in all their matches which secured them first place in the competition with 20 points. They will go through to the Partnership Finals at Stoke Mandeville later on next year.

Our Blue team was made up of Jack, Hannah, Annaleigh, Aimee (Yr. 6), Ava, Sam, Izzie and Sarah (Yr. 5). Again, St Michael's Blues produced some excellent netball and put into practice all the skills they have been learning at netball club. Their teamwork and support of each other was terrific. This team had their work cut out as their opposition on the whole was much taller. Despite this, they worked the ball up the court so well but were hampered in the goal area because of the height difference. Our Blue Team came fourth in the competition.

Both our teams were outstanding and a credit to St Michael's School. Well done to all our players.

Thanks also to Mr Olney for looking after the Blue Team and for all the parents for transporting and supporting our players.

Kind Regards
Alison Cooper
School Secretary

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