# ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

**NEWSLETTER NO 8**
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Thursday 24th Oct 2024

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**Dear Parents/Carers**

**And just like that our first half term is over! I'm sure all the children are ready for a well-earned week off to relax and recharge their batteries.**
**It's been great to see so many parents come along to Parents' Evening to touch base with the class teachers this week. Always lovely to meet in person rather than just via email or phone call.**
**Our Year 6 boys enjoyed a football fixture over at Brookmead School at the beginning of the week. Please scroll down to find out how they got on.**
**Year 5 swimming is now finished and Year 4 will start their swimming lessons on Tuesday 5th November.**
**Tomorrow is an Inset day, so please do not drop your children at school and enjoy a leisurely start to the Half Term break.**

**Wishing you all a wonderful week, whatever your plans are.**
**Best wishes**
**Mrs Fiona Phimester**

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:**

Friday 25th Oct – **INSET DAY**
Tues 5th Nov – Swimming lessons start for Year4
Friday 8th Nov – Aspirations Day
Mon 11th Nov – Peter Pan Day
Friday 15th Nov – Children In Need – Wear it spotty!
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

**CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT**

We just wanted to remind you that the deadline date for submitting your orders for the Art Projects for Schools Christmas Card Project, is getting nearer. To avoid any late handling and postage fees, please go to **https://www.apfsorders.co.uk**, and input the unique artwork code - found on the label on the reverse of the artwork - and your child's first name and surname by midnight on **29th October.** Remember, the funds raised from your support will go towards supporting the whole school. Most importantly, the items recognise and celebrate your child's creative effort and are great to send to family and friends.
Thank you in advance for your support.

**THANK YOU FROM LEIGHTON LINSLADE HELPERS**

Thank you so much for the donations of food you recently collected from your school Harvest Festival.
These items will go a long way to providing the essentials needed for our food parcels. These will be given to those that qualify, living in Leighton Linslade and surrounding villages, that are struggling to afford to feed themselves and their families.
We currently make up around 60 parcels every fortnight but with the colder weather approaching we are likely to get more requests for help, as some cannot stretch to heating their homes and putting food on the table.

Your support is much appreciated.
Thank you again.
Leighton Linslade Helpers

**MESSAGE FROM MRS HANN**

*Phew- what a busy half term this has been. Thank you for the support that you have shown your children. Here are some links that may be enjoyable to do as families over the half term. I have tried to find free or very low cost activities.*

*In Milton Keynes:*

*https://www.theparkstrust.com/events/nature-craft-for-children/*
*https://www.theparkstrust.com/events/halloween-trail/*

*In Leighton Buzzard*
*https://www.greensandtrust.org/rushmere-country-park*
*https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Attraction_Review-g1207908-d15088184-Reviews-Tiddenfoot_Waterside_Park-Leighton_Buzzard_Bedfordshire_England.html*

*There are also some suggestions for restaurants/cafes offering free/ £1 meals for children during half term - see our school FaceBook page.*

*Best wishes as always*
*H Hann*

***Learning Mentor, DSL and Acting SENCo***
*My usual working pattern is Monday to Wednesday in school.*

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## POPPY APPEAL

Our Year 6s will be going around the classes after the half term break if any of your children would like to purchase a poppy for a donation.

## GOLDEN LEARNERS

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

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| **Year 1** | **Alby, George, Trystan** |
| **Year 2** | **Reuben, Lily T, Joshy** |
| **Year 3** | **Ruby, Albie, Edwin** |
| **Year 4** | **Cecily, Harrison, Oliver** |
| **Year 5** | **Liam, Emily, Luisa** |
| **Year 6** | **Azaria, Cade, Henry** |

**ATTENDANCE AWARD**

**Wow Year 5! 100% attendance this week! Well done everyone.**

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# MR DAY'S ST MICHAEL'S SPORTING ROUNDUP

**Boys Football - Brookmead 1-4 St Michael's**

One of our year 6 boys football teams travelled to Brookmead on Monday to play their first league match of the season. St M's took the lead with a great curling shot from Zed, who doubled the lead just before half time with a close range finish. Eddie scored twice in the second half (including a banger from the halfway line) to give St Michael's a comfortable win. Special mention to Tom who hit both posts and the bar but couldn't quite get his goal.
St M's - Teddy, Noah, Eddie, Tom, Arnie, Ted, Zed, Corey

**Sports badges**

If your child is missing or needs more of our woven sports badges, please email Mr Day at mday@st-michaels.bucks.sch.uk These are badges awarded to children who represent the school at any PE or sports events. We have a list of who has done what but sometimes these are lost or not ordered at the time. Badges cost 60p each and multiple badges can be ordered.

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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, we will text or ring 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 **Sunday at midnight, 1 week 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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**BUCKS MUSIC TRUST**

Aylesbury Music Centre has over 25 different after school activities for children to get involved with – from choirs to orchestras to rock bands, for children from 3-18.

We have two Open Days:
**Tuesday 5th November** with activities for primary school age children.
**Saturday 9th November** with activities for all ages – including the grown-ups!

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# YOU ARE INVITED TO

BETWEEN 9AM - 1PM

- ALL STANDARDS (1 TERM TO GRADE 8)
- ALL INSTRUMENTS
- ALL SINGERS
- ALL AGES

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# OPEN DAY

## AT AYLESBURY MUSIC CENTRE

## SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

## IT'S FREE!

NO NEED TO BOOK

JUST TURN UP!

GOT A QUESTION?

WALTON ROAD | AYLESBURY HP21 7ST | TEL 01494 216 066
AYLMUSIC@BUCKSMUSIC.ORG

# Preloved parent, children and baby goods

Profits go to NCT Charity

## Nearly New Sale – Leighton Buzzard

**Toys, nursery items, buggies, dressing up, maternity, shoes and clothes from newborn to 15 years!**

Saturday 16th November
2.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

£1.50 per adult (no need to book)

1.30 p.m. early entry for NCT members

Limited pre-bookable early bird entry 1.45p.m £2.50 (non-members)

Seller places £5 – keep up to 80% of profits! (contact to book)

Brooklands Middle School
Brooklands Drive, LU73PF
nns.leightonbuzzard@nct.org.uk

NCT is acting as the agent for sellers at NCT Nearly New sales.

NCT is a trading name of The National Childbirth Trust.
Limited company registered in England and Wales: 2370573.
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Registered charity in England and Wales: 801395 and Scotland: SC041592.

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