ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER NO 9

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Thursday 7th November 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

Contained in this week's newsletter! -

1. **Parent Governor Ballot –** letter for all families together with two ballot papers per family.
2. **Friends Association Child Designed Christmas Card orders –** coming home today
3. **Friends Association Christmas Fayre Flyer –** Saturday 7th December 12-3pm. All welcome!
4. **Year Foundation (and Year 6) letter Waddesdon Manor visit 4.15pm –** Wednesday 4th December
5. **Buckinghamshire School Sports Partnership Y4 Badminton Festival –** Tuesday 12th November 3.45pm to 5.30pm. Letter for selected pupils went home yesterday.
6. **KS2 Cross Country Event at Thornton College –** Friday 15th November – 1.30pm to 3.30pm. Letter for selected pupils.
7. **Aylesbury Vale Boys Football League A v Edlesborough A at HOME –** Wednesday 13th November . Letter for Y6 team members
8. **Aylesbury Vale Girls Football League match v Swanbourne at HOME –** Thursday 14th November . Letter for Y5/6 team members.
9. **TT Rocks Stars Competition from 7am 11th – 7pm 16th November. –** letter attached from Mrs Clarke
10. **Wide Awake Club** – instructions attached to assist with bookings
11. **Flyer advertising an Art Exhibition at a Christmas Craft Fair at Aylesbury Grammar School** - on Saturday 16th November 10am to 3.30pm free entry. (Just to let you know, our own Mrs Croucher is exhibiting some of her own art work and cards, there so well worth a visit!!)

This week/Next Week/After Half Term :

TOMORROW	**Year 5 Class Assembly 9.10am**
	KS2 Got Talent Contest 6pm
SATURDAY 9TH	**Stewkley Firework Display 6pm at The Carpenters Arms**
	Rescheduled from Saturday 2nd.
SUNDAY 10th	**Remembrance Sunday – 6 of our Y6 pupils are representing the school at the Annual Service of Remembrance at St Michael's Church 10.15am.**
MONDAY 11th	**Year 5/6 Punch and Judy Show – pm**
	£50 Year 5 Hudnall Park Residential payment due
TUESDAY 12th	**Year 3/4 Hockey Festival at Winslow 3.45pm**
WEDNESDAY 13th	**Year 6 Boys football match v Edlesborough at home 3.45pm**
THURSDAY 14th	**Year 5/6 Girls Football match v Swanbourne at home 3.45p**
	Stowe House follow up visit in school for Year 5/6
FRIDAY 15th	**CHILDREN IN NEED DAY – non uniform day for £1 donation.**
	Year 4 Class Assembly 9.10am
	KS2 Girls Cross Country Event at Thornton College – pm

Pick up from school

May we remind parents to inform the office if you have any different pick up arrangements for your children that they may not know about? This is particularly important for Foundation, Year 1 and 2 staff who hand children over at 3.30pm. Can we also ask parents not to take other children home if the child was expecting a family member to collect them, without first checking with the school office? In the event of an after school

club being cancelled, a text message will be sent. If you then need to pass on a message to your child about pick up arrangements please contact the school office who will convey the message to your children. All our KS 2 children are told to come back into school and go to the school office if the person they were expecting to collect them is not in the playground.

Coats in school

Can parents please ensure their children have a coat in school every day? A number of children have been caught out this week with the rain and drizzle as we will send children out for some fresh air at break times if the rain is not too bad. Thank you for you cooperation.

*****Thank you Mr Frampton*****

We are very grateful to parent Mr Frampton who has taken it upon himself to repair and paint all of our picnic benches outside our school hall. He has been doing them gradually at home, a few at a time. Thank you!

REMINDER - Friends Association Fundraising Personalised Tea Towels – T Towels £4.50 each and coasters £3 each. Payments to be sent into school for The Friends by Friday 15th November. Any cheques made payable to 'The Friends of St Michael's School' Thank you for your support.

REMINDER - 'Beauty and the Beast Day' – Friday 6th December – for the whole school - a visiting pantomime company and everyone dressing up! A voluntary contribution of £2.50 per pupil via Parentpay please by Friday 15th November. https://www.parentpay.com/

REMINDER -Year 5 and 6 letter about a Punch and Judy Show in school to inspire a DT project- Monday 11th November – a voluntary contribution of £3 per pupil via Parentpay please. https://www.parentpay.com/

Year Foundation Trip to Hartwell House Forest School – last Tuesday 5th November

Despite the rain Foundation pupils, staff and parent helpers had an enjoyable time at Forest School. Toasting marshmallows outside was a real hit!

As ever, we are very grateful to the parent helpers who accompanied the children and staff.

See our Twitter feed for some more photos!

Wide Awake Club

The system of booking and paying for WAC seems to be working well – thank you for your cooperation. Just a few reminders for you -

1. WAC bookings **must** be made by Thursday midnight for the following week.
2. Please ensure you are selecting **'make bookings'**, choosing your preferred dates and then making the payment. Adding an amount first, is simply topping up the payment item. Your child's place is only secure once you have selected the dates you want. Please see some instructions attached.

APPEAL from Wide Awake Club

Wide Awake Club would welcome any donations of unwanted toy farm animals or a farm set. Please send any to the school office or direct to Mrs Kirchin. Many thanks

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APPEAL from Year 3 and Mrs Beach

Year 3 are conducting a survey on Fair Trade chocolate bars and would welcome any chocolate bar wrappers for them to use in their survey. Please send them in to Year 3 or via the school office. Many thanks.

Headlice

We have already alerted families to an outbreak of head lice in a number of our classes and provided a link to the NHS website from help and guidance. . https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/

We have also received an email from one of our parents who has been given some useful tips she wanted to pass on as she has found them useful whilst treating her own children.

Until a hair dresser advised me you have to use the lotion then repeat 7 days later and actually the most effective way is to put any conditioner on and comb the hair through in sections rubbing the contents of the comb on for example a white towel. Some children also don't scratch their head as not everyone has a reaction. I always thought they would scratch and that is how you would know. I think there is a lack of understanding. Tonight I saw one in my son's and it was not actually until I put conditioner on and used the comb I found a live louse and eggs.

Message from Stewkley Brownies

Stewkley Brownies are having a fund raising evening on Tuesday 12th November at the Stewkley Recreation Pavilion at 6.30pm. Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee and a chance to buy a cake, Christmas craft or nearly new item. Everyone welcome.

ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL SPORTS INFORMATION

Aylesbury Vale Boys Football League St Michael's Boys B Team v William Harding Boys B Team at HOME

Thursday 24th October 2019. – report by Lew Y5

St Michael's Year 5 Boys played a team from William Harding School in Aylesbury on Thursday 24th October, just before the Half Term break. The William Harding School is a large school in Aylesbury and St Michael's played them in the Year 6 league. St Michael's played brilliantly as a team working hard together. This was their first league match of the season and it ended up as St-Michael's 1-2 to William Harding. Even though we lost 2-1 the teams were well matched and St Michael's were very close to equalising a few times. After William Harding took the lead, Zach made a cracking finish to make it 1-1. Kyle Pearson played an amazing game in goal!! All the team played brilliantly, chasing the ball and they never stopped running. The player who got and deserved MOM was Archie Turnbull. Here are all the players that played; Kyle, Noah, Sam, Archie, Lew, Jack Bryant, Zach Blinkhorn and Zachary Fitzboydon. I really enjoyed playing in my first match, representing the school and playing in different positions. Well done to all the team!

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Buckingham Schools Sports Partnership Year 4 Badminton Festival – Tuesday 5th November

On Tuesday eight pupils from Year 4 travelled over to The Fremantle School in Winslow to take part in the annual badminton festival. With 7 teams taking part from local schools, this event consisted of 8 rotational team activities where children worked together to gain points across a range of badminton & throwing/catching/target activities. Thanks to the practice gained in their PE lessons, great teamwork with positive attitude and Mrs Deverill's encouragement on the side lines, the team finished the event in FIRST PLACE overall and now qualify for the Finals later on in the year. Well done to Liliana, Poppy, Elsie, Isabelle, Jack, Louis, Blu and Tom and many thanks to the parents who transported them over to Winslow after school.

PE Kit & equipment

With the weather turning chillier, please ensure that your children have warm clothing in their PE bags i.e. tracksuits, leggings, fleeces as we will be outside whenever possible.

As we teach hockey and football in KS2, we would also recommend that children have their own shin pads and football socks which fit them and they are able to put on themselves. They would be a worthwhile investment as pupils will have plenty of opportunity to use them during their time at St Michael's and they will be a requirement at secondary school.

Finally please ensure that children have all essential kit, correctly fitted trainers and required equipment in school ALL WEEK . Many thanks for your support.

Sport and Dance outside school

If your child participates in sport or dance outside school we would like to feature them on our sports board. Please send in any images plus relevant information to the school office for the attention of Mrs Munday. Please also encourage your child to share their experiences and achievements during celebration worships or via the newsletter.

Kind Regards
Alison Cooper
School Secretary