ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers
This week has kept Mr Day busy with lots of football fixtures. We are so proud of all our pupils who took part and represented St Michael's with such great team spirit. Please see below for Mr Day's update.
Monday is our Robin Hood day and everyone is looking forward to the matinee performance that is coming to entertain us all, courtesy of Friends' Association. All staff and children are invited to dress up as a character from Robin Hood for the day if they so wish. Mrs Mee, parent from Year 3 class, has been fabulous at whipping up Robin Hood hats at her kitchen table all week and I can't wait see to see them being modelled by some of the children on Monday.
Please see below for some new dates for your diaries.
Wishing you all a wonderful weekend and we look forward to welcoming some Friar Tucks and Maid Marians to school on Monday morning!

Best wishes
Mrs Fiona Phimester

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Mon 13th Nov – Robin Hood Day – dress up day.
Fri 17th Nov – Year 6 Class Assembly 9am
Fri 17th Nov – Children In Need – bring in a teddy. Donations via Parentpay if you wish.
Thurs 23rd Nov – Non uniform day in return for chocolate
Fri 24th Nov – 9am Year 3 Class Assembly
Fri 1st Dec – 9am Christingle Service – Year 4 only
Thur 7th Dec – 9am Year 1 Nativity
Fri 8th Dec – Christmas Bazaar from 3pm
Mon 11th Dec – Christmas Arrangement Workshop – see poster for details
Wed 13th Dec – Christmas lunch, Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Discos
Thur 14th Dec – 9am Year 2 Nativity
Fri 15th Dec – 9am Foundation Nativity
Tue 19th Dec – 9.30am Church service

CHESS NEWS FROM MR McCLELLAN

Current members of the Chess Club will soon have completed the "Introduction to Chess" course and will have been taught the basics of the game.
Children who rejoin the club next term will be entered for the first stage the Delancey U.K. Chess Challenge and will play a series of 7 competitive games in school. All children will win prizes as they progress through these games and the overall winner receives a trophy. There is no charge for entry to this stage of the competition, as I pay the fee from Chess Club subscriptions.

Children who are really keen on chess may choose to take part in the second stage, the Megafinals, which take place in April and May and give them the chance to compete against children from other schools. Entry does require an additional fee which is paid directly to the organisers.
The Gigafinals and Tetrafinals take place later in the year where the standard of play becomes much higher.
The school will provide further information about how to rejoin next term's chess club.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH

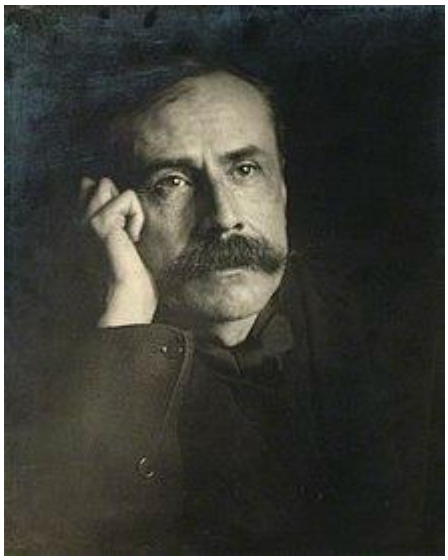
Remembrance weekend is upon us and many will gather in this village and around the nation to remember the fallen of war.
We will gather in the name of something bigger than ourselves; perhaps a principle, maybe because of a shared identity, perhaps because we think a community publicly coming together is a good thing, perhaps we'll gather in the name of faith; or some combination of each. The men whose names will be read died in the name of any or all of those things and we remember their sacrifice because they did give their tomorrows for our today; it is how we keep their sacrifice relevant.
Which is why I think it is important that each up and coming generation is at least made aware of the nature of Armistice Day and I know that that will happen in school. Sombre and thus outside the daily experience of many children and young people, it is highly relevant in a world where war remains.
We continue to pray for the peace of the world.

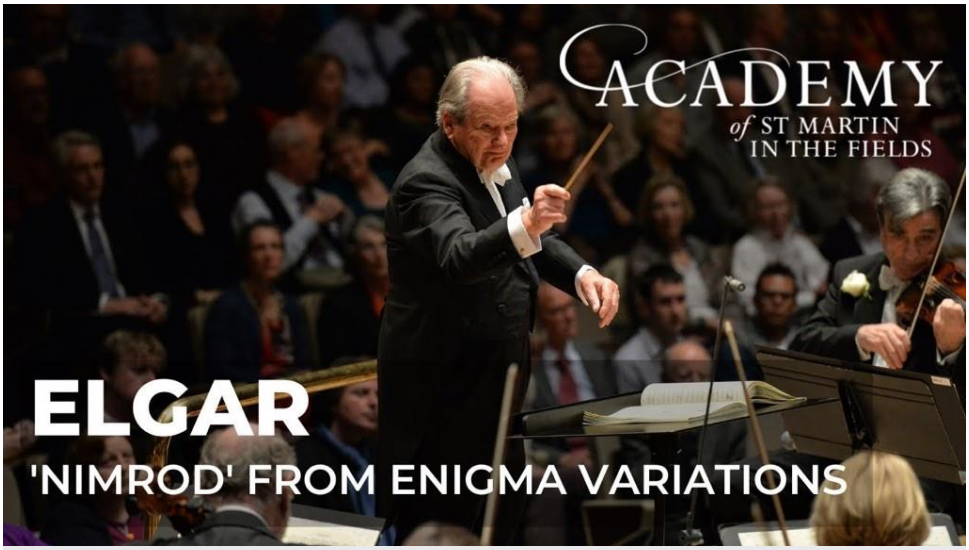
With every blessing,
Rev'd Howard Robson.

MRS HANN – LEARNING MENTOR

*This week we have been listening to **Nimrod from the Enigma Variations by Elgar**. He wrote it about his great friend, Augustus Jaegar, who supported him through tough times.*

It is often played on Remembrance Sunday and can evoke a strong emotional response. A truly classic piece of music- enjoy listening to it as a family. 3 minutes and 49 seconds of genius!





Elgar: Enigma Variations 'Nimrod' | Academy of St Martin in the Fields, Sir Neville Marriner
youtu.be

Coffee and a Chat *(aka Tea and Toast) as usual on Monday after drop off. It's a very relaxed time to catch your breath and chat through anything on your mind…. Having said that, we do spend a lot of time laughing together.* ☺

Best wishes as always,
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.

Foundation	**Mila, Frankie, Koby**
Year 1	**Teddy, Oakley, Albert**
Year 2	**Lucy, Albie, Max**
Year 3	**Wilf, Flynn, Owen**
Year 4	**Seb, Samuel, Luke**
Year 5	**Harry Ba, Edward S, Caspian**
Year 6	**Jake, Jamie, Gabriella**

MISSING WATER BOTTLE – IS THIS YOURS? Please collect from the office.

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ATTENDANCE AWARD

WOW! Year 6 have been amazing this week! An incredible **99%** attendance this week.

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ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL SPORTS INFORMATION

Football roundup

Two great matches this week for our year 5 teams and our third year five team will be playing after school on Friday.

St Michaels 1-0 Swanbourne (boys)

Our year 5's came up against a tough Swanbourne team, consisting of mainly year 6 players and played some excellent football. The defence of Eddie and Ted battled hard all game and with help from Noah and the incredible goalkeeping of Riley, kept a clean sheet to cement the boys first win for the school. Noah popped up at the other end to score a lovely half volley, from a cross by man of the match Josh.

St Michaels 3-7 Newton Longville (girls)

In their first ever match together, our year 5 girls showed that they have a very bright future with a hard fought defeat against one of the best girls teams in our area. On another day they could have easily won this game but just ran out of energy towards the end. Rosie Turnball got 2 lovely goals and then player of the match Rosie Taylor ran from one half of the pitch to the other, literally bulldozing all in front of her to smash in the third. This team are going to get better and better, watch this space!

Massive thanks to the year 6 leavers from last year who bought the school some fantastic corner flags. Last week was our first chance to use them and they looked very smart.

More football next week with our girls and boys both playing in the cup and our year 6 girls having their first game of the season. We are also taking part in some non football sporting activity next Friday when our KS2 girls compete in the Thornton Trail 2023, an annual all girl cross country race at Thornton College.

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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.

Friends of St Michael's School
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER
3pm onwards
St Michael's School Hall
Free Entry - Everyone Welcome
Children can be collected from 3pm to come to the bazaar
Game tokens will be on sale in advance
For more info email: pta-stmichaels@outlook.com

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The Friends of St Michael's School

Non Uniform Day

Thursday 23 November

Please bring in a donation of Chocolate for the Chocolate Tombola at the Christmas Fayre

Thank you for your support

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Friends of St Michael's School
CHRISTMAS
DISCO
Wednesday 13th December
KS1 & FOUNDATION
3:30 - 4:30
£4 PER CHILD
INC CRISPS & SWEETS
KS2
4:45 - 6PM
£5 PER CHILD
INC DRINK,
CRISPS & SWEETS
PLEASE PAY VIA PARENTPAY BY
THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER
WE CANNOT GUARANTEE REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SUITABLE FOR ALL ALLERGIES.
PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANY ALLERGIES.

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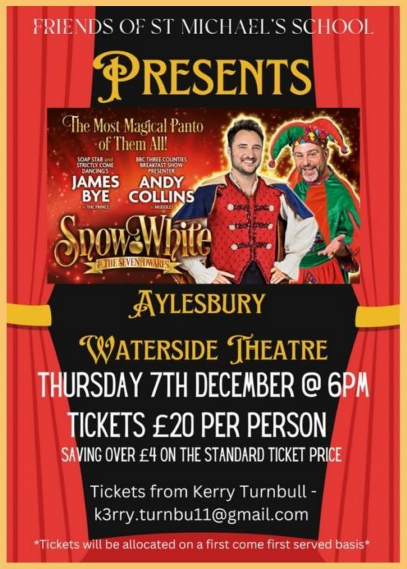

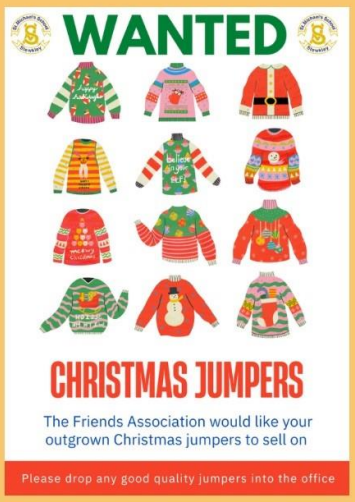

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