



# St Michael's CE Junior School

## Newsletter – Issue 2 22.09.2023

### **Message from Mrs Jones**

We have had another lovely week in school. Despite the rainy weather, there has still been a lot of active learning and we have managed to be outside every lunch and playtime so that the children can run around.

We are seeing some excellent learning attitudes from the children. Staff regularly comment on how settled and hard working the children are this year.

### **Children's Achievements**

Congratulations to Blue W-S in Curie who has moved up to Green belt in Karate!

Darcey W in Rosen danced at the Ash Dance Festival and came first with her dance group – well done Darcey!

Well done to Callan B in Columbus who has been selected for the Aldershot and Farnborough District schools football team for the 2nd year running!

Seyon S in Curie completed the Aldershot Library Summer Reading Challenge 2023. Well done Seyon!

If your child takes part in activities outside school which merit a mention in our newsletter, e.g. sporting or musical achievements, please let the School Office know, and we shall ensure it is included in the next newsletter.

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### **National Poetry Day**

It is National Poetry Day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Class teachers will be asking children to bring in poetry to share with their class for this day.

### **Parents' Consultation Meetings**

Parents' Consultation Meetings will take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October. Please book your appointment through your Scopay account or via the School Office.

### **Water Bottles**

Please can you ensure that your child comes to school with a named water bottle.

### **Data Collection**

Data Collection sheets will be sent home next week with Year 4-6. Please can you check the data and make any updates where necessary.

Please can we ask that all forms (*whether updated or not*) be sent back to the School Office.

### **Rags2Riches4 Recycling Scheme**

We have signed up again to the Rags2Riches recycling scheme to raise money and help others around the world benefit from our good quality unwanted clothes and shoes.

We have a collection booked for Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023 but we will take in any bags that you have and store them in school until that date.

Please help us to help others and raise much needed funds for our school. Our last collection in May raised £117.00 for the school so thank you for your continuing support.

### **Play equipment**

Please remember that children are not allowed on the play equipment before or after school. The equipment is designed for junior aged children so is not safe for smaller, younger children. Children must be supervised by school staff when on the equipment and so should not use it outside of school hours.

Thank you for your co-operation with this.

### **Nut Free Zone**

Please can you ensure that your child does not bring anything with nuts in it into school as there are children with severe nut allergies in the school, this includes chocolate hazelnut spread.

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Please can we remind you that we encourage the children to have a healthy snack whilst they are in school – studies show that eating sugary foods affects concentration.

Fruit or vegetable sticks are much better than manufactured products which contain high levels of sugar.

### **Celebrate and Dine, St. Michael's Feast**

Held at St. Michael's Church 1st October 2023 at 10.00am.

Come and celebrate the feast of St. Michael the Archangel, the defeater of the Dragon, the triumph of good over evil. St. Michael is the patron saint of Aldershot and all UK soldiers with special prayers by the paratroopers. His feast is celebrated by airborne forces across the world. Dress as an angel, Archangel or any other character.. interactive service.. art installations.. drama.. singing.. refreshments and children's activities. Join us afterwards for a bring and share lunch at the Church.

You can book in using eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/celebration-of-the-feast-of-stmichael-the-archangel-tickets-50530823052?aff=oddtcreator>

### **St Michael's Church Christmas Fair**

St Michael's Church will be holding their Christmas Fair on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023, from 10.00am-12.30pm.

### **Big Ambition Survey**

The Children's Commissioner for England Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched #TheBigAmbition - a new national campaign to hear directly from children and young people. It seeks to take the voice of children and young people to Government, with a view to improving their lives.

The Big Ambition survey is now live until Friday 15 December and asks children and young people about their schools, communities, family life, and the wider world, as well as their hopes, dreams and aspirations for the future. The survey is designed for all children and young people aged 6 to 18. Parents and other adults can also complete the survey on behalf of children and young people aged 0 to 5

Find out more about #TheBigAmbition here:

[https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/the\\_big\\_ambition/](https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/the_big_ambition/)

### **DIARY DATES for the upcoming 2 weeks**

*All diary dates for future events are now available on our school website – this will be updated regularly as and when events are added/updated.*

26 <sup>th</sup> September	Y3 'Through the Ages' Theatre Workshop	In school
28 <sup>th</sup> September	Y6 Residential Parents Information Meeting (Y5 going into Y6 Sept 2024)	3.30-4.30pm
4 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent coffee morning	
6 <sup>th</sup> October	Y4 Aldershot Buddhist Community Centre Visit	9.00-11.00am 10.00-12.00 midday
10 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Worship	

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