



St Michael's CE Junior School

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MESSAGE FROM MRS JONES

We have had a lovely week in school this week. Year 6 have been on their visit to The Gilbert White Museum in Selborne, having a great experience.

We also had visitors in the school looking at our Speech, Language and Communication project. They were so impressed with what is happening at the school and commented several times on what a lovely atmosphere there is around the school. They talked about how hard the children were working, how motivated they are and also how polite the children are around school – holding open doors and asking the adults how they are. We were very proud of the children.

CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS

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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Charlie W in Shackleton captained the Aldershot and Farnborough district schools' team in a district schools' tournament, held at Fulham's training ground. They won the tournament – well done Charlie!

Max N in Shackleton has achieved the Chief Scout's Silver Award, the highest award a cub can earn. His final challenge was to cycle 12 miles from Aldershot to Guildford along the North Downs Way. Congratulations Max!

Liam S in Mandela has had his first ever flying lesson in a Cessna in the Netherlands and wants to become an air traffic controller one day. Well done Liam!

PTFA DISCO

The PTFA are holding a school disco on Thursday 16th November 2023. Times are below:

Years 3&4 6.15-7.00pm

Years 5&6 7.15-8.00pm

Tickets are £3.00 including a drink and a snack. Tickets will be sold from Friday 10th November before school and at lunchtime. Please can children bring any money into school in a named envelope.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

This year's Christmas Lunch will be held on Friday 15th December 2023. Please can you return the Christmas Lunch slip with your child's preference to the School Office by Tuesday 21st November 2023.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Individual school photos will be taken on Monday 27th November 2023.

INSET DAY

The next School Inset Day is Monday 20th November 2023. Please note that the school will be shut for all pupils this day.

FLU VACCINATION

The flu vaccination for all children will take place in school on Thursday 23rd November 2023. Please note that the deadline for registering your child to have the nasal vaccination in school is Friday 17th November 2023.

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CHILDREN IN NEED

This year Children in Need is on Friday 17th November. Along with the Infant School, we are inviting the children to come in wearing spots for a donation to Children in Need (suggested amount £1 or £2 per family).

The House Captains are also organising a cake sale for after school on Friday 17th November to raise money for Children in Need. Please could children bring in bought or homemade cakes for the sale on Friday 17th November. Please can you ensure that any cake donated is nut free as we are a nut free school.

RAGS 2 RICHES

We have signed up again to the Rags2Riches recycling scheme, to raise money for the school and to help others around the world benefit from our good quality unwanted clothes and shoes. Donated clothes and accessories are sent to Europe, Africa and even further away to be sold at market stalls as affordable items for those in real need of clothing.

Clean and reusable items that can be donated include any adults, children's and babies clothing such as jackets, jumpers, hoodies, trousers, skirts, scarves, gloves, belts, handbags, paired shoes and other footwear.

If you are unsure what to put in the bags, then

STOP AND THINK – WOULD SOMEONE ELSE BUY & WEAR IT?

If it isn't something you would wear out and about yourself or pass to a friend, then no-one else will want to buy and wear it so unfortunately, it is not reusable and cannot go in the bag.

We have a collection booked for Monday 27th 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.

ANTI BULLYING WEEK

Next week (13th November) is anti-bullying week. The school takes all forms of bullying seriously as it is a life changing event for those involved. We believe it is really important that children and parents/carers understand what bullying is so that no one trivialises it.

The definition we use with the children is: 'Bullying is the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. It can happen face to face or online.'

It is important that everyone understands that a one-off incident, although unpleasant is not bullying. The reason bullying is so harmful and life changing for those being bullied is that it happens over time, it is done intentionally to harm someone and those doing the bullying have power over those being bullied.

BINGO

Thank you to everyone who came to the bingo on Thursday evening, we had around 140 people attending. It was such a fun event. Thank you to Mrs Porter and Mr Wilson for organising it and thank you to those who stayed to help us pack away at the end it was done so quickly. The event was not to raise money, just to bring us together as a school community and it certainly did that! The raffle raised enough money to cover the cost of the event and to go towards the snacks and drinks at the next event.

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FOOTBALL BOOTS

If you have any football boots that are still in good condition that your child has grown out of or no longer wears, please could you donate them to the school. We have children who want to play in matches but don't own football boots. It is so useful to have spare ones to use for matches.

EARA (EQUALITY AND RIGHTS ADVOCATES)

We are launching the EARA project (Equalities and Rights Advocates) at school. I talked to the children about the project and setting up a group of 12 children who would be our EARA. I invited the children to apply to be on the group. I have had 30 applications so far. The applications I have received are amazing and make us so proud of the children at the school. I thought you might like to see some of the comments:

I want my friends to be safe and happy at school and everyone to be give the same chances;

We are all unique and different from each other but every one of us should have the same opportunities as each other;

I want to live in a world without discrimination, a world where everyone is treated with respect, a world where everyone has the opportunity to access their untapped potential.

ST MICHAEL'S INFANT AND JUNIOR CHRISTIAN PRAYER GROUP

You are warmly invited to join the St Michael's Infant and Junior Christian prayer group, set up by a group of current parents/carers from a variety of church backgrounds, who believe prayer has a positive impact on school life. The group welcomes anyone who is interested in praying to God about the needs of our school. We will be meeting again on Zoom at 8.00pm on Monday 27th November 2023.

COATS

Please could all parents send their child in to school with a coat every day. We try to ensure the children go out to play and we do go out in all weathers!

DIARY DATES

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.

16 th November	PTFA Disco Y3/4	6.15-7.00pm
16 th November	PTFA Disco Y5/6	7.15-8.00pm
17 th November	Children in Need – Mufti Day	
17 th November	Children in Need cake sale after school	
20 th November	SCHOOL INSET DAY – School closed to all pupils	
23 rd November	Flu Immunisations – in school	
27 th November	Individual School Photos	
28 th November	Year 5 SeaCity trip - rescheduled	

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