



# St Michael's CE Junior School

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## MESSAGE FROM MRS JONES

A big welcome back to all our children and families! I hope you all had a lovely and restful summer together.

We have had a great start to this academic year; it has been so lovely to see the children back in the classrooms and the families dropping off and collecting children from the playground. Staff have been really positive saying it is one of the best starts to an academic year that they have known. We are all exceptionally proud of the children for settling in so well after the summer break and it is great to see everyone enjoying being back in the school.

Thank you to those who came to the *meet the teacher* event. It was very well attended and I know the children enjoyed sharing the work they have done so far with their adults. They were also very proud to show family members where their classroom was and where they sit!

### ATTENDANCE

This week, we have celebrated really high attendance in school - 96%. Well done and thank you to all children and parents/carers.

We celebrate attendance and punctuality in school during our Monday morning celebration. The class with the highest attendance for the week is rewarded with our teddy bear, Attendance Ted. The class with the highest amount of children arriving on time is rewarded with our cuddly parrot, Punctual Polly. Last week, Mandela class achieved **100% attendance** last week, which was a great achievement. Well done Mandela!

Studies show that having high attendance in school is really important. Children who miss school regularly do not do as well as those who are in school. This is in all areas – academic, friendships and mental health / wellbeing.

As a school this year, we are working on achieving high attendance for all children. Following government guidance, we will not be authorising any leave for holidays in term time. If a child misses 5 days or more for a holiday or for unauthorised absences, then parents will be issued with a penalty notice and a fine. This is a fine per parent, per child and again, this is in line with government guidance.

**PLEASE FIND ATTACHED THE LATEST INFORMATION REGARDING PENALTY NOTICES. Please note that the second penalty notice has now increased to £160.**

The teachers have planned fantastic learning journeys for the children this academic year so please do ensure they are there for the whole of the journey.

Our Family Support Worker will be happy to support you if you are finding it difficult to get your child into school.



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## ST MICHAEL'S PTFA

**St Michael's Parent and Friends Association (PTFA)** work on fundraising throughout the academic school year. Any funds raised make it possible to put on activities, and contribute to experiences and equipment for the children that would not normally be affordable on the school budget.

For the Autumn term, we are pleased to announce the following fundraising events:

Friday 27th September	<b>WHOLE SCHOOL CAKE SALE</b> <i>(to be held on the playground after school)</i> <i>Please can children bring in cake donations in the morning</i>
Thursday 24th October	<b>CRAZY HAIR DAY</b> <i>(donation £1.00 per child)</i>
Tuesday 5th November	<b>FIREWORKS NIGHT</b> —St Michael's Junior & Infant School
December <i>(date tbc)</i>	<b>MOVIE NIGHT</b>
Monday 2nd December	Rags 2 Riches Collection

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

The children have designed their own Christmas Cards in school and will bring home their design next week. Parents and carers are invited to order Christmas cards, wrapping paper, gift tags etc. with their child's design on from the website <https://www.cauliflowercards.co.uk/christmas-gallery> **by Monday 30th September**. The original artwork will also need to be returned to school by Monday 30th September. The school will receive fundraising from any items ordered.

### FIREWORKS NIGHT - ST MICHAEL'S JUNIOR & INFANT SCHOOL



St Michael's Junior School PTFA and St Michael's Infant School FOSM are excited to confirm that they are joining forces to host a **FIREWORKS NIGHT** on Tuesday 5th November.

The event will be held at St Michael's Junior School, where refreshments will be available to buy.

**Tickets must be purchased in advance.**

**Further details will be announced next week so save the date!**



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## SCHOOL INFORMATION

### PARKING AT SCHOOL DROP OFF & COLLECTION

We have been contacted by some of the school's neighbours asking parents not to park across driveways. As with many other schools, we do not have a parent car park. If you do need to drive to drop off or collect your child by car, please park considerately and ensure you are not obstructing our neighbours drives, garages or access to roads.

### DONATIONS FOR HARVEST FESTIVAL - WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2024

As a school, Harvest is a time of the year we look forward to and enjoy celebrating this special time with the children in our Harvest Festival.

Our harvest festival celebration will be held in school on Wednesday 9th October.

This year, we would like support our local Community Grub Hub during the Harvest period. We will be collecting food donations for the Grub Hub to support them with helping the local community. Please could children bring in any food donations from Wednesday 2nd October. Suggested items include:

rice	baked beans	tinned tomatoes
canned meat & fish	tinned fruit & vegetables	rice pudding
custard	soup	cereals

### ASDA - CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

Parentkind, the charity that supports school PTAs, have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative.

All you have to do is opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our school. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started. So please help support our school and sign up today.

**INTRODUCING CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS**

Download and opt-in with Asda Rewards and we will donate **££s** to schools.

**HERE'S HOW:**

- 1 Download the Asda Rewards app and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools.
- 2 Choose your primary school.
- 3 Shop in-store across Asda & George, and scan your Asda Rewards app at the checkout.
- 4 Shopping online? Simply log in to Asda.com using the same details as your Asda Rewards account.
- 5 We'll do the rest! We donate ££s to your chosen school every time you shop, so they can spend it on exactly what they need.

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### **NASAL FLU VACCINATION**

The NHS School Age Immunisation Service will be administering a nasal flu vaccination in school, on Thursday 10th October. Click the link below for the electronic form and information about the vaccine. Access to the form will close two working days prior to the session.

School Code: SH116333

Session date: 10th October 2024

Year Group: 3 - 6

Link to website: <https://www.hampshirehealthyfamilies.org.uk/nasal-flu-vaccination-programme>

If you decide you do not wish your child to receive the vaccine against flu, please submit the form to record your decision. This will enable us to update your child's immunisation record.

### **ACTIVE WEAR SURVEY & RESEARCH**

We are pleased that to let you know that a researcher from Winchester University would like to look into the impact of the Active Wear Uniform on our children here at St Michael's Junior School. Being involved in this research project helps to find real evidence for ways that we may promote healthy childhoods.

The 3 central research questions to be looked at are:

1. Do active uniforms really work to boost children's physical fitness?
2. How do the children feel about it?
3. How do parents/guardians feel about it?

Please could all parents/carers follow the link below and fill in the survey.

<https://forms.office.com/e/k8aRQ5pBCC>

## CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS

A big congratulations to Darcey W in Johnson and Edie W in Daley who both competed in the Surrey Dance Festival over the Summer holidays. Darcey won gold for her tap solo, gold for her modern group dance and silver for her modern duet. Edie won bronze for her ballet solo and gold for her acro trio dance. Well done to both Darcey and Edie!

*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 [adminoffice@st-michaels-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@st-michaels-jun.hants.sch.uk)*

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## YEAR 3

### **YEAR 3 STONE AGE THEATRE WORKSHOP - Tuesday 8th October 2024**

As part of our topic, 'Through the Ages', we will be having a theatre workshop in school on Tuesday 8th October run by Theatre Exchange. During the workshop, the children will take part in different activities to build their understanding of what life was like during the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. This is an interactive way for the children to learn facts about this period in History.

A voluntary contribution of £7.50 per child is requested to contribute towards the cost of the company coming in. Payment is required no later than Friday 27th September 2024 and can be made via your Scopay account or cash (handed into the school office). If insufficient contributions are received, the workshop may have to be cancelled.

## YEAR 4

### **YEAR 4 PARENT EVENT: SHADOW PUPPET THEATRE - Friday 4th October 2024**

As part of their Design & Technology and Science learning, Year 4 parents / carers are invited to join their child in a shadow puppet theatre event on Friday 4th October 2024.

The session will be held in the school hall and will take place from 1.30-3.00pm, which will allow those to collect younger siblings from the infant school. Other parents can wait on the playground until 3.20pm so that the children can be dismissed from classes in the usual way.

## YEAR 5

### **WALK HOME ALONE / MOBILE PHONE PERMISSION**

A reminder that if your child is in Year 5 and you wish them to walk home alone or bring a mobile phone into school, you must fill in and sign a permission form for them. Forms are available on the school website or at the main reception.

## YEAR 6

### **YEAR 6 GRITTLETON HOUSE RESIDENTIAL 16TH-20TH SEPTEMBER 2024**

For those Year 6 children who are attending the Grittleton House residential, please find below the arrangements for Monday 16th September:

- Children and parents arrive at St. Michaels at 9:15am and meet in the Hall, with all luggage.
- Parents to hand in all medicines and completed permission to administer forms to Mrs L Jones and Miss Wren.
- Hand in pocket money to Mr Lott. It needs to be a named envelope/purse. Suggested amount is £10, to be spent at the festival.
- All children need a disposable packed lunch with them, to be eaten at Grittleton House (unless they ordered a snack pack from the school kitchen).
- Coaches will depart at 10:00am. Parents are welcome to stay and say goodbye.

### **YEAR 6 ACTIVITIES WEEK 16TH-20TH SEPTEMBER 2024**

During this week, children who are not attending the Year 6 residential will be taking part in a range of fun and active sessions with Mrs Porter, Mrs Carpenter, Miss Lucken and Mr Sanders. Throughout the week the children will be taking part in a variety of outdoor activities including whittling, fire lighting, gardening and den building.

For this week, the children are expected to wear school uniform / school pe kit that is suitable for outdoor based activities. Please also ensure they have a raincoat with them for the week.

On Friday 20th September, if the weather is good, we are planning to have a water fight. The children will be able to bring in any water pistols, squirters etc. from home to use. However, please do not send in water balloons as they will not be allowed. Please can all children bring in a change of clothes on this day. If you have any questions regarding this week, please contact the school office.





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## DIARY DATES 2024

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 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>YEAR 6 GRITTLETON HOUSE RESIDENTIAL</b>	Off site	
26th September	Year 5 Parent Grittleton Residential Meeting	Hall	3.30-4.00pm
27th September	PTFA Cake Sale ( <i>please bring cakes in</i> )	Playground	3.20pm
2nd October	Rocksteady music lessons start	In school	
4th October	Year 4 Parent Event: Shadow Puppet Theatre	Hall	1.30-3.00pm
8th October	Year 3 Stone Age Theatre Workshop	In school	All day
9th October	Harvest Festival Worship		
	Harvest lunch menu		
10th October	Nasal Flu Vaccinations	In school	
22nd October	Parent Consultation Evening	Hall	3.40-6.00pm
24th October	Crazy Hair Day ( <i>donation £1.00</i> )		
	Parent Consultation Evening	Hall	3.40-7.00pm
25th October	<b>INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS</b>		
28th October- 1st November	<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAYS</b>		

## YEAR LEADERS

Please note that the Year Leaders have changed this academic year:

**YEAR 3** Mrs Michaela Down  
**YEAR 4** Miss Katie Bourne  
**YEAR 5** Mr Nathan Edwards  
**YEAR 6** Miss Abbie Streek

**Leader for Pupil Premium Children**

Mrs Corinna McCabe