



St Michael's CE Junior School

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MESSAGE FROM MRS JONES

What a positive start to the year we have had, with many successful parent events in school, workshops, family quiz night and sporting events all taking place. It has been great to see all the children being involved in school life and enjoying their learning. We are now half way through the academic year, the second half will be a great opportunity to build on what the children have achieved so far and enable them to be the very best they can be.

On Monday, we completed the partial and full lockdown drill. We were all so proud of the children and how well they responded to it. The lockdown was completed very calmly and sensibly, with some children telling me they enjoyed it and asking when we will do the next one! As expected we had a few learning points from doing the drill; the lockdown policy will be updated and changed as a result and then shared on our website.

This week, we have been doing observations across the school and the Governors have been in doing some monitoring of the School Improvement Plan. The children showed excellent learning attitudes, great manners and an enthusiasm and love of the school when talking to the adults involved in these events. It is lovely to see the children being so proud of their school and we are very proud of them too.

This week has been very busy, with Year 5/6 Mixed Netball, Year 5/6 Boys Football and Year 3/4 Mixed Tag Rugby matches taking place after school. A big congratulations to all the children that took part - it is lovely to see so many of the children taking part in these events. Representatives of our EARA (Equal and Rights Advocate) group took part in a school's meeting over in Fleet this week. This was a great opportunity for our children to meet and discuss with other schools, with ideas being brought back to our school which we can develop and grow.

We hope that you have a restful half term holiday and look forward to seeing the children back at school on Monday 19th February for another fun and busy half term!

PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS

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Parent Consultation Evenings will be taking place in the school hall on Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th February 2024. Appointments are 10 minutes long, and we will be ringing a bell to ensure that all appointments run on time.

Tuesday 27th February 2024: 3.40pm - 7.00pm

Thursday 29th February 2024: 3.40pm - 6.00pm

We are using the Scopay booking system, which closes on Friday 16th February at 11.45pm. If you have any difficulties booking online, please call the school office team who will be able to book an appointment for you.



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CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Theo W in Curie and Seyon S in Curie who have both completed their Stage 5 swimming award!

Well done to Darcey W in Rosen who completed her Stage 4 swimming award. Congratulations!

Congratulations to Jack G in Mandela, Stanley W in Parks, Blue WS in Curie and George H in Hawking who represented the Cub Pack this week in the first ever District Top Trump Competition. George won the under 9s competition with Blue as the runner up. Stanley won the over 9s competition. Well done boys!

A big well done to Darcey W, Ruby W, Elsie C, Theo W, James A, Blue WS, Frankie M, Leon V and Oliver F who took part in Mixed Tag Rugby tournament this week. The team played brilliantly and came an impressive 2nd in the tournament.

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

FUNDRAISING

RAGS TO RICHES COLLECTION - MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2024

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. Please help us to help others and raise much needed funds for our school. Our last collection in November raised £119.15 for the school so thank you for your continuing support.

***PLEASE BRING BAGS FOR THE RAGS 2 RICHES COLLECTION TO THE SCHOOL BY
MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2024.***

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WORLD BOOK DAY



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St. Michael's CE Infant School
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Friday 26th January 2024

Dear Parents,

WORLD BOOK DAY – THURSDAY 7TH MARCH 2024

St Michael's Infant School and Junior School have been working together to plan this year's World Book Day on Thursday 7th March 2024. Both schools are inviting the children to dress up as their favourite book character or to wear non-school uniform and bring clues to show who their character is if they really don't want to dress up. There will be lots of activities around books and developing a love of reading.

The two schools have planned a joint activity where the Year 5 children from St Michael's Junior School will visit the Year 2 children at St Michael's Infant School to read to them. This will be an opportunity to see each other's costumes and to share a book that the Year 2 children will enjoy. Next year, the Year 5 children will be buddies for the Year 2 children who join the school as Year 3s, so this is a great opportunity for the children to start to get to know each other.

We look forward to seeing all of the children in their costumes or with their clues on Thursday 7th March.

Yours sincerely,

Dot Patton
Headteacher

Jenny Jones
Headteacher

REMINDERS

WATER BOTTLES

Please can your child bring a named water bottle to school each day. Please only send water and not juice of any kind. Children are able to re-fill their water bottles during the day.



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YEAR 3

Year 3 Parent Event: Sewing

A big thank you to all the Year 3 parents and carers who attended the sewing event with their children. It was lovely to see so many of you there supporting the Parent Event and we hope you enjoyed working with your child to cut, stitch and create a purse they had designed!

Year 3 Butser Ancient Farm Trip: Monday 4th March 2024 All day

Year 3 will be visiting Butser Ancient Farm as part of this term's work on The Roman Empire. The children will be taking part in various activities including archaeological excavation, Roman maths, Flint wall building and Villa tour.

The trip will take place on Monday 4th March, leaving school at 9.00am, travelling by coach and returning to school by 3.20pm. The children will need to be in school for registration by 8.40am to enable a prompt departure. The children are required to wear their school uniform and a waterproof coat, and will need a packed lunch and water bottle (in a small named bag that the child can carry). The school can provide a packed lunch at a cost of £3.00.

In order for this trip to go ahead a voluntary contribution of £22.00 is requested to contribute towards the cost of travel and the activities provided by Butser Ancient Farm. Payment is required no later than Friday 9th February 2024.

YEAR 4

Year 4 Viking Day: Thursday 14th March 2024

Year 4 will be having a Viking Day at school on Thursday 14th March. Children are encouraged to dress up as Vikings for the day. Different activities will be planned throughout the day. Please could children bring any of the following items into school on the morning of Thursday 14th March:

- large pieces of cardboard for shield making / plastic bottles for long ships / donations of wool for weaving

Year 4 Parent Event: Viking Day - Thursday 14th March 2024 1.30-3.00pm

Parents are invited to come and join their children during the afternoon of Viking Day. Dressing up for parents is optional! This event will take place in the hall 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 children can be dismissed from classes in the usual way.

Year 4: Runways End Activity Day - Monday 18th / Tuesday 19th / Wednesday 20th March 2024 9.00-4.30pm

We have organised an activity day at Runways End Outdoor Centre for Year 4, where the children will take part in outdoor activities throughout the day, including caving, orienteering, archery and climbing.

Monday 18 th March	Fleming Class
Tuesday 19 th March	Curie Class
Wednesday 20 th March	Hawking Class

The day will run from 9.00-4.30pm and your child's teacher will be at the front gate to meet your child, where your child will be registered. The children are required to wear their school PE kit, trainers and have warm wet weather gear with them. They will need a packed lunch, snacks and water bottle (in a named bag that the child can carry). The school can provide a packed lunch at a cost of £3.00.

Please can we remind you that no transport is being provided by the school for children to attend the Runways End Activity Day. Therefore, it is the parent's responsibility to drop off children at Runways End for 9.00am and pick up from Runways End at 4.30pm. A register will be taken at 9.00am at Runways End in the morning of the activity day. If your child is not present, normal absence procedures apply.

There is a section on the reply slip to confirm the name of the person who is collecting your child from Runways End at 4.30pm.

In order for this trip to go ahead, a voluntary contribution of £39.00 is requested to contribute towards the activities provided by Runways End. Payment is required no later than Friday 1st March 2024.



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YEAR 5

Year 5 Parent Event: Pizza Making - Tuesday 19th March 2024 1.30-3.00pm

As part of their Design & Technology learning, Year 5 parents / carers are invited to join their child in a pizza making afternoon on Tuesday 19th March 2024.

This 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.

As a school, we are aware of dietary requirements, allergies and life style choices of certain children. If your child has any specific dietary requirements that the school are not aware of, please let us know.

Please note, this is not a drop in Parent Event so please arrive promptly. The pedestrian gate will open at 1.25pm and close at 1.40pm.

YEAR 6

Year 6 Think Safe: Wednesday 20th March 2024 8.55-11.45am

On Wednesday 20th March 2024, Year 6 will be participating in the 'Think Safe' Rushmoor Junior Citizenship Scheme. This is a very popular, interactive session led by the Emergency Services and local community groups.

The children will be leaving school at 8.55am, travelling by coach to Farnborough Business Park, Fowler Avenue, Farnborough GU14 7JP and returning to school at 11.45am. The party leader will be Mrs Morgan. The children are required to wear their school uniform. There is no cost associated with this visit.

During this event, Rushmoor Borough Council staff may wish to take photographs/video of the children. A permission form from Rushmoor Borough Council will be sent out nearer the time - please can all parents ensure they fill in the form so that Rushmoor Council have permission to take photos.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

SNUGGLE UP WITH A READING BOOK EVENT - TUESDAY 5TH MARCH 2024 3.30-4.00PM

We are delighted to invite you to St Michael's 'Snuggle Up with a Reading Book' on Tuesday 5th March from 3.30-4.00pm in our school library and hall, to spend some reading time with your child.

You can bring your child's favourite book in, or read their school reading book. The library will be open at the same time so that you can spend some time browsing our books as well. Soft drinks and biscuits will be provided, and there will be blankets and cushions to snuggle up on.

We really hope you are able to come in and take part in this shared experience, which we are sure the children and yourselves will enjoy!

OTHER INFORMATION

WORLD THINKING DAY / FOUNDERS DAY - THURSDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2024

We are encouraging any children who attend Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts at school to wear their uniform to school on Thursday 22nd February and celebrate World Thinking Day and Founders Day.

The Guide and Girl Scout movement celebrates World Thinking Day and encourages people to think about global issues which impact them and their communities. The Scout movement celebrates Founders Day and is a day to celebrate shared values, reflect on achievements, and recommit themselves to the ideals of Scouting. We hope to see as many of the children as possible in their Guide and Scout uniform on Thursday 22nd February.

ALDERSHOT URGENT CARE CENTRE

Frimley Health and Care have recently launched a new Urgent Care Centre at Aldershot Centre for Health. The service is open Monday to Saturday from 8.00am-8.00pm. If you contact 111 or your local GP practice, you may be offered an appointment here. You may also be redirected to this service if you attend A&E.

There is also a walk-in clinic for under-12s, available Monday - Saturdays from 2.00-6.00pm. Booking is strongly recommended for children under 12 to avoid long waiting times and to ensure availability of appointment as those with urgent clinical needs will be prioritised.

HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL LIBRARY SERVICE: E-LIBRARY

All children are invited to use an E-Library service, run by The Hampshire School Library Service. Children are given access to premium e-books, audiobooks, comics, and magazines. There are some brilliant stories and non-fiction texts available.

The school's Sora digital collection, can be accessed via the Sora app or on any device/browser and desktop. Please follow the instructions below to access the school's digital collection:

1. Download the Sora app or explore in browser <https://soraapp.com>. The Sora app is available through the Google Play and Apple App stores.
Sora can also be accessed on any device/browser at <https://soraapp.com/library/hampshiresls>
2. In Sora, find our school or enter the setup code hampshiresls
3. Sign-in to St Michael's collection of e-books by inputting the username. There is no password required.
The username is your child's first name and surname separated by a full stop: firstname.surname
4. Browse the Explore tab and borrow a book. Your book will open so you can start reading right away.

We really hope that you will enjoy using the E-library service, and look forward to hearing about the books that children are reading!



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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.

12 th - 16 th February	HALF TERM		
16 th February	Parent Consultation Evening Booking closes	Scopay	11.45pm
19 th February	FIRST DAY BACK OF TERM		
20 th February	Usbourne Book Fair	Hall	3.30-4.15pm
26 th Feb - 1 st March	No school run clubs taking place this week		
27 th February	Parents Evening	Hall	3.40-7.00pm
29 th February	Parents Evening	Hall	3.40-6.00pm
4 th March	Year 3 Butser Ancient Farm Trip	Off site	All day
5 th March	Snuggle Up with a Reading Book Event	Library / Hall	3.30-4.00pm
7 th March	WORLD BOOK DAY		
	Parent Coffee Morning	Church	8.50-9.15am
8 th March	PTFA Mother's Day Gift Sale	In school	During the day
12 th March	Rocksteady Concert (<i>parents of children in Rocksteady only</i>)	In school	10.00am
14 th March	Year 4 Viking Day	In school	All day
	Year 4 Parent Event: Viking Day	Hall	1.30-3.00pm
15 th March	COMIC RELIEF (Mufti Day)		
		All day	
18 th March	Year 4 Runways End Activity Day - FLEMING	Off site	9.00-4.30pm
19 th March	Year 4 Runways End Activity Day - CURIE	Off site	9.00-4.30pm
	Year 5 Parent Event: Pizza Making	Hall	1.30-3.00pm
20 th March	Year 4 Runways End Activity Day - HAWKING	Off site	9.00-4.30pm
	Year 6 Rushmoor Think Safe	Off site	8.55-11.45am
21 st March	Easter Church Service (<i>no parents</i>)	St Michael's Church	
25 th - 28 th March	No external clubs and school run clubs taking place this week		
25 th March	Year 3 Easter Performance	Hall	
26 th March	Year 4 Easter Performance	Hall	
	PTFA Easter Cake Sale	Playground	After school
27 th March	Year 6 Easter Performance	Hall	
	Year 6 Grittleton Residential - Parent Information Session	Hall	3.30-4.30pm
28 th March	Year 5 Easter Performance	Hall	
28 th March	LAST DAY OF TERM		
	PTFA Decorate a boiled egg competition	In school	



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PTFA INFORMATION

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PTFA NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2024

SPENDING SO FAR:

Thank for your support so far this year. The PTFA have been able to fund the following for the children to benefit from:

- Christmas Pantomime
- Benches for Playground
- Refurbished Upstairs Y4 shared area
- 4 iPads

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Friday 8th March: Gift Sale for the Special Lady in your life (in preparation for Mothers' Day)
- Tuesday 26th March: Cake Sale
- Thursday 28th March: Decorate a boiled egg competition

Details to follow in due course for these events

SUMMER FAIR SUB-COMMITTEE:

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SUPPORT FOR OUR SUMMER FAIR (5TH JULY)

We need some volunteers to take on some of the organisation and roles for the Summer Fair. We are looking for parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles who could take on a small role as part of our Summer Fair.

It may be that you can collect raffle prizes, label bottles, organise a stall, help set up on the day - or you have a good idea for a stall. Please contact the school office who can pass your details on to Laura and Clare.

PLANNED SPENDS:

- Year 6 First Aid Training
- More iPads to support learning in school
- More Benches for the Playground