



St Michael's CE Junior School

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MESSAGE FROM MRS JONES

It's been another busy and successful week in school, with the addition of parent's consultation evenings and school football and dodgeball tournaments. A big thank you to everyone who came to meet with the teachers this week - we have enjoyed speaking to parents, discussing your child's learning and how we can support each other.

It has been lovely to hear feedback from visitors that we have had in school this week. They have commented on how good the behaviour and attitudes of the children are and the skill and dedication of the staff here. They also enjoyed seeing the children playing together with some of new play equipment out on the playground.

Playing and working together as a team has been a key factor in our school sports this week. The girl's football team and mixed dodgeball team both took part in tournaments this week. The girl's football team came second and the dodgeball team came an impressive first! A big well done to all the children that took part and thank you to the staff that helped and supported the children at both events.

Thursday 9th March is World Book Day and we look forward to seeing the many different costumes that the children will dress up in, looking at the clues children may bring in about their favourite book character, and talking to the children about their favourite books. School staff may also be dressing up so it will be exciting to look out for that!

We hope you have a lovely and restful weekend, and look forward to seeing all the children next week for another exciting week of learning, celebrating World Book Day and the Mother's Day Gift Sale!

EASTER

EASTER CHURCH SERVICE - THURSDAY 21ST MARCH 2024

Vicar Alwyn will be leading the school in their Easter church service on Thursday 21st March. The service will be held during the school day and it is for staff and pupils only.

EASTER PERFORMANCES

Parents and carers are invited to come into school to watch the Easter Performances, which are being put on by each year group in the school hall. Younger siblings and family members are also welcome to watch. Please arrive at the school, ready for a prompt 2.45pm start - latecomers will not be admitted. Please note the dates for each year groups performance.

Monday 25th March	Year 3 Easter Performance	2.45pm
Tuesday 26th March	Year 4 Easter Performance	2.45pm
Wednesday 27th March	Year 6 Easter Performance	2.45pm
Thursday 28th March	Year 5 Easter Performance	2.45pm

The performances will finish by 3.10pm and 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.



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CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS

A big congratulations to Seyon S in Curie who has completed his Level 2 Yellow Belt in Taekwondo. 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 adminoffice@st-michaels-jun.hants.sch.uk

FUNDRAISING

RAGS TO RICHES COLLECTION - MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2024

A big thank you to everyone who donated clothes for our Rags 2 Riches collection this week. We raised a total of £67.50 for the school on this occasion, so thank you for your continuing support. We have another collection arranged for 11th June 2024.

GIFT SALE FOR A SPECIAL LADY IN YOUR LIFE - FRIDAY 8TH MARCH 2024

We are running a gift sale for a special lady (in preparation for Mothers' Day) on Friday 8th March 2024. The photos here show the types of gifts that will be available (*all gifts are brand new, and gift wrapped*).

The cost of a wrapped gift is £4.00. Please return the envelope your child brought home on Monday to the school office by Wednesday 6th March if your child wishes to make a purchase.

The sale will be run during the school day on Friday 8th March. All children who have placed orders will be taken to the sale by their class teacher. The gifts are all wrapped and will be displayed so that children can see what items are available, and they can make their selection, which they will bring home with them at the end of the day.



We are hoping that this will be an enjoyable event for children and their families.

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SCHOOL INFORMATION

WELLY BOOT STORAGE AREA



We wanted to share with you the new welly boot storage area, as part of our outdoor learning.

As you can see, work has started on this area and as the photos show, it is work in progress with the next steps to paint walls and erect a cover.

The children love their outdoor learning and we are hoping that this will enhance the incredible facilities we have here at St Michael's Junior School.

Our next project is to erect some raised flower beds next to the greenhouse, so look out for these soon!



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. If your child does not have a water bottle with them, they can use the water fountains outside during break and lunchtime and have water in the lunch hall using the water jugs provided. The school office will no longer be providing cups for children during the day.



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YEAR 3

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).

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 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.

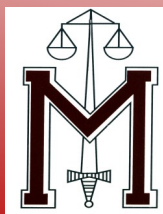
In order for this trip to go ahead, a voluntary contribution of £39.00 is requested to contribute towards the activities provided by Runways End.

Year 4 Swimming

Next term, Year 4 will go swimming as part of their National Curriculum studies. The children will swim at Aldershot Pool for half an hour every Thursday morning commencing Thursday 18th April, with the last session being held on Thursday 23rd May. These swimming sessions will replace one of your child's PE lessons (day to be confirmed).

The children will develop their water confidence, safety and ability to swim at three different levels of competence. Swimming instructors will assess the children on their first session and group them accordingly. Parents should be aware that the school staff will not be responsible for groupings during swimming lessons.

We would be grateful for offers of help walking the children to / from Aldershot Pool. Please let the School Office know if you are able to help.



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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. Each child will need to bring in a small container with a lid, big enough to put a 7" pizza in. *Please note, the pizza will not be cooked in school - the children will be bringing the constructed pizza home, to be cooked at home.*

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. 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. Due to the nature of this activity, latecomers will not be admitted.

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.

Year 5 Swimming

Next term, Year 5 will go swimming as part of their National Curriculum studies. The children will swim at Aldershot Pool for half an hour every Tuesday morning commencing Tuesday 16th April, with the last session being held on Tuesday 21st May. These swimming sessions will replace one of your child's PE lessons (day to be confirmed).

The children will develop their water confidence, safety and ability to swim at three different levels of competence. Swimming instructors will assess the children on their first session and group them accordingly. Parents should be aware that the school staff will not be responsible for groupings during swimming lessons.

We would be grateful for offers of help walking the children to / from Aldershot Pool. Please let the School Office know if you are able to help.

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 Building 10, Watchmoor Park, Camberley, GU15 3YL and returning to school at 11.45am. Please note the updated location for the morning. 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.

Year 6 Grittleton Residential: Parent Information Session Thursday 27th March 2024 3.30-4.30pm

There will be a Year 6 Grittleton Residential Parent Information Session held in the school hall on Thursday 27th March from 3.30-4.30pm for all parents of Year 6 children attending the trip. Please wait outside on the playground by the school reception until 3.30pm when the hall will be open.



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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.

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 March	Year 3 Easter Performance	Hall	2.45pm
26 th March	Year 4 Easter Performance	Hall	2.45pm
	PTFA Easter Cake Sale	Playground	After school
27 th March	Year 6 Easter Performance	Hall	2.45pm
	Year 6 Grittleton Residential - Parent Information Session	Hall	3.30-4.30pm
28 th March	Year 5 Easter Performance	Hall	2.45pm
28 th March	LAST DAY OF TERM		
	PTFA Decorate a boiled egg competition	In school	

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!