



St Michael's CE Junior School

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MESSAGE FROM MRS JONES

We have had a busy few weeks in school: we have celebrated World Book Day, Viking workshop with the Year 4s, a trip to Butser Ancient Farm for Year 3, a visit to the cinema for Year 5 and an Ancient Greek day today in Year 5. We have been so proud of how the children have behaved and engaged at these events. The Year 3 children were praised by the school staff who went on the trip and by the staff working at the farm, they made staff very proud. The Year 5 staff said that the trip to the cinema was excellent, it was so lovely to see how well the children responded to it and how sensibly they walked there and back. Thank you to all of the parents who came along to help on these trips.

This week in school, all of the children in Years 3, 4 and 5 have been working very hard completing tests in reading and maths. These tests support teachers in assessing the children and help prepare the children for tests as they get older. We are all so proud of them for their courage and resilience this week.

Last Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day and it was so lovely to see both children and adults dressed up in such imaginative costumes or in their pyjamas. It was great to see the children excited about books and about reading.

On Tuesday we did our partial and full lockdown drills. The children did really well; everyone was off the playground very quickly when the whistle was blown to signal the partial lockdown. When we called the full lockdown, the children also did very well, keeping out of sight and sitting quietly until they were told it was over. We were all very proud of how well the children responded to the drill.

Next Friday it will be Comic Relief - Red Nose Day. We will be inviting the children to come in wearing red and if they want to, a red nose. We are suggesting a donation of £1 per child, which will all be donated to Comic Relief charity. Red nose day or Comic Relief, raises money to support community organisations in the UK and across the world.

The children will be rehearsing their Easter Performances next week, don't forget to come into school to watch them on the week beginning 24th March.

I hope you have a restful weekend and look forward to seeing you all next week.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Psalms - Songs from the Heart

This week in Worship we looked at Psalm 56 '**You have stored my tears in your bottle and counted each of them.**' and psalm 34 '**God is close to the broken-hearted.**'

We talked about what might leave children feeling upset in school and what might cause tears to fall. We then put these tears in a jar and thought about how we could support someone who is upset or broken-hearted. The children shared some lovely ways of supporting each other. Our prayer reflected on God noticing us.



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PTFA FUNDRAISING

PTFA Gift for a Special Lady Sale: Tuesday 25th March

Following on from the success of last year, the PTFA are holding another Mother's Day Gift Sale on Tuesday 25th March. The cost of a wrapped gift is £4.00. Payment for the gifts can be made via your Scopay account (under Trips/Events), or cash to the school office.

If you wish to purchase more than one gift, please make the appropriate payment online, for example:
1 x gift = £4.00 / 2 x gifts = £8.00

The deadline for ordering your gifts is Friday 21st March.

The sale will be run during the school day on Tuesday 25th 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. All gifts are brand new, and gift wrapped.

Please see below the PTFA poster and a photo showing the types of gifts that will be available. We are hoping that this will be an enjoyable event for children and their families.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
St Michael's CE Junior School PTFA
Gift for a special lady in your life

Tuesday 25th March 2025
£4 per ticket – payable via Scopay or cash to school office
Order deadline: Friday 21st March 2025
Gift shopping will take place during the school day
Each child that has purchased a ticket will get to choose a gift from a large selection

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PTFA FUNDRAISING

PTFA Cake Sale: Thursday 27th March



**ST MICHAEL'S JUNIOR
SCHOOL CAKE SALE!!!** 🍰

Thursday 27th
March 2025

On the playground
after school



Please can all
children bring in
their cakes on
the morning of
the sale...



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SCHOOL SPORTING EVENTS

Y6 SELECTED GIRL'S FOOTBALL MATCH

St Michael's Junior School Girl's Football team played against Tower Hill on Thursday 27th February and won 4-0. These girls demonstrated amazing tackles and defended well. The goal scorers were: Srishti who scored 2 goals and Mia who scored 2 goals. Well done girls!

Aimee N, Girl's Football Captain

Y6 SELECTED BOY'S FOOTBALL MATCH

St Michael's Junior School Boy's Football team played against Hawley Primary School on Monday 3rd March and won their match 4-2. The team played well and dominated possession for most of the game. The goal scorers were: Ridam who scored 2 goals, Dexter who scored 1 goal and Louie who scored 1 goal. Congratulations boys!

Ted D, Boy's Football Captain

CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS

Last month, Darcee-Jayne H in Lewis raised £205 for completing a sponsored silence with her Brownie group. All the money raised goes back towards supporting the guiding community - well done Darcee-Jayne!

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

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YEAR 3

We hope your children enjoyed their Year 3 trip to Butser Ancient Farm, which was part of this term's work on The Roman Empire. The children had a great day out and took part in many different activities throughout the day, including an archaeological excavation and Roman maths. A big thank you to the Year 3 teachers for organising this and for the parent volunteers that joined us on the trip.

YEAR 4

YEAR 4 PARENT EVENT: Dance - Thursday 20th March 1.30-3.00pm

Year 4 parents and carers are invited to join their child and take part in a Dance Parent Event on Thursday 20th March. Please wear comfortable clothes and shoes that you are able to move around in.

The parent event 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. We look forward to seeing you there.

YEAR 4 WORKSHOP: Viking Theatre Virtual Reality - Friday 4th April

As part of the Year 4 Spring Term History & Geography learning, each class will take part in a Viking Theatre virtual reality workshop. The workshop will inspire the children and support their learning and the curriculum in school. Please note, it is recommended that pupils with epilepsy or pupils who are prone to seizures consult with their doctor before using a VR headset.

A voluntary contribution of £3.50 per child is requested to contribute towards the cost of the company coming in and activities provided. Payment is now required no later than Friday 14th March 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 5

We hope that your children enjoyed their Greek Day today. It has been great to see so many children (and members of staff) dressing up today! The children have taken part in a Greek Virtual Reality workshop and have all been involved, with many parents and carers, in a Greek Museum Parent Event. A big thank you to all the parents and carers who supported this event and to the Year 5 teachers who organised



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YEAR 6

YEAR 6 BIKEABILITY TRAINING 31st March - 3rd April

Bikeability training, provided by Hampshire Outdoors, will now be held at the school from 31st March - Thursday 3rd April. For all children that have signed up for this training, please remember to bring your bike and helmet with you to school on Monday 31st March. For those children who have requested a bike and helmet, these will be provided by Hampshire Outdoors at the start of the training.

If children wish to leave their bike at school for the duration of the training, it will be securely locked inside school. Please could bikes not be left in the bike shed overnight as we cannot guarantee its safety overnight.

YEAR 6 VIRTUAL REALITY WORKSHOP: Friday 4th April

As part of the Year 6 Spring Term History & Geography learning, each class will take part in a virtual reality workshop. The workshop will inspire the children and support their learning and the curriculum in school. Please note, it is recommended that pupils with epilepsy or pupils who are prone to seizures consult with their doctor before using a VR headset.

A voluntary contribution of £3.50 per child is requested to contribute towards the cost of the company coming in and activities provided. Payment is now required no later than Friday 14th March 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.



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SCHOOL INFORMATION

COMIC RELIEF - Friday 21st March

A much-anticipated date in our calendars is coming...Red Nose Day 2025! As one of the UK's biggest fundraising events, Red Nose day brings the entire nation together to raise money and change lives.

This year Red Nose Day is on Friday 21st March. To do our bit and raise money for people around the world who have incredibly tough lives, we are asking children to come to school on Friday 21st March dressed in red clothes and to bring a suggested donation of £1.

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. Please note the dates for each year groups performance.

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| Monday 24th March | Year 3 Easter Performance | 2.45pm |
| Tuesday 25th March | Year 4 Easter Performance | 2.45pm |
| Wednesday 26th March | Year 6 Easter Performance | 2.45pm |
| Thursday 27th March | Year 5 Easter Performance | 2.45pm |

Please note, this is not a drop in event so please arrive promptly. The pedestrian gate will open at 2.35 pm and close at 2.45pm. Due to the nature of this activity, latecomers will not be admitted. We look forward to seeing you there.

The performances will finish by 3.00pm 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.

WEARING OF JEWELLERY IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION LESSONS

Please can all parents/carers be aware that Hampshire County Council's guidance on wearing jewellery in PE lessons has now changed based on national advice issued by the British Association of Advisers and Lecturers in Physical Education (BAALPE) and The Association of Physical Education (AfPE).

It is now felt that the taping of earrings 'creates a perception of safety and is not recommended', as there have been several incidences within the local authority where children's ears have been injured from earrings being pulled out from under the tape.

The new guidelines state: **All jewellery should be removed prior to a physical education lesson due to the increased risk of it becoming caught or causing injury to the wearer or fellow learner. The wearing of any jewellery increases the risk of injury significantly.**

PLEASE NOTE that our school policy has been amended to reflect this. From March 2025, the main points to note from the policy are:

- The only jewellery the school permits a child to wear is a plain small wrist watch and/or plain small studs for earrings. Other items are not permissible in school.
- Pupils with earrings must remove them for PE. Taping of earrings is not an option.



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DIARY DATES 2025

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.

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| Thursday 20th March | YEAR 4 PARENT EVENT - Dance | Hall | 1.30-3.00pm |
| Friday 21st March | COMIC RELIEF | | |
| Monday 24th March | PARENT WORKSHOP - Supporting children at home with sleep | Meeting Room | 9.00-10.30am |
| | YEAR 3 - EASTER PERFORMANCE | Hall | 2.45pm |
| | CLASS PHOTOS | | |
| Tuesday 25th March | YEAR 4 - EASTER PERFORMANCE | Hall | 2.45pm |
| | GIFT FOR A SPECIAL LADY SALE | | |
| Wednesday 26th March | YEAR 6 - EASTER PERFORMANCE | Hall | 2.45pm |
| Thursday 27th March | YEAR 5 - EASTER PERFORMANCE | Hall | 2.45pm |
| | PTFA CAKE SALE | Playground | 3.20pm |
| Monday 31st March - Thursday 3rd April | YEAR 6 - BIKEABILITY | School | |
| Tuesday 1st April | ROCKSTEADY Concert | Hall | 9.45-10.15am |
| Thursday 3rd April | YEAR 3 & 4 CHURCH VISIT (<i>Children only</i>) | Church | 9.30am |
| | YEAR 5 & 6 CHURCH VISIT (<i>Children only</i>) | Church | 11.00am |
| Friday 4th April | LAST DAY OF TERM Normal 3.20pm finish | | |
| | YEAR 4 - VIRTUAL REALITY WORKSHOP | | |
| | YEAR 6 - VIRTUAL REALITY WORKSHOP | | |
| Monday 7th - Monday 21st April | EASTER HOLIDAYS <i>School shut to all pupils</i> | | |
| Tuesday 22nd April | FIRST DAY BACK OF SCHOOL | | |