



St Michael's CE Junior School

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MESSAGE FROM MRS JONES

We have reached the Easter holidays after what has been a busy term! And what a lovely end to the term we have had.

Each Year group has performed an Easter Assembly to retell the events of Holy Week and they have been a pleasure to watch. It has been great to hear the different Easter songs and watch the different parts of the Easter story being told by all the children. A big thank you to all the teachers and staff who have worked really hard, along with the children, teaching them and practising their songs and drama performances. Thank you to all the parents, carers and family members who came to school and watched their children in the Easter performances. It was lovely to see so many of you here supporting the children and we hope that those who came along to see them enjoyed them as much as we did.

We also had our Easter church services at St Michael's Church last week, where the children read out the story of Easter to the rest of the school and sang songs from their Easter performances.

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Bundy has had a baby boy, born at the end of February - both mum and baby are doing well. Today we say goodbye to Miss Bahay who is going on maternity leave and also to Miss Head who is leaving us to start a business course. We wish both of them well in their new adventures. A big welcome to Mrs Gorton who joined our Learning Support Assistant team yesterday!

Year 4 visited Runways End Activity Centre last week and took part in activities such as climbing, caving, orienteering and archery. It was good to see so many children thoroughly enjoying themselves, working together as a team and supporting and encouraging each other. Thank you to all the staff who helped on these days!

The Year 5 pizza making parent event was a great success - thank you to all the parents who came and supported their children and took part! We hope the pizzas were tasty!

Our Year 6 took part in a Think Safe morning, run by Hampshire County Council. Think safe is an annual event and students take part in sessions with key agencies and organisations to help them keep themselves safe and make good decisions. The sessions included the potential dangers with: road, rail, water, fire, electrical, gas, consumer, food, home, countryside, farm and range safety and emergency first aid. We were very proud of the children's behaviour at the event and how well they took part in all the activities offered to them.

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break and that as the clocks go forward this weekend, spring and summer bring us some sunshine! Have a restful time and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 15th April.

Mrs Jenny Jones
Headteacher



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DECORATE A BOILED EGG COMPETITION

A massive thank you to all the children to took part in the decorate an egg competition. The effort put into decorating the eggs and the variety of different characters and ideas was great to see. Well done to all the children who took part but a big congratulations to the following winners from each year. There was one overall winner chosen from all the eggs entered - congratulations to Sophie F in Rowling with her Egg Sheeran concert! The judges thought this was a brilliant idea and loved it!

Year 3 - Hattie M in Rosen



**Overall Winner
Sophie F in Rowling**



Year 4 - Ruby W in Fleming



Year 5 - Joshua S in Mandela

Year 6 - Xanthe W in Attenborough





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CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS

Richard L in Shackleton is part of the Black Water Valley Scout District Archery club and has been asked to take part in the National Scout Archery Competition in May. Good luck Richard!

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

REMINDERS

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Please could we ask all parents / carers to book non urgent medical appointments such as dentist, opticians, routine vaccinations to be made outside of school hours where possible.

If your child has a medical appointment booked during the day, please fill in a medical appointment form and bring proof of the appointment to the school office, where a copy can be placed on their file as proof of authorised absence. All collections during the school day are via the school office.

INHALERS

As of the start of next term, children in Year 5 and 6 who have asthma inhalers in school will be given theirs to keep on them and they will be responsible for administering their own inhaler. They will have to make sure that they take them to sporting events, trips, school visits etc. All other medications and EpiPens will remain in the school office and will be administered by the School Office Team. Please note that all inhalers have been sent home with Years 5 and 6 students today.

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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SCHOOL UNIFORM



Black/red fleece with white trim



Red cotton PE top



Black joggers with red trim



Black/red shorts



Black leggings with red trim



Black/red panelled skirt

Only the black/red 1/4 zip top can be worn (as seen above) - no plain zip tops or hoodies

Plain black trousers, leggings, shorts and skirts can be worn, rather than the red/black branded items above

No logos will be allowed on any item of clothing (eg Nike, Adidas)

GIRLS

Please note that tights or leggings are NOT to be worn under the skirt.

ALL

Please notes skins are NOT to be worn under the t-shirt / shorts.

Socks must be grey, black or white

Trainers (any colour)



Examples of items that are available from supermarkets:



From £5
Girls Black School Skirts 2 Pack
★★★★★ (349)



From £4
Black School Football Shorts 2 Pack
★★★★★ (148)



From £12
Black Leggings 5 Pack
★★★★★ (1438)



From £6
Black Joggers
★★★★★ (111)



From £8
Black School Slim Leg Joggers 2 Pack
★★★★★ (281)



To
Red Plain School Sports T-Shirts 2 Pack
★★★★★ (1)
From £3.00



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YEAR 3

Year 3 Rosen Class - Parent Consultation Meeting

The Parent's Consultation Meetings for Rosen have been rescheduled for the following dates:

Monday 22nd April 9.20am-3.00pm

Tuesday 23rd April 3.40pm-5.00pm

We will be using the Scopay booking system. Bookings are now open and will close on Sunday 14th April at 11.45pm. If you have any difficulties booking online, please contact the School Office team, who will be able to book an appointment for you.

Year 3 Parent Event: Outdoor Learning & Problem Solving - Wednesday 1st May 2024

SAVE THE DATE - Parents are invited to come and join their children during a session of Outdoor Learning and Problem Solving. More details to follow.

YEAR 4

Year 4 Swimming

Next term, Year 4 will go swimming as part of their National Curriculum studies. The children 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. (Please note there will be no swimming on Thursday 16th May).

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.

Please see below the Clothing and Safety requirements, as requested by Aldershot Pool. Your child will not be allowed to take part in the swimming lesson if they do not comply with the requirements.

- Children should bring a small PE bag with their underwear, towel, swimwear and swimming hat. (Goggles optional but advised).
- All hair tied back and swimming hats must be worn by all children – this is a compulsory requirement from Aldershot Swimming Pool.
- NO jewellery is to be worn at all, including earrings.
- No below the knee shorts or loose-fitting t-shirts. Swim rash vests can be worn.
- Females are only allowed to wear a one-piece swimming costume – no bikinis / tankinis please.

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 4: Mayan Civilisation Theatre Workshop - Wednesday 24th April 2024

We have rescheduled the Year 4 Mayan Civilisation theatre workshop to Wednesday 24th April 2024.

A voluntary contribution of £4.50 is requested to contribute towards the cost of the company coming in and delivering this unique experience. Any payments made from the cancelled theatre workshop in January have been carried over. Payment is required no later than Friday 19th April 2024.

Year 4: Mayan Civilisation Virtual Reality Adventure - Friday 26th April 2024

As part of the Year 4 Summer Term Topic, the Maya Civilisation, each class will take part in a virtual reality adventure around the ancient city of Chichén Itzá. The visit will inspire the children with ideas on how the Mayan's lived 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. Payment is required no later than Friday 19th April 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.



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YEAR 5

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

A big thank you to all the parents and carers that came and joined in with their children at the Year 5 pizza making parent event. We hope that you enjoyed designing and making the pizzas with your children, and that they tasted good when you cooked them at home! Thank you to the Year 5 staff for organising the event.

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YEAR 6

Year 6: Geography Virtual Reality Adventure - Friday 26th April 2024

As part of the Year 6 Summer Term Geography learning, each class will take part in a virtual reality adventure around the ancient city of Chichén Itzá. They will explore facts about climate change and sustainability. The visit will inspire the children and support their geography 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.*

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SCHOOL CLUBS

We are pleased to advise that school clubs are available to book online for the Summer Term. All clubs will start from Monday 15th April 2024 with the exception of Cricket Club, which will start on Tuesday 4th June 2024.

If your child is already signed onto a club from this term, their name has been carried over to the same club for next term. Please let the School Office know if you wish for your child to be removed from a club.

If your child would like to join a club, please log on to your Scopay account and sign your child up for their chosen club. If you are unable to sign up online, please pop in or call the School Office and we can sign up your child for their chosen club. Numbers for most clubs are limited for health and safety reasons. You will only be able to sign up for a club if there are spaces available. Therefore, if you are able to sign up online then this guarantees your child a place on that particular club.

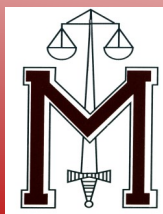
Please note that if your child does not attend their chosen club on two occasions without letting the teacher or school office know beforehand, their place will be withdrawn.

Please see the list below for club provider information. Clubs highlighted in red are school run clubs and clubs highlighted in yellow are provided by an external company. Clubs run by an external company must be booked through the company and not the school.

Please can we remind you that all school clubs are run by school staff in their own time and we want the children to have fun and enjoy themselves. We therefore expect a high standard of behaviour from all children attending school clubs as well as continued commitment. If at any time your child is unable to attend, please inform the club teacher or the school office as soon as possible. All school run clubs are dismissed through main reception. Please can all parents wait on the playground.

SCHOOL CLUBS APRIL - JULY 2024

	EXTERNAL PROVIDER: BEFORE SCHOOL CLUBS	SCHOOL RUN CLUBS				EXTERNAL PROVIDER: AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS
		LUNCH CLUBS		AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS		
MONDAY	MSPORT ACTIVE ACTIVE8:00AM Multi-Sports All Years 8.00-8.35am www.msportactive.co.uk	MINDFUL COLOURING All Years 12.30-1.00pm Mrs Down	SCHOOL NEWSPAPER CLUB All Years 12.30-1.00pm Mrs Johnston	UKULELE CLUB Years 3/4 3.30-4.20pm Mr Wilson	DRAMA CLUB All Years 3.30-4.20pm Miss Bourne & Mrs Jones	MSPORT ACTIVE Girl's Football Club All Years 3.20-4.20pm www.msportactive.co.uk
TUESDAY	LONDON TKD Taekwondo All Years 8.00-8.40am www.london-tkd.co.uk/programmes/school-clubs	CRICKET CLUB Years 5/6 12.30-1.00pm Mr Fewings		CHOIR All Years 3.30-4.20pm Miss Lucken		MSPORT ACTIVE Football Club Boys & Girls Y5/6 3.20-4.20pm www.msportactive.co.uk
WEDNESDAY	JUDO FOR SCHOOLS Judo All Years 8.00-8.40am JFS.SMJ@gmail.com	OUTDOOR CLUB All Years 12.30-1.00pm Miss McCabe	LIBRARY CLUB All Years 12.30-1.00pm Starts Wed 5 th June 2023 Miss Gregory			MSPORT ACTIVE Football Club Boys & Girls Y3/4 3.20-4.20pm www.msportactive.co.uk
THURSDAY	MSPORT ACTIVE ACTIVE8:00AM Multi-Sports All Years 8.00-8.35am www.msportactive.co.uk			ART CLUB Year 5/6 3.30-4.20pm Mrs Porter	CRICKET CLUB Year 4 3.30-4.20pm Mr Edwards	
FRIDAY						HOLLY KING PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY After School Club 3.20-4.30pm Junior/Inter Performers 7-14 Years 4.30-6.30pm hkpaacademy.co.uk holly@hkpaacademy.co.uk



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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.

28 th March	LAST DAY OF TERM		
29 th March - 12 th April	EASTER HOLIDAYS		
15 th April	FIRST DAY BACK OF TERM		
16 th April	Year 5 Swimming	Aldershot Pool	Morning
18 th April	Year 4 Swimming	Aldershot Pool	Morning
22 nd April	Year 3 Rosen Class - Parent Consultation Meetings	Library	9.20am-3.00pm
23 rd April	Year 3 Rosen Class - Parent Consultation Meetings	Library	3.40-5.00pm
24 th April	Parent Coffee Morning	Church	8.50-9.15am
	Year 4 Mayan Civilisation Theatre Workshop	In school	
26 th April	Year 4 VR Workshop	In school	Morning
	Year 6 VR Workshop	In school	Afternoon
1 st May	Year 3 Parent Event: Outdoor Learning & Problem Solving	In school	

NOTICES

EASTER SUNDAY

St Michael's Church will be holding their Easter service at 10.00am on Sunday 31st March 2024. Parents and families are warmly invited to this service, where there will be singing, drama and an Easter egg hunt