



St Michael's CE Junior School

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MESSAGE FROM MRS JONES

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope that you all had a good break over the two week Easter holiday and enjoyed time together with family and friends. We are very much looking forward to the term ahead and have lots of exciting events planned. The Summer term is always a lovely term, especially as we encourage more outside learning and activities. However, the weather this week has been lovely at times and freezing at others, so please do remember always to ensure your child has appropriate clothing and a water bottle with them!

Over the holiday period and at the start of the term, staff at the school worked hard to make it a good start for the children, and because of this, we have had a lovely settled start to the term.

Visitors at the school last week commented on how calm the school was and how all staff were doing their jobs really well. They also commented on how friendly and polite the children at the school are, which is lovely feedback and a credit to the children and staff.

This half term, both the Year 4 and 5 children have started their swimming lessons. Staff have been so proud of how well the children have walked to and from swimming and how good they have been in the lessons. All children start swimming at different levels: for some children, it is their first time in a pool and they have to show courage and resilience to get in the pool and for others, it is a chance to continue to develop their swimming skills. I have visited the swimming pool on a number of occasions with the children, and have been impressed with their behaviour in and out of the pool, and also their learning during the lessons.

Year 4 have had a busy week this week, taking part in both a Maya theatre workshop and a Mayan Virtual Reality adventure. The children really enjoyed themselves in both activities and such a different way to learn about the Maya Civilisation. Year 6 also took part in a their Geography Virtual Reality adventure this week, and I hope that they enjoyed the experience!

Just a reminder that Monday 6th May is a Bank Holiday so the school will be closed. We also have a school inset day on Friday 28th June so please put that in your diary.

I hope you have a restful weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday!

Jenny Jones
Headteacher



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SCHOOL INFORMATION

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

We are very pleased to announce that we have appointed a new class teacher for next year. Mr Steve Andrews will start at the school from September 2024. We do not know which year group this will be for yet and this will be announced nearer the time. We look forward to Mr Andrews joining our staff team.

WHOLE SCHOOL TRANSITION MORNING - WEDNESDAY 3RD JULY 2024

On Wednesday 3rd July 2024, we are having our whole school transition morning, where all children at the school will spend the morning in their new class.

For children currently in Year 3, 4 and 5, they will be with their new teacher and class. We will also have the Year 2s joining us for the morning in their new classes. The current Year 6 children will spend the morning visiting their new secondary schools.

The children will bring home with them a letter informing parents of their new class, and their new class teacher.

YEAR 3 ADMISSIONS

We are excited to announce that we only have 1 space left for the new Year 3 admissions in September 2024. It is great that so many parents have chosen St Michael's as their preferred choice of Junior school and we look forward to welcoming the children in September 2024.

CLASS PHOTOS

Class photo details were emailed to all parents & carers yesterday. Please note that all orders need to be made through Fraser Portraits on the website www.orderphotos.co.uk. The deadline for ordering is Friday 10th May 2024.

SCHOOL NEWSPAPER CLUB

Members of the School Newspaper Club have been busy this week, learning about interviewing people and thinking about questions they ask. They have been talking to different children in the school about events that have been happening this week and reported that:

This week Year 4 and Year 5 have enjoyed their second swimming session. "Of course, I liked swimming," reported Poppy. Riley commented "I was really nervous at first but now I really like it."

Year 4 have also experienced a theatre workshop where they travelled back in time to learn about the ancient Maya civilization. Bella and Amelia remarked, "Travelling back in time 4000 years was so much fun and we learnt lots about what life was like back then."



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CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS



Well done to Ronnie M in Rosen who climbed Pen Y Fan in Wales with his dad over the holidays. A fantastic achievement and a great photo!

During the Easter holidays Alice G in Rosen completed a 10 mile walk in London to raise money for Great Ormond Street. Alice chose to do this as her daddy was very poorly when he was little and spent a lot of time at Great Ormond Street.



Alice said she wanted to thank Great Ormond Street for looking after her daddy when he was very poorly and thank them for looking after lots of other poorly children. Alice has so far raised over £1,000! Well done Alice!

Congratulations to Darcey W in Rosen who took part in both the Guildford Festival of Dance and the Farnborough Dance Festival in the Easter holidays. Darcey received both a silver and bronze medal for her tap solo and a silver medal for her group dance. Well done Darcey!

Congratulations to Riley J in Mandela who passed his Stage 7 swimming. Well done Riley!

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

YEAR 3 PARENT EVENT: OUTDOOR LEARNING & PROBLEM SOLVING - WEDNESDAY 1ST MAY 2024

9.00-10.30am

Parents are invited to come and join their children during a session of Outdoor Learning and Problem Solving on Wednesday 1st May, from 9.00-10.30am. Together, parents and children will be making 3D shapes using outdoor resources, taking part in a scavenger hunt around the school grounds, doing observational drawing and taking part in practical spelling activities.

Please can parents meet outside their child's classroom for 9.00am, where the Parent Event will take place. Please note, this event will be held outside on the school grounds so please wear suitable clothing and footwear. The event will finish at 10.30am, when parents will be dismissed and leave by the pedestrian front gate. There will be no access through the Infant School.

YEAR 4

YEAR 4: MAYAN CIVILISATION THEATRE WORKSHOP

We hope your child enjoyed the Mayan Civilisation theatre workshop. It was great to see the children having the opportunity to dress up and getting involved in the different drama activities to explore the Mayan Civilisation. It was a great way for the children to learn facts about this period in history.

YEAR 4: MAYAN VIRTUAL REALITY ADVENTURE

We also hope your child enjoyed the Mayan Virtual Reality adventure this week. It was fun to see the children wearing the VR headsets and seeing how they used them to explore and learn more about the Mayan and the ancient city of Chichén Itzá.

YEAR 4 SWIMMING

Year 4 are going 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 have assessed the children during their first session and have grouped them accordingly. Parents should be aware that the school staff are not 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.



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YEAR 5

YEAR 5 SWIMMING

Year 5 are going 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 have assessed the children during their first session and have grouped them accordingly. Parents should be aware that the school staff are not responsible for groupings during swimming lessons.

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YEAR 6

YEAR 6: GEOGRAPHY VIRTUAL REALITY ADVENTURE

We also hope your child enjoyed the Geography Virtual Reality adventure this week. It was fun to see the children wearing the VR headsets, to explore and learn about climate change and sustainability

BIKEABILITY TRAINING: 3RD – 7TH JUNE 2024

Hampshire Outdoors are offering Year 6 children the opportunity to take part in Bikeability training. This is the national cycle training programme supported and funded by the Department for Transport. The training has three levels;

- Level 1 which is based on the playground and builds confidence in children who can already ride a bike
- Level 2 which teaches children to cycle on local roads
- Level 3 which uses more challenging roads.

Each child will need a fully operational bike with two working brakes and a cycle helmet. If your child does not have access to a helmet or bike but would like to take part, Hampshire Outdoors will endeavour to make the necessary provisions.

If you would like your child to participate in the training then **please could parents complete the permission slip that was sent home with their child this week, and return to the School Office by Friday 3rd May 2024** in order that we can ensure every child is provided for.

YEAR 6 LEAVER'S HOODIES

We are now taking orders for the Year 6 Leavers Hoodies. They will have the St Michael's Junior School logo on the front left together with the child's initials. On the back is a large '24' including all the Year 6 student names (Christian name plus initial of surname). The hoodies are available in a range of colours and sizes. The hoodies cost £20 and payment must be made via Scopay, or by cash in a named sealed envelope to the School Office. Please can all parents / carers complete and submit the emailed form by Friday 24th May to secure the hood order. Hoodies will be given out on Friday 12th July and children can wear them into school for the last week of term

YEAR 6 SATS BREAKFAST

This year SATs week will run from Monday 13th – Thursday 16th May. During SATs week we will be offering breakfast to the children from 8.00 am in the school hall. This will be free of charge. It is a great opportunity for the children to spend some time with their friends, have something nice to eat and have time to settle and be ready for the tests.

Children who attend will need to come into school through the kitchen doorway where a member of staff will greet them. Following breakfast, the children will make their way to their classroom ready to begin the paper for that day. There are three options for the children to choose from, indicated on the form sent home with your child. Please fill in the form and return to the School Office by Friday 26th April 2024.



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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

From the start of this term, children in Year 5 and 6 who have asthma inhalers in school have been 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.

HAYFEVER

Should your child require antihistamines during the hay fever season, then please administer these before school.

WATER BOTTLES

Please can we remind parents to send a water bottle every day with your child. It is important that children keep hydrated throughout the school day, especially as the weather turns warmer. These can be refilled at school if necessary but they need to bring their own bottle, which is named.

NOTICES

KELLY'S CYCLE EVENT IN AID OF CHALLENGERS - SUNDAY 12TH MAY 2024

We have been asked to promote Kelly's Cycle Challenge to all our families. I'm sure many of you are already aware of the wonderful work Challengers do, so if you would like to take part, please see below.

Challenger's is a local disabled children's charity, and alongside Kelly's Storage, they work hard to promote the Kelly's Cycle Challenge - a fun, local, charity cycle event for all ages and abilities with a variety of routes available. The charity cycle event is taking place on Sunday 12th May 2024 and Challengers would love children and their families to take part.

The Family Cycle is a 5 mile family forest ride, and includes a Treasure Trail to keep the children excited! They can look out for the letters along the route which will spell out the winning word! 100% of all money raised from this event is donated to Challengers to provide fun and play for local disabled young people.

For more information about Challengers, please go to their website <https://disability-challengers.org/>

For more information about Kelly's Cycle Event, please go to the website <https://charity.kellystorage.co.uk/e/kellys-cycle-challenge-2024-10578>

Kelly's Cycle Challenge
Sunday 12th May 2024

Kelly's
STORAGE

SIGN UP NOW!

100% of donations (including your registration fee) supports Challengers Celebrating 10 years



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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.

30 th April	Year 5 Swimming	Aldershot Pool	Morning
1 st May	Year 3 Parent Event: Outdoor Learning & Problem Solving	In school	9.00-10.30am
2 nd May	Year 4 Swimming	Aldershot Pool	Morning
6 th May	BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED		
7 th May	Year 5 Swimming	Aldershot Pool	Morning
9 th May	Year 4 Swimming	Aldershot Pool	Morning
13 th May	Year 5 PSHE Presentation	Parks Classroom	3.30pm
13 th - 17 th May	Year 6 SATS breakfast	School hall	8.00-8.30am
	Year 6 SATS week		
20 th - 24 th May	Year 6 Grittleton House Residential	Off site	
21 st May	Year 4 PSHE Presentation	Hall	3.00pm
24 th May	Last day of term		
27 th - 31 st May	HALF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSED		
6 th June	Year 6 PSHE Presentation	Hall	3.00pm
	Year 6 PSHE Presentation	Hall	3.30pm