



St Michael's CE Junior School

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MESSAGE FROM MRS JONES

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Bank Holiday, despite the mixed weather and rain! It's impossible to believe we are halfway through this half term already – the weeks seem to be flying by. We have had another good week in school with the children; it has been lovely to see the children playing together and learning outdoors in the sunshine. Having a dry week has been lovely; we would normally be on the field by now, but as there has been so much rain it is still very wet and muddy. We are hoping to get on there after half term.

Now that the weather is warmer, please can I remind parents / carers to send their children in with water bottles every day. It is important for them to stay hydrated at all times, even more so when it is warm. Please could parents also make sure their child has sun cream applied on them before school and a sun hat with them.

We know that our Year 6 have been working really hard all year in readiness for their end-of-Key Stage tests that start on the 13th May and we wish them all the best. Those children who are going to the Grittleton House residential on the 20th May will have that to look forward to after their SATS. I am very grateful to all the staff who are giving up their time to accompany the children and I hope that they have a great week away. For those children who are not going on the residential, there will be lots of exciting activities planned for them at school.

The weather looks great this weekend so I hope you enjoy the weekend with your families and friends. I look forward to seeing you all next week, for another busy week of SATS, learning and outdoor fun!

ALDERSHOT VICTORIA DAY PARADE

ALDERSHOT VICTORIA DAY PARADE - SATURDAY 8TH JUNE 2024

We will be taking part in the Aldershot Victoria Day Parade this year, with children and adults dressed for the theme of “animals”. Under this theme, we are creating our own sub-theme, asking those taking part with the school to dress as an animal from The Lion King, or to bring a cuddly toy of one of The Lion King animals. The organisers have asked us for an idea of how many people will be participating as part of the school parade. The last two years we have had a big group and have won Best in Parade and it would be good to do this again this year.

The parade is on Saturday 8th June, with the walking starting at 11.00am. In order to take part, you and your child would need to come to the Prince's Hall car park between 10.30-10.45am on Saturday 8th June. We ask that all children are accompanied by an adult - you are welcome to bring the whole family along. The parade is due to start at 11.00am and lasts about 45 minutes. The parade will end at the High Street Multi Storey Car Park.

We would be grateful if you could complete the online form if your child and yourself or another adult would like to be involved in this Community event. Please reply online using the Microsoft form link by Friday 17th May.

<https://forms.office.com/e/VR14GXKyS0>



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SCHOOL INFORMATION

PARKING AT SCHOOL DROP OFF & COLLECTION

We have been contacted by some of the school's neighbours asking parents not to park across driveways. As with many other schools, we do not have a parent car park. If you do need to drive to drop off or collect your child by car, please park considerately and ensure you are not obstructing drives, garages or access to roads.

Please can you also not park on the yellow lines as that blocks the sight of our Lollypop lady. Please be respectful of our neighbours and remember that parking on ziz-zag lines at any time of the day is prohibited. We are very fortunate to have use of Park Church car park at drop off and collection time. This is intended to enable a quick drop off and collection so please move on quickly once your child has been dropped off, so you can allow other parents to use it.

If ever you see dangerous parking, please, if you can, take a photo and send it through to <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/parking/parking-contravention>. By logging the issue, Rushmoor can send out parking enforcers to make sure people are parking safely, move people on or issue tickets.

Our children's safety is our main priority and this includes their journey to and from school. We appreciate your support in this matter.

SCHOOL LETTER BOX

We would like to remind parents that we have a school letter box in the wall outside the School Office. This can be used at any point before or after school to deliver any correspondence / reply slips to the school for your child. Please can we encourage parents and carers to use the letter box where possible, which will save on waiting times in the School Office when dropping letters off.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Please can we remind parents, where at all possible, to book any doctor, dentist or hospital appointments for their children outside of school hours.

Optician appointments taken during the school day will not be authorised as most opticians offer both late afternoon and weekend appointments.

SUMMER FAIR FRIDAY 5TH JULY

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.



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CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS



Congratulations to James A in Curie who was an end of season award winner at rugby and was awarded a trophy for commitment. His family are very proud of James and what he has achieved at Farnham Rugby Club. Well done James!

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

SCHOOL NEWSPAPER CLUB

Members of the School Newspaper Club have been busy again this week and reported that Year 4 and Year 6 both enjoyed an exciting VR experience last week to support their learning in humanities.

Honey, Charlotte and Amelia in Year 6 told us....“We saw videos of volcanoes through the VR headset. Then she asked us some questions about them. They were really realistic. It was so good. They were really colourful. Just great graphics. Also we did quizzes. We saw about 5 volcanoes and then we were able to pick what we did next.” Then they added, “Some people didn’t want to do it, so they gave iPads to see the exact same thing. It was definitely worth it.” And at the end of the session, “We looked at lions that came up close and ate you. The lions high fived me! It was a bit scary!”

James, Rushika, Amira explained.... “We were learning about the Maya civilization.” When they were looking into the VR headset they commented, “It was like flying over the monuments built by the Maya. We got to see a pyramid and temples.” In addition, they remarked, “It was really high. I had to hold onto the table. It was so realistic. Afterwards, we had a choice to see a sea turtle, lion or a gorilla.”

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YEAR 3

YEAR 3 PARENT EVENT: OUTDOOR LEARNING & PROBLEM SOLVING

A big thank you to all the parents and carers who came to school and took part in the Year 3 Parent Event last week. It was great to see so many parents and carers here, taking part in problem solving activities and going on a scavenger hunt with their children. Thank you to the Year 3 team for organising such a great event!

YEAR 4

YEAR 4 SWIMMING

A reminder that there is no Year 4 swimming on Thursday 16th May 2024

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.

YEAR 5

YEAR 5 SWIMMING

A reminder that there is no Year 5 swimming on Tuesday 14th May 2024

Year 5 are going swimming as part of their National Curriculum studies. The children 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.



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YEAR 6

YEAR 6 SATS

Year 6 children will be taking their Key Stage 2 Assessment Tests starting on Monday 13th May. The Year 6 children and staff have been working very hard all year for their SATS and we wish them the best for next week.

It is vital that all Year 6 children are on time and in school during this week to take their tests. If your Year 6 child is having a SATS breakfast, please 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.

Following SATS week, the test papers are sent away for marking and the results are received in school on Tuesday 9th July. School reports and SATS results will be sent home with children on Thursday 11th July.

YEAR 6 SATS BREAKFAST

This year SATS week will run from Monday 13th – Thursday 16th May. For the children that have ordered a SATS breakfast, this will be available from 8.00am in the school hall. 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.

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.

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 hoody order. Hoodies will be given out on Friday 12th July and children can wear them into school for the last week of term.



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WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

We are taking part in **Walk to School Week**, being held from Monday 20th - Friday 24th May 2024.

Every morning after the children have walked to school, they will be given the opportunity to record their walk on a **Walk to School** chart in their class.

At the end of the week, children who have taken part in walking to school 5 times during the week will be presented with a Walk to School Week Certificate.

Walking to school is great for the planet, great for our bodies and can have an incredible impact on our health. Walking to school also provides an opportunity to spend quality time with our family, connect with our friends, or make new ones along the way! We hope that you and your children will support the school during this week and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible walking to school.

If your child will be walking to school by themselves, please can we ask that you remind your children of the importance of crossing the roads safely and sensibly when travelling to and from school.

Walk to School Week

2024

Your school is supporting
'WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK'
Monday 20 May – Friday 24 May

How can I help?

- Walk with your child and discuss potential hazards such as driveways, junctions, parked cars and bends
- Work out together the safest route even if this involves a slightly longer journey
- Let your child suggest places to cross and discuss their choice
- Practice the green cross code on your way to and from school - reminding them to stop, look, listen and think

I don't have time to walk!

- Park the car some way from the school gates and walk the last part of the journey
- Try to find time to walk with them once during the week
- Your child will qualify for a certificate if either option is taken

What are the advantages of walking?

- The chance to teach important road safety skills which cannot be taught in a car
- The chance to learn about the local environment
- A chance for a chat about the day
- Less congestion at the school gate
- A healthier way to start the day

STOP LISTEN LOOK THINK

THINK ABOUT THE GREEN CROSS CODE BEFORE YOU CROSS THE ROAD.

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Hampshire County Council

THINK



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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.

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| 13 th May | Year 5 PSHE Presentation | Parks Classroom | 3.30pm |
| 13 th - 17 th May | Year 6 SATS breakfast (<i>pre-booked breakfast only</i>) | School hall | 8.00-8.30am |
| | Year 6 SATS week | | |
| 14 th May | NO YEAR 5 SWIMMING | | |
| 16 th May | NO YEAR 4 SWIMMING | | |
| 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 |