



St Michael's CE Junior School

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MESSAGE FROM MRS JONES

A warm welcome back to you all after the May half term - we hope you all had a good break and enjoyed the British weather! It has been great to see the children back in school and have had two busy but exciting weeks here! We would also like to say Eid Mubarak to all our families here in school who celebrate Eid - we wish you and your family a prosperous Eid filled with love, laughter, and togetherness.

Thanks to the PTFA we have had partridge eggs in school, which hatched into 'cheepers' - *that really is the word used for a partridge chick!* The children have had the opportunity to see the birds hatch and have been able to watch them grow. Out of the 34 eggs that we were given to hatch, we had 28 cheepers. The partridges have now gone back to the company who supplied them, who said they were impressed with how many cheepers we had. We were told that schools normally only have around 11 of the 34 eggs that survive, so ours did really well. When they are big enough they will be released into the wild as part of a conservation project.

On Wednesday, we had the Year 2 Parent Information evening. This was a lovely event, giving new parents the opportunity to visit the school again, find out more the transition into Year 3 and meet the teachers and staff. Thank you so much to all the parents that came and to the staff that made all the parents feel so welcome.

It has been encouraging to see more and more children now wearing the new active wear uniform, which is lovely. Our children are very active, especially during break time and lunch time out on the field. Since moving across to the active wear uniform, we have definitely seen an increase in activity levels which helps to meet the target of 60 minutes of activity a day for all children.

I recently met with our new uniform supplier this week (Edgar Jerome) and they told me that parents are still asking for the old uniform. Please can I remind all parents and carers that it is no longer possible to buy any of the old school uniform.

From September 2024:

Year 3 must be wearing the active wear uniform

Year 4 must be wearing the active wear uniform

Year 5 can either wear the active wear uniform or the old uniform

Year 6 can either wear the active wear uniform or the old uniform

From September 2025:

All children to wear active wear uniform (NO OLD SCHOOL UNIFORM TO BE WORN)

However, it would be great to see as many of your children as possible in the active wear uniform when they come back to school in September 2024.

We hope you have a restful weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.



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SCHOOL SPORTS MORNING

Sports Morning will take place on Wednesday 26th June. A reminder please that your child will need to wear their active wear / pe kit for the day, and we look forward to having some fun as a whole school. There will be no hot lunch option this day from the school kitchen - the children will have a choice of a ham, cheese or tuna snack pack.

Please could parents ensure that each child has sun cream applied before school, and brings a sun hat and water bottle to school. Parents are welcome to wait on the patio area once they have dropped off their children, with Sports Morning starting just after 9.00am. Please note that the sports morning will finish by 12.00 midday. We really hope that you are able to join us and that the weather is kind to us! The PTFA will be selling refreshments during the morning so please bring cash with you!

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Thank you to all parents and carers who continue to support the school by sending their child in wearing the correct school uniform. It really does make a difference and it is so nice to see the children in their active wear uniform. **Just a reminder:**

- Children should not be wearing any clothing that have logos on them.
- We are also starting to see a few girls in cycling shorts - very tight black shorts of varying lengths. **Please can parents note that cycling shorts have never been on the uniform information sheet.** Cycling shorts are not on the uniform list for various reasons, one of these being that they are often worn very short and do not show below the t shirt.
- Children can wear plain black leggings, skorts, shorts (the usual PE short design) or tracksuit trousers.

REMINDERS

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.

HAYFEVER

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

SUNCREAM

Please can all parents / carers ensure that their children have had a strong sunscreen applied before they come to school in the morning. We encourage that you use a long lasting (8 hour) 50+ sunscreen as this will protect them all day.

EARRINGS

If your child has their ears pierced, they are allowed to wear one pair of plain small studs for earrings. Your child must be able to remove their earrings for PE themselves or they need them removed at home on PE days. Small hoops or any additional piercings are not permissible.



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YEAR 3

YEAR 3 SHOE BOX NEEDED

Please could all Year 3 children bring in a shoe box or small open topped box to school between Monday 24th - Thursday 27th June. This will be needed to make their own Ancient Egyptian museum box.

YEAR 4

YEAR 4 MAYAN BREAD TASTING & MAKING

This half term, Year 4 are tasting and making Mayan bread, as a part of their history unit. The types of bread they will be looking at are a range of tortilla wraps including: white, wholemeal, chilli, garlic and mixed spice.

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 4 PARENT EVENT: MASK MAKING

A big thank you to all the parents and carers who came and joined in with the Mayan Mask making events last week. It was great to see so many of you attending and we hope you enjoyed the Parent Events with your children.

YEAR 5

YEAR 5 PARENT EVENT: SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS WITH SOUND - FRIDAY 21ST JUNE 1.30-3.00PM

Parents are invited to join their children for an afternoon of Science experiments on Friday 21st June from 1.30-3.00pm.

This will take place in school 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.

YEAR 6

YEAR 6 LEAVER'S SERVICE - GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL: MONDAY 17TH JUNE 11.45-2.30PM

The Year 6 children have been invited to attend the Diocesan Leavers' Service which is held at Guildford Cathedral. It is a traditional event that enables all of the Year 6 children from the Diocese to join together in a final act of worship before they move on to secondary education.

This year, service will take place on Monday 17th June 2024. We will be travelling to Guildford by coach, leaving school at 11.45am and returning by the end of the school day. We will be having an early lunch prior to departure. There will be no hot lunch options for Year 6 children on that day. The children can order a ham, cheese or tuna snack pack from the school kitchen on the day at a cost of £3.00 or bring in a packed lunch from home.



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CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS



Connie H in Rowling recently competed in Dancer Of Dancers 2024 in Folkestone and competed in freestyle, slow and street. Connie came 7th and 8th in freestyle and 7th in pairs! Well done Connie!

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

PTFA INFORMATION

St. Michael's Juniors PTFA

Bake Sale

On Thursday 20th June 2024

At: 3.20pm in the Playground (cash only please)

All cake contributions gratefully received.

Please bring any contributions to school on the morning of Thursday 20th June.

SUMMER FAIR - FRIDAY 5TH JULY 3.30pm

This year's summer fair will be held after school on the playground on Friday 5th July, starting at 3.30pm.

Please could parents and carers support the fair by contributing bottles and sweets for the tombolas on the following days:

Friday 21st June

Non uniform day in exchange for **bottles** for the tombola

Thursday 27th June

Non uniform day in exchange for **sweets** for the tombola

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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.

17 th June	Year 6 Leaver's Service	Guildford Cathedral	Afternoon
20 th June	Transition morning for children moving into Year 3	School	9.30-11.30am
21 st June	NON UNIFORM DAY - Bottle donations for summer fair		
	YEAR 5 PARENT EVENT - Outdoor activities	Hall	1.30-3.00pm
25 th June	Usbourne Book Fair	Hall	3.30-4.30pm
26 th June	School Sports Morning	Field	9.00-12.00pm
27 th June	NON UNIFORM DAY - Sweet donations for summer fair		
	Infant School Sports Morning	Field	9.00-12.00pm
28 th June	INSET DAY - school closed to all students		
3 rd July	Whole school transition morning	School	
4 th July	NO CROSSING PATROL IN THE MORNING		8.00-9.00am
5 th July	SUMMER FAIR	Playground	3.30pm
8 th July	Year 6 Grittleton House Parent's Presentation (Sept 2024)	Hall	3.30-4.30pm
11 th July	School reports sent home		
17 th July	Year 6 Leaver's Production	Hall	PM
18 th July	Year 6 Leaver's Production	Hall	PM
22 nd July	Year 6 Leaver's church service with parents	St Michael's Church	AM
23 rd July	LAST DAY OF TERM		3.20pm
24 th July - 30 th August	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - SCHOOL CLOSED		
2 nd September	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED		
3 rd September	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED		
4 th September	BACK TO SCHOOL - FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM		