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MESSAGE FROM MRS JONES

It was great that we were able to have our Sports Morning on Wednesday this week, on such a sunny day. The children really kept to our Olympic theme of 'Going for Gold': taking part and trying their best.. We definitely saw this on the day, as there were so many examples of children giving it a go, helping each other and encouraging each other. It was also a great display of sporting achievements as well as a lovely example of children demonstrating our three school values: courage, resilience and respect.

A big thank you to everyone who came and supported the children. It was great to see so many of you there, encouraging all the children in their different races. Thank you to the PTFA who served refreshments and snacks throughout the morning, which helped everyone to keep cool at the same time as raising money for the school.

Every child that took part whether they came first or not are winners, but a big congratulations to Blackwater House who won the trophy this year.

Feedback from parents has been very positive, with one parent commenting: Thank you to everyone involved in sports day today. There was a lovely atmosphere and the morning felt very inclusive, bringing the whole school community together. But most importantly it looked liked the children had a fantastic time competing and supporting each other.

Please do keep Friday 5th July free for the school summer fair. This will be a great event running from 3.30pm on the playground after school.

At our parent forum there was a suggestion that we have a multicultural day at the school to celebrate diversity and to learn about where some of our children have lived before or where their families are from. We are planning to do this at the end of this term on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July. The teachers will plan events, with the opportunity for children to share information about schools or food for example.

At the forum, some of our parents offered to bring in food at the end of the day that is traditional to their culture. We will be organising this for after school on Monday 22nd July. If any parents would like to bring in food to share, please contact the school office. We will be sending out more information next week.



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YEAR 3

YEAR 3 SHOE BOX NEEDED

A reminder that the last day for all Year 3 children to bring in a shoe box or small open topped box to school is on Monday 1st July. 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 5

YEAR 5 PARENT EVENT: SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS WITH SOUND

A big thank you to all the parents who came into school and took part in the Year 5 Parent Event. We hope you enjoyed the different science experiments - it was great to see so many of you take part!

YEAR 6 LEAVER'S SERVICE - GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL

The Year 6 children attended the leavers' service at Guildford Cathedral on Monday 17th June, which was a lovely event. The children visited 4 activity stations called – thank you, please, regret and wow. These provided opportunities for reflection about their time in their current school and their thoughts about their new school. At the end of the afternoon, a service was held in which the children participated very well and have each been given a bible to take home. We were very proud of the children as they were excellent ambassadors for the school.

YEAR 6 LEAVER'S PRODUCTION

The Year 6 Leaver's Production will take place on Wednesday 17th July & Thursday 18th July in the school hall. Both performances will start at 6.00pm.

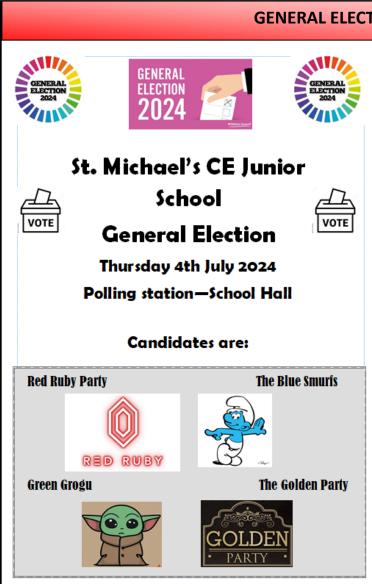


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CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS

Sevon S in Curie recently completed level 6 swimming. He also has achieved his Level 3 Yellow Belt in Taekwondo. Well done Seyon!

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



GENERAL ELECTION 2024

With the General Election approaching, we felt that it was important that the children developed an understanding of the process and why it is an important part of living in a democratic country. Therefore we will be holding a general election at St. Michael's on the same day as the country's General Election, on Thursday 4th July.

The aim is for the House Captains from each of the 4 school houses to be candidates from different political parties. To make it more realistic, Year 6 will create their own parties and manifestos, linked to issues around school. For example, they may campaign about school dinners or playing on the field all year round. The Year 6 candidates will then be given time with each year group to deliver and explain their manifestos, whilst also giving the children time to question and challenge them

The whole school will be able to vote for their very own Prime Minister on Thursday 4th July. The successful candidates will be announced on Monday 8th July.

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SUMMER FAIR - FRIDAY 5[™] JULY 2024



LAST DAY OF TERM - MENU CHANGE

- On the last day of term, Tuesday 23rd July, the menu options will be:
- R Chicken nuggets and chips
- G Pizza
- Y Cold tomato pasta with cheese

Pudding will be chocolate marble cake.

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.

<u>HAYFEVER</u>

If your child require antihistamines during the hay fever season, 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.



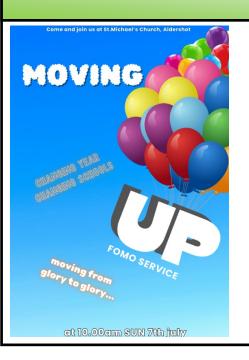
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DIARY DATES 2024

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 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	ALDERSHOT CRICKET FESTIVAL Y3-6 selected children only	Aldershot Cricket Club	During school day
	PTFA SUMMER FAIR	Playground	3.30pm
8 th July	Year 6 Grittleton House Parent's Presentation (Sept 2024)	Hall	3.30-4.30pm
9th July	ROCKSTEADY CONCERT parents of children in Rocksteady only	Hall	10.00-10.30am
11 th July	School reports sent home		
17 th July	Year 6 Leaver's Production	Hall	6.00-7.00pm
18 th July	Year 6 Leaver's Production	Hall	6.00-7.00pm
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		

UPCOMING EVENTS



On Sunday 7th July at 10.00am, St Michael's Church is having a service around *Moving Up*, to help children at this time of year with the changes they are experiencing.

Everyone is welcome.



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We aim to boost confidence, self esteem and overall mental well-being.







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Exploring Maths at the Farm

Multiply is inviting you to sign up for a free online information session introducing how maths is developed for a child's education from early years through to year 6. After attending the session, you will have an opportunity to visit the farm to undertake an on-site maths family quiz. Multiply is an adult numeracy project funded by the UK government to increase confidence and skills in maths.

There is a limited number of spaces allocated on eligibility and a first come first served basis. Families will receive a farm ticket to visit either Manor Farm or Staunton Farm. You will be able to choose which farm and a date convenient for you to visit before 31st August 2024.

Eligibility

To be eligible to receive a farm ticket, adults must attend the online session, be over 19 years old and have NOT previously attended a Multiply family day out.

Book your place NOW for 10th July 2024

There are two online information workshops available, choose a suitable time:

- 1. Starts at 13.00 hrs
- 2. Starts at 18.00 hrs

Both sessions will last approximately 40 minutes. Register now using the link below or QR code. https://forms.office.com/e/fh994znQ9g



