



St Michael's CE Junior School

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MESSAGE FROM MRS JONES



We had our Harvest Festival this week at school. Children learnt about what happens at Harvest time, why we celebrate it and also how we can help those in need. The whole school sang harvest songs. Thank you to everyone who donated food for the Grub Hub, as you can see we had an amazing selection.

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY : MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER AT 9.00am

We would like to invite any parents who are serving and former members of the armed forces to join us at our Remembrance Assembly on Monday 11th November at 9.00am.

If those attending feel happy, it would be lovely to wear uniform and any service medals, and for you to share your name, rank and regiment and any interesting facts about your work. We feel it would be a very real, moving and appropriate way of sharing the importance of Remembrance Day.

We shall be contacting those families on our service families register directly. If you are not known to us as service personnel, or are a former member of the forces and would like to be involved, we would be delighted to hear from you - please email the school office and we shall send you further information.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

We are looking at Beatitudes in Worship this term and have linked it to the attitudes we show when in school and what impact these have on others. We have been looking at The Sermon On The Mount. This week we looked at the line **'You will be truly happy if you recognise your need of God and will ask him for help in times of need.'**

We linked this to Harvest and how we can help others if they need it, but that also it is a brave thing to ask for help.



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ST MICHAEL'S PTFA

St Michael's Parent and Friends Association (PTFA) work on fundraising throughout the academic school year. Any funds raised make it possible to put on activities, and contribute to experiences and equipment for the children that would not normally be affordable on the school budget.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

Thursday 24th October	CRAZY HAIR DAY (<i>donation £1.00 per child</i>)
Tuesday 5th November	FIREWORKS NIGHT —St Michael's Junior & Infant School
December (<i>date tbc</i>)	MOVIE NIGHT
Monday 2nd December	Rags 2 Riches Collection

FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR 2024

The Friends of St. Michael's Infant School and St. Michael's Junior School PTFA have joined forces to host our first ever Fireworks Night!

The event will be held on Tuesday 5th November 2024 on St. Michael's Junior's field.
Gates open at 5.00pm, with the Fireworks display taking place at 6.00pm.

Tickets cost £6.00 per adult / child.
Under 4s are free.

www.pta-events.co.uk/fosminfants

Friends and Family are very welcome to attend with a child who attends either school.

Tickets for the event must be purchased in advance - tickets will not be sold at the gate on the day and entrance will not be admitted without a ticket.

There will be hot food and treats, as well as hot and cold drinks available to buy.
Light up wands will also be on sale.

All funds raised go towards supporting both schools.

We look forward to seeing you there!

FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR 2024

PRESENTED BY
FRIENDS OF ST MICHAEL'S INFANT SCHOOL
AND ST MICHAEL'S JUNIOR SCHOOL PTFA

**TUESDAY 5TH
NOVEMBER 2024
ENTRY FROM 5PM
FIREWORKS AT 6PM**

ON THE JUNIOR SCHOOL PLAYING FIELDS

TICKETS £6 UNDER 4'S FREE

THERE IS A MAXIMUM CAPACITY SO BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT. FAMILIES AND FRIENDS WELCOME ATTENDING WITH A CHILD FROM EITHER SCHOOL.

FOOD, HOT AND COLD DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE.

ALL FUNDS RAISED GO TO THE SCHOOLS.
SCAN HERE TO GET YOUR TICKETS



OR GO TO

WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/FOSMINFANTS



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ST MICHAEL'S PTFA

ST MICHAEL'S INFANT & JUNIOR
SCHOOLS PRESENT

CRAZY HAIR DAY

Thursday 24th October



GO CRAZY, GET CREATIVE, HAVE FUN AND
RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOLS
£1 donation per child

School uniform must be worn with your
crazy hair



Parentkind
Member Association



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SCHOOL INFORMATION

ASDA - CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

Parentkind, the charity that supports school PTAs, have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative.

All you have to do is opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our school. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started. So please help support our school and sign up today.



PARKING AT SCHOOL DROP OFF & COLLECTION

We have been contacted by some of the school's neighbours asking parents not to park across driveways or in designated parking bays in private properties.

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 our neighbours drives, garages or access to roads.

PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS

Parent Consultation Evenings will be taking place in the school hall on Tuesday 22nd and Thursday 24th October 2024. Appointments are 10 minutes long, and we will be ringing a bell to ensure that all appointments run on time.

Tuesday 22 nd October 2024:	3.40pm - 6.00pm	
Thursday 24 th October 2024:	3.40pm - 7.00pm	(Not for Earhart)
Thursday 7th November 2024:	3.10pm - 4.30pm	Earhart Class only

We are using the Scopay booking system and will close on Sunday 13th October at 11.45pm. A document to help guide you through the booking process is attached. If you have any difficulties booking online, please call the school office team who will be able to book an appointment for you.

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YEAR 3

The Year 3 children thoroughly enjoyed their Stone Age theatre workshop this week. It was great to see all the children excited about taking part! The children also designed and wrote thank you cards to the people who ran the workshop.

Please could all parents/carers who haven't yet paid for the Theatre Workshop, pay the outstanding £7.50 via their Scopay account or cash to the School Office.

YEAR 4

YEAR 4 PARENT EVENT: SHADOW PUPPET THEATRE: Friday 4th October 2024

A big thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the Year 4 Shadow Puppet Theatre Parent Event last week. It was fantastic to see so many of you there supporting your children. We hope you enjoyed the event.

YEAR 4 ALDERSHOT BUDDHIST COMMUNITY CENTRE VISIT: Wednesday 23rd October 2024

Year 4 will be visiting Aldershot Buddhist Community Centre as part of their RE overview study. The visit will be held on Wednesday 23rd October. Year 4 will walk to the Centre during the day. Please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat with them. There is no cost associated with this visit.

We would be grateful if any parents/carers would be able to volunteer and help accompany a Year 4 group to the Buddhist Community Centre. The times are:

Group 1: 9.00am-11.00am / **Group 2:** 10.00am-12.00midday / **Group 3:** 1.00pm-3.00pm

Please contact the School Office if you are able to volunteer, and confirm which group you can help out with.

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 7th November, with the last session being held on Thursday 19th December 2024. These swimming sessions will replace one of your child's PE lessons.

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 SEACITY MUSEUM: FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2024

Year 5 will visit the SeaCity Museum Southampton as part of this term's work on Titanic. The children will be taking part in various activities related to Titanic.

The visit will take place on Friday 6th December, leaving school at 9.00 am, travelling by coach and returning to school by 3.20 pm. The children will need to be in school for registration by 8.35 am to enable a prompt departure.

The children are required to wear their school uniform and a waterproof coat with them, and will need a packed lunch and water bottle (in a small named bag that the child can carry). The school can provide a packed lunch at a cost of £3.20.

In order for this trip to go ahead a voluntary contribution of £19.00 is requested to contribute towards the cost of travel and the activities provided by SeaCity Museum. Payment is required no later than Friday 22nd November 2024.

YEAR 6 GRITTLETON HOUSE RESIDENTIAL: 29TH SEPT-3 OCT 2025

The Year 6 Residential will be held at Grittleton House from 29th September - 3rd October 2025, situated on the edge of the Cotswolds. Set in 30-acre grounds, Grittleton House is the perfect countryside location for a school activity adventure centre and has acres of space for the children to enjoy and plenty of activities, both during the day and in the evening, to inspire, motivate and challenge them.

The cost of the trip will be £329.00 + the cost of the coach and includes full board accommodation, bedding, insurance, equipment, safety equipment and day and evening activities. There are 2 payment options: payment in full or 4 installments.

Your child brought a hard copy of the letter home with them last week. In order to confirm numbers, please could you fill reply slip at the bottom of the letter, indicating whether your child will be attending the Year 6 Residential or not. Copies of the letter are also available outside the School Office. Please return to the School Office by Friday 25th October 2024.

YEAR 6

YEAR 6 PARENT EVENT: HOKUSAI ART - Thursday 7th November 2024

Year 6 parents / carers are invited to join their child in a Hokusai Art event on Thursday 7th November 2024.

The session will be held in school and will take place from 2.00-3.00pm, 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. We look forward to seeing you there.



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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.

21st - 25th October	NO SCHOOL RUN CLUBS THIS WEEK		
21st October	Individual School Photos		
22nd October	Parent Consultation Evening	Hall	3.40-6.00pm
	Usbourne Book Fair	Library	
23rd October	Year 4 Buddhist Community Centre Visit		
24th October	Crazy Hair Day (donation £1.00)		
	Parent Consultation Evening	Hall	3.40-7.00pm
	Usbourne Book Fair	Library	
25th October	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS		
28th October - 1st November	HALF TERM HOLIDAYS		
5th November	FIREWORK SPECTACULAR 2024	School Field	5.00-6.30pm
7th November	Year 4 SWIMMING LESSONS	Aldershot Pool	9.30-11.00am
	Year 6 PARENT EVENT - Hokusai Art	Hall	2.00-3.00pm
	Earhart Parent Consultation Evening	Library	3.10-4.30pm
14th November	Year 4 SWIMMING LESSONS	Aldershot Pool	9.30-11.00am
15th November	NON SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY in aid of Children In Need		

CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to:

- **Mason C in Henson** attended his cricket awards last weekend and achieved the Under 10 batsman of the year for Aldershot Cricket Club. Well done Mason!

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
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