



# St Michael's CE Junior School

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## MESSAGE FROM MRS JONES

What a positive start to the academic year we have had, with a Through the Ages Theatre Workshop for Year 3, a successful Shadow Puppet Theatre making parent event and a trip to the Buddhist Temple for Year 4 and a residential trip and successful activity week for Year 6. Next half term, Year 5 will be holding an Astronomy Parent Event and visiting SeaCity museum.

It was so lovely to stand on the playground this morning and see the 'crazy hairstyles' that came into school. A lot of imagination and work went into the designs; and the children really enjoyed seeing each others' hair. I'm pleased to say we have raised £185.00 so a big thank you to everyone who took part.

We held an Usborne Book Fair at the same time as the parent meetings this week. Thank you to everyone who visited the fair. The school receives free books to add to both our class and school libraries, so your support is much appreciated.

Just a reminder that tomorrow is an inset day so school will be shut to all pupils. This has been a long half term and it is very rare to be in school for eight weeks in a row. The children have done incredibly well and I hope that you all have a restful and fun half term! We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 4th November.

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week we continued to look at Beatitudes, where Jesus shared advice on how to be happy or blessed. We looked at the concept of forgiveness. The children listened to a story from John 8:1-11 where they learnt how Jesus showed forgiveness. We explored the idea that everyone gets something wrong sometimes and we would want to be forgiven, so we should forgive others.

The children explored this concept further through our big question which asked 'is there anything we cannot forgive?'

## CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to **Edie W in Daley** and **Darcey W in Johnson** who took both part in a dance competition last weekend. Darcey came 3rd for her modern duet and Edie came 1st for her acro trio. Well done Edie and Darcey!

*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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## 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. We are always looking for new parents / carers to join our PTFA so please let the school office know if you would like to help us!

### UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

Tuesday 5th November	<b>FIREWORKS NIGHT</b> —St Michael's Junior & Infant School
December ( <i>date tbc</i> )	<b>MOVIE NIGHT</b>
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/fosmininfants](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/fosmininfants)

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

**Tickets for the event must be purchased in advance - ticket sales close on Sunday 3rd November at midnight.**

**Tickets will not be sold on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th November.**

**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.

**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

sponsored by  
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OR GO TO  
[WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/FOSMININFANTS](http://WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/FOSMININFANTS)



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## 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.

For those attending and feel happy, it would be lovely to see you in your 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.



## 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.



### BONFIRE THEMED LUNCH MENU - Tuesday 5th November 2024

On Tuesday 5th November, the menu will be:



Cheese & tomato pizza with sweetcorn  
Hot dog with diced potatoes  
Hot tomato pasta  
Toffee apple crumble & custard



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## YEAR 3

### **YEAR 3 PARENT EVENT: SPANISH LESSON - Monday 18th November 2.00-3.00pm**

Year 3 parents/carers are invited to join their child at Spanish lesson on Monday 18th November.

The parent event 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.

## YEAR 4

### **YEAR 4 ALDERSHOT BUDDHIST COMMUNITY CENTRE VISIT**

Year 4 visited the Aldershot Buddhist Community Centre this week as part of their RE learning.

The children were given an introduction to Buddhism and learnt about the four main principles of the of the Buddhist faith. They also took part in a meditation session. It was great to see how well the children behaved during their visit and how engaged they were. A big thank you to the Year 4 teachers for organising a successful trip and for our parent volunteers who accompanied the children during their visit.

### **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 - school staff are not responsible for groupings during swimming lessons.

**Children need to bring a small PE bag with their underwear, towel, swimwear and swimming hat in every Thursday.**

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.**

- 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

### **PARENT VOLUNTEERS: YEAR 4 SWIMMING**

We are looking for some parent volunteers to help accompany the Year 4 classes to their swimming lessons at Aldershot Swimming Pool, every Thursday morning commencing Thursday 7th November, with the last session being held on Thursday 19th December.

**Group 1:** 9.00am-10.30am / **Group 2:** 9.30am-11.00am / **Group 3:** 10.00am-11.30am

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



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## YEAR 5

### **YEAR 5 SEACITY MUSEUM: FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER 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-3RD OCT 2025**

***Please note: Confirmation of whether your child will attend the residential or not should have been given to the office by today, Thursday 24th October.***

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. The required deposit needs to be paid by Friday 25th October in order to secure your child's place.

## 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.

25th October	<b>INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS</b>		
28th October - 1st November	<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAYS</b>		
4th November	Year 6 Height & Weight Measurements		
5th November	Bonfire Themed Lunch Menu		
	<b>FIREWORK SPECTACULAR 2024</b>	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	Meeting Room	3.10-4.30pm
	Malala Parent Consultation Evening	Meeting Room	3.40-5.10pm
11th November	Remembrance Day Assembly	Hall	9.00am
14th November	Year 4 SWIMMING LESSONS	Aldershot Pool	9.30-11.00am
15th November	<b>NON SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY</b> Donations in aid of Children In Need		
18th November	Year 3 PARENT EVENT - Spanish Lesson		2.00-3.00pm
21st November	Year 4 SWIMMING LESSONS	Aldershot Pool	9.30-11.00am
5th December	Year 5 PARENT EVENT - Astronomy	Playground	After school