



St Michael's CE Junior School

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MESSAGE FROM MRS JONES

This has been a busy week, with Remembrance Day on Monday, anti bullying week, a visit from the Mayor of Aldershot on Thursday who enjoyed a tour of the school by our Ambassadors, and ended with a non-school uniform day in aid of Children in Need on Friday. Due to your kind donations, we have raised £227.00 for Children in Need.

Below are pictures showing the children's work from their outdoor learning this week, where they combined outdoor learning, science and Remembrance Day. The poppies made by the children create such a stunning display.



At our Remembrance Day Worship assembly on Monday, service parents who are or were in the army were invited to wear their uniform and share with the children about their roles in the army. A big thank you to all the parents for giving up your time and taking part in the assembly. Our children and staff commented on how much they enjoyed it and what a great way to commemorate Remembrance Day as a school.



As it has been Anti-Bullying week 2024 this week, the children revised the definition of bullying (repeatedly, intentionally, hurting someone where there is an imbalance of power) and looked at choosing respect.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Our Collective Worship this week focussed on Remembrance Day. We looked at the history of poppies and how in the first year they were introduced (1921) 9 million were sold, raising £106,000 to help veterans with housing and jobs. We then heard from parents in our school community about their roles and experiences of being in the army. This enabled the children to understand more about what Remembrance Day is about.



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RAGS 2 RICHES COLLECTION

Monday 2nd December 2024

We have signed up again to the Rags2Riches recycling scheme, to raise money for the school and to help others around the world benefit from our good quality unwanted clothes and shoes. Donated clothes and accessories are sent to Europe, Africa and even further away to be sold at market stalls as affordable items for those in real need of clothing.

Clean and reusable items that can be donated include any adults, children's and babies clothing such as jackets, jumpers, hoodies, trousers, skirts, scarves, gloves, belts, handbags, paired shoes and other footwear. Please help us to help others and raise much needed funds for our school. Our last collection in May raised £33.60 for the school so thank you for your continuing support.

**PLEASE BRING BAGS OF CLOTHES FOR THE RAGS 2 RICHES COLLECTION TO THE SCHOOL
BY MONDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2024.**

CHRISTMAS FILM NIGHT

Tuesday 3rd December 2024



St Michael's Junior School PTFA will be hosting a Christmas Film Night, showing the Christmas film 'Elf'.

This will take place on Tuesday 3rd December, from 3.30-5.00pm.

Tickets cost £5.00 per child and includes a snack bag.

Tickets must be paid for in advance and are available to purchase online via your child's Scopay account or cash to the School Office.

Ticket sales close at midnight on Sunday 1st December - tickets will not be sold after this date. If you have not bought a ticket for your child after this date, they will not be able to attend.

If your child is attending, they will go straight from their class to the hall & will need collecting outside the School Office at 5.00pm.

We hope that this will be a lovely opportunity for children to enjoy a Christmas film straight after school with friends while tucking into some tasty popcorn!

SECOND HAND BOOK SALE

Thursday 5th December 2024

We will be holding a second hand book sale on Thursday 5th December, on the school playground from 3.30pm. To make this a success, we would like to ask children to bring in donations of any used books that are in a good condition. These could include any type of book including board books, picture books, information books, children's fiction, young adult fiction and adult fiction.

Please can children bring any donated books to Malala class (Year 5) no later than Friday 30th November.



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SCHOOL REMINDERS

What should I do if I need to take my child out of school for medical appointment?

Standard medical or dental appointments should be made outside school hours. If a child is absent for a medical appointment, it is still regarded as an absence from school.

Please make sure the school are notified of any medical appointments in advance. Parents/carers will need to fill in a **medical appointment form and also provide proof of the appointment**. If we do not see proof of the appointment, then it will be unauthorised. Any optician appointments taken during the school day will be unauthorised.

Where there is no alternative for an appointment outside of the school day, children should only miss a short period of time and return to school as promptly as possible.

What should I do if my child is absent from school?

If your child is absent from school, you must contact the school **daily**. This can be done by calling 01252 322933 and selecting option 1, or by email to adminoffice@st-michaels-jun.hants.sch.uk with the following information; child's name, year group and reason for their absence (for example high temperature or sickness bug).

If a child has been sick or have diarrhoea, they must stay off school until they have been free of symptoms for 48 hours.

All absences must be reported to the school office on each day of illness by 8.50am. If we do not receive a message regarding a child's absence, we will telephone and if necessary, text to ask for an explanation. If we are unable to contact you, we will keep trying and also contact other emergency contacts. The absence will be marked as unauthorised until we have spoken to a parent to clarify the reason.

PARKING

We thank those parents who park considerately when they are dropping off or collecting their children. Unfortunately, there are still a few parents who are parking inconsiderately. Parents cannot park on private property, cannot park on yellow lines and cannot block driveways.

As a result of what we have seen and been told about, the traffic enforcement officers are going to be attending regularly and Hampshire's Travel Planning Team are coming out to review the situation. Please leave enough time to park considerately and accept that you may need to walk a distance from your parking space.

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS

Please note that the deadline to order your child's photo with free delivery to school is Friday 22nd November 2024. Any orders placed after the 22nd November will be charged postage.

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CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS

Hattie M and Aila C In Johnson were mascots at last weekend's Aldershot Town Football Club home game - we hope you had a great time!



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 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.

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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 a Spanish lesson on Monday 18th November.

The parent event will be held in the school hall 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.

Please note, this is not a drop in Parent Event so please arrive promptly. The pedestrian gate will open at 1.55pm and close at 2.10pm. Due to the nature of this activity, latecomers will not be admitted. We look forward to seeing you there.

YEAR 4

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 and are not optional.

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

YEAR 5

YEAR 5 PARENT EVENT: ASTRONOMY - THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2024

Year 5 parents / carers are invited to join their child at an Astronomy evening on Thursday 5th December 2024. This event will take place on the school playground and in the hall from 5.00pm. If the weather is not suitable for stargazing, an alternative date will be given nearer to the time.

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 bring a waterproof coat with them. They 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

YEAR 6 PARENT EVENT: HOKUSAI ART

A big thank you to the parents and carers who supported their children at the Year 6 Parent Event last week. It was great to see so many of you there and hope you enjoyed learning about and painting some Hokusai art with your child!



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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.

18th November	Year 3 PARENT EVENT - Spanish Lesson		2.00-3.00pm
21st November	Year 4 SWIMMING LESSONS	Aldershot Pool	9.30-11.00am
28th November	Year 4 SWIMMING LESSONS	Aldershot Pool	9.30-11.00am
2nd December	Rags 2 Riches Collection		
3rd December	PTFA Christmas Film Night	School Hall	3.30-5.00pm
5th December	Year 4 SWIMMING LESSONS	Aldershot Pool	9.30-11.00am
	Second Hand Book Sale	Playground	3.30pm
	Year 5 PARENT EVENT - Astronomy	Playground	5.00-6.00pm
12th December	Year 4 SWIMMING LESSONS	Aldershot Pool	9.30-11.00am
19th December	Year 4 SWIMMING LESSONS	Aldershot Pool	9.30-11.00am
20th December	LAST DAY OF TERM		
	Christmas Clothes Day		
	Christmas Lunch		
	Carols after school	Playground	3.30-4.00pm
23rd December - 3rd January 2025	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS - SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN		
6th January 2025	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN		
7th January 2025	FIRST DAY BACK OF SCHOOL		



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ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH EVENTS

