



St Michael's CE Junior School

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MESSAGE FROM MRS JONES

POPPY DAY & CHILDREN IN NEED

We were really overwhelmed with everyone's generosity for these two causes this year. Our Poppy Appeal raised £504.23 and Children in Need raised £445.43. We cannot thank you enough for your support for these worthy causes!

CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS CARDS

We are aware that the children may want to send Christmas cards to their friends in school. We will have a post box in school from Monday 4th December which will be opened daily and the cards distributed by some Year 6 pupils. Please make sure that the child's name and class are on the envelope. The last day for posting cards will be Thursday 14th December.

CLUBS - LAST WEEK OF TERM

All school run lunch/after school clubs will finish on Thursday 7th December. There will be no school run clubs during the last week of term (including the Y6 maths booster groups), with the exception of Drama Club who will do a short performance to their parents/carers at 3:30pm on Monday 11th December. MSport Active clubs will also finish on Friday 8th December.

PANTOMIME - Monday 11th December

The PTFA have paid for a pantomime production to be held in the school hall at 9:30am on Monday 11th December. This event is for all children. If you DO NOT wish for your child to watch the performance, please can you inform the School Office team.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICE - Thursday 14th December

The children will be going to St Michael's Church for a Christmas Service run by Rev Alwyn. We may be looking for parent helpers for this (timings to be confirmed). If you are available to help, please can you let the School Office team know by Friday 9th December. We are so thankful that Rev Alwyn has been able to find us time in the Church's busy schedule to host this special event.

LAST DAY OF TERM - Friday 15th December

On the last day of term, we will be having our school Christmas Lunch. All staff will be joining the children for lunch in the school hall, with a real festive feel. The children can wear their own clothing to school on this day - Christmas themed would be great but if you do not have anything, usual mufti clothing can be worn. In the afternoon, each class will complete Christmas themed activities. The school day will end at 3:20pm.

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT - Friday 15th December

We are holding a carol concert on the school playground from 3:30pm on Friday 15th December. We are inviting all families to attend with their children with the aim of creating a community feel where we all sing the carols that each year group have been practising within school. Our school choir will perform one of their songs/carols that they have been learning this term. It would be so lovely if you could join us for this festive event. There is no sign up required.

PTFA UPDATE ON CHRISTMAS FAIR & CHRISTMAS RAFFLE - Friday 15th December

The PTFA Christmas Fair will unfortunately not be going ahead as planned this year. Therefore, there will be NO mufti days on 1st and 8th December (you may have seen these in the events calendar). However, the PTFA will be holding a fantastic Christmas raffle at the Carol Concert. Tickets will be £1 each, sold at the event and the winning tickets will be drawn after the carols have finished.



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CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to both Charlie H in Shackleton and Ronnie S in Hawking who have both achieved their orange belts in karate at the Kaizen Karate Academy. Well done!

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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FUNDRAISING

RAGS 2 RICHES COLLECTION - Monday 27th November 2023

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 £117.00 for the school so thank you for your continuing support.

PLEASE BRING BAGS FOR THE RAGS 2 RICHES COLLECTION TO THE SCHOOL ON MONDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2023

The next collection date is 26th February 2024.

RUSHMOOR LOTTERY – PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!

A reminder that our school is one of the good causes supported by The Rushmoor Community Lottery.

This is a weekly lottery that raises money for good causes in Rushmoor. Tickets cost just £1 per week and each ticket has a 1 in 50 chance to win a prize each week, with the top prize being £25,000! From every £1 ticket you buy, 50p will go to us, with another 10p to the other causes who are within the lottery. Please do consider supporting our school by buying tickets and promoting the Lottery. You can purchase tickets by visiting:

<https://www.rushmoorlottery.co.uk/support/st-michaels-cofe-junior-school>

Thank you and good luck!

SCHOOL INFORMATION

ABSENCE

Please remember that if your child is not in school for any reason, you must let us know. We have to account for each child's whereabouts in accordance with our safeguarding duties. If your child is absent you must:

- Contact us as soon as possible on the first day of absence.
- Phone each day on which your child is absent – you must do this even if you have already telephoned us please.

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YEAR 3

Year 3 Parent Event: Through the Ages Gallery - Tuesday 5th December 2.00-3.00pm

Year 3 parents are invited to come to the school hall on Tuesday 5th December from 2.00-3.00pm to look at posters created about the Year 3 topic learning this term and take part in some fun activities together.

The event will finish at 3.00pm which will allow those to collect younger siblings from the infant school and other parents can wait on the playground until 3.20pm so that the children can be dismissed from classes in the usual way.

YEAR 4

Year 4 Parent Meeting: Statutory Multiplication Test Information Session - Monday 27th November 3.30-4.00pm

There will be a short presentation to all year 4 parents regarding the Statutory Multiplication Test. This will be held in the school hall—please could parents / carers wait outside reception until 3.30pm when the hall will be open.

Year 4 Parent Event: Design & Technology - Friday 8th December 1.30-3.00pm

Year 4 parents are invited to take part in a design & technology event with their child on Friday 8th December. This event will take place in the hall from 1.30-3.00pm.

The event will finish at 3.00pm which will allow those to collect younger siblings from the infant school and other parents can wait on the playground until 3.20pm so that the children can be dismissed from classes in the usual way.

Year 4 Tices Meadow Trip - Monday 11th December 1.00-3.00pm

As part of their Geography learning, Year 4 will be walking to Tices Meadow on Monday 11th December. This will be from 1.00-3.00pm. Collection will be from the usual door at 3.20pm. Please could all children bring wellies and a suitable coat. Please can parents / carers let the School Office know if they would be available to help walk the children to and from Tices Meadow.

YEAR 5

Year 5 SeaCity Trip (Rescheduled) - Tuesday 28th November

Year 5 will be going to SeaCity on Tuesday 28th November. Please can all children bring a suitable coat, a water bottle and packed lunch with them (if they haven't ordered a snack pack from school).

Year 5 Parent Event: Orienteering Workshop - Tuesday 12th December 9.00-10.30am

Year 5 parents are invited to take part in an orienteering workshop with their child on Tuesday 12th December. This event will take place on the school grounds from 9.00-10.15am.

YEAR 6

Year 6 Spanish Food Tasting - Thursday 30th November

Year 6 will be tasting Spanish food as part of their Design & Technology topic this term. As a school, we are aware of dietary requirements, allergies and life style choices of certain children. However, if your child has any specific dietary requirements that the school are not aware of, please let the School Office.

Year 6 Parent Event: Muffin Tasting - Wednesday 13th December 2.30-3.00pm

Year 6 parents are invited to take part in muffin tasting session with their child on Wednesday 13th December. This will be held in the hall from 2.30-3.00pm.

The event will finish at 3.00pm which will allow those to collect younger siblings from the infant school and other parents can wait on the playground until 3.20pm so that the children can be dismissed from classes in the usual way.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

SNUGGLE UP WITH A READING BOOK

We would love to invite you to our winter warming 'Snuggle Up with a Reading Book' on Monday 4th December from 3.30-4.00pm.

At St Michael's, we believe in the importance of reading for pleasure and one of the most enjoyable ways to read is to snuggle up with a book. This is an opportunity to cosy up and spend time reading together, have a look at the books in our library and enjoy a hot drink and biscuit.

CHURCH EVENTS

St Michael's Church is holding the following events / services over Christmas:

Saturday 25 th November	Christmas Fair	10.00-12.30pm
Sunday 3 rd December	First Service of the Month	10.00am
<i>Children have the opportunity to take part in this service</i>		
Sunday 10 th December	Carol Service	6.00pm
Sunday 24 th December	All Age Nativity Service	4.00pm

DIARY DATES

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.

27 th November	Individual School Photos	
	Rags 2 Riches collection at school	
	Year 4 Parent Meeting: Statutory Multiplication Test Information Session	3.30-4.00pm Hall
28 th November	Year 5 SeaCity trip	
30 th November	Year 6 Spanish Food Tasting	
1 st December	Boys Football Tournament - Alderwood Senior School	4.00pm
4 th December	Snuggle Up with a Reading Book Event	3.30-4.00pm Hall
	Choir Performance	4.00pm Hall
5 th December	Rocksteady Concert	10.00am
	Year 3 Parent Event: Through the Ages Gallery	2.00-3.00pm Hall
7 th December	Parent Coffee Morning	8.45-9.30am Meeting Room
8 th December	Year 4 Parent Event: Design & Technology	1.00-3.00pm Hall
11 th December	No school run / after school clubs running this week	
	Christmas Pantomime Performance in school	9.30-10.30am
	Year 4 Tices Meadow Trip	1.30-3.00pm
12 th December	Year 5 Parent Event: Orienteering Workshop	9.00-10.15am
13 th December	Year 6 Parent Event: Muffin Tasting	2.30-3.00pm
14 th December	School Christmas Church Service - No parents	
15 th December	Last Day of Term - Christmas Mufti Day	
	Christmas Lunch (needs to be pre-ordered)	
	Christmas Carol Concert & Christmas Raffle after school	3.30-4.00pm Outside