



# St Michael's CE Junior School

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## MESSAGE FROM MRS JONES

This will be the last newsletter of this term. As we look back on the term, there have been so many wonderful learning opportunities for the children and so many successes along the way. We are proud of how well the children have done this term. They are now one third of the way through this academic year.

I wish you all a lovely Christmas holiday and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing the children back at school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024.

## CHRISTMAS

### **CHRISTMAS CARDS**

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

### **CLUBS - LAST WEEK OF TERM**

All school run lunch/after school clubs finished on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> December and Taekwondo before school club, who will be running on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. MSport Active clubs will also finish on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

### **PANTOMIME - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

The PTFA have paid for a pantomime production to be held in the school hall at 9:30am on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> December**

The children will be going to St Michael's Church for a Christmas Service run by Rev Alwyn. 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> December**

We are holding a Carol Concert on the school playground from 3.30pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 Kobe L in Rowling who was Star of the Week at Ninja Knights for his good work on the bars and back flips. Kobe has also completed his Swimming Level 3 - well done Kobe!

Chloe D in Parks swam at the Rushmoor Royals Winter Swimming meet - she swam 7 races and won 4 silver and 1 bronze medal, achieving her personal best times in most of her races. Congratulations Chloe!

Well done to Rhys E in Rosen for achieving his white belt - yellow stripe in Taekwondo!

*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**

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Rags 2 Riches collection - as a school, we raised £119.15. The next collection will be on 26th February 2024.

### **ROTARY CLUB CHRISTMAS COLLECTION - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 3.00-4.00pm**

A few members of staff ventured out on Monday night to walk alongside the Rotary Club Christmas Float, collecting door to door donations for the Rotary and other local charities.

In return, the Rotary Club will make a donation to St Michael's Junior School and will bring the float onto the school main playground on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December between 3.00-4.00pm for the children's fun and enjoyment! There will be a couple members of staff outside with collection pots should you wish to donate any loose change!

## SCHOOL INFORMATION

### **FOOTBALL KITS**

Due to the cold and wet weather, please could all parents ensure that if their child takes part in a lunchtime football training club, they MUST bring a football kit and football boots to school with them. They will not be allowed to take part in football training if they do not have a kit to change into with them.

### **SCOPAY ALERTS**

Alerts can be set up on your Scopay account, to notify you when:

- Your child's balance drops below a certain amount
- If a new trip / event has been added onto your account
- Payments for trips are due

To set this up, login to your Scopay account and click on Alerts. Click to 'configure the alerts you receive' and

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## YEAR 3

### **Year 3 Parent Event: Through the Ages Gallery**

A big thank you to all the parents / carers that came to take part in the Year 3 Parent Event: Through the Ages Gallery this week. It was lovely to see so many of you with your children, share their learning and enjoy the different activities planned! Please keep an eye out for details next term of our next Parent Event.

## YEAR 4

### **Year 4 Parent Event: Design & Technology**

Another big thank you to all the parent / carers that came and took part in the Year 4 Parent Event: Design & Technology. We hope that you enjoyed the time together making the torches with your children - it was lovely to see so many of you there!

### **Year 4 Tices Meadow Trip - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 1.00-3.00pm**

As part of their Geography learning, Year 4 will be walking to Tices Meadow on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December. **Children will need to wear wellies and wet weather gear and can bring their own binoculars (these must be labelled.)** This will be from 1.00-3.00pm. Collection will be from the usual door at 3.20pm.

## YEAR 5

### **Year 5 Parent Event: Orienteering Workshop - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 9.00-10.15am**

Year 5 parents / carers are invited to take part in an orienteering workshop with their child on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. This event will take place on the school grounds from 9.00-10.15am. Please can all parents / carers wait outside reception until 9.00am when the hall will be open. Please wear wellies and warm outdoor clothes.

### **Year 5 Fire Safety Visit - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

Year 5 will be visited by the Fire & Rescue Service Education team on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Each class will take part in an hour long workshop during the day, and will learn about how they can keep safe and make good choices.

### **Year 5 Parent & Child Event: Astrology - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 5.00pm**

Year 5 parents / carers are invited to take part in an Astrology evening with their child on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 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. Refreshments will be available to purchase during the event.

### **Year 5 Ancient Greek Theatre Workshop - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

As part of their History learning, Year 5 will be taking part in an interactive Ancient Greek Theatre Workshop in school on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024. The cost of this workshop will be £6.40 per child. Please could all payments for the workshop be made via Scopy or cash to the School Office by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

## YEAR 6

### **Year 6 Parent Event: Muffin Tasting - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2.30-3.00pm**

Year 6 parents are invited to take part in muffin tasting session with their child on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Year 6 Parent Meeting: SATS Information Evening Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 3.30-4.00pm**

There will be a short meeting to all Year 6 parents regarding the SATS. This will be held in the school hall - please could parents / carers wait outside reception until 3.30pm when the hall will be open.



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### SCHOOL CLUBS

We are pleased to advise that school clubs are available to book online for the Spring Term. All clubs will start from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 with the exception of Cricket Club, which starts on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024.

If your child is already signed onto a club from this term, their name has been carried over to the same club for next term. Please let the School Office know if you wish for your child to be removed from a club. Please note, that both Ukulele and Library Club have moved times.

If your child would like to join a club, please log on to your Scopay account and sign your child up for their chosen club. If you are unable to sign up online, please pop in or call the School Office and we can sign up your child for their chosen club. Numbers for most clubs are limited for health and safety reasons. You will only be able to sign up for a club if there are spaces available. Therefore, if you are able to sign up online then this guarantees your child a place on that particular club. Please note that if your child does not attend their chosen club on two occasions without letting the teacher or school office know beforehand, their place will be withdrawn.

Please see the list below for club provider information. Clubs highlighted in red are school run clubs and clubs highlighted in yellow are provided by an external company. Clubs run by an external company must be booked through the company and not the school.

Please can we remind you that all school clubs are run by school staff in their own time and we want the children to have fun and enjoy themselves. We therefore expect a high standard of behaviour from all children attending school clubs as well as continued commitment. If at any time your child is unable to attend, please inform the club teacher or the school office as soon as possible. All school run clubs are dismissed through main reception. Please can all parents wait on the playground.

### SCHOOL CLUBS JANUARY – MARCH 2024

	EXTERNAL PROVIDER: BEFORE SCHOOL CLUBS	SCHOOL RUN CLUBS: LUNCH CLUBS & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS				EXTERNAL PROVIDER: AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>MSPORT ACTIVE</b> ACTIVE8:00AM Multi-Sports All Years 8.00-8.35am <a href="http://www.msportactive.co.uk">www.msportactive.co.uk</a>	<b>MINDFUL COLOURING</b> All Years 12.30-1.00pm  Mrs Down	<b>SCHOOL NEWSPAPER CLUB</b> All Years 12.30-1.00pm  Mrs Johnston	<b>UKULELE CLUB</b> Years 3/4 3.30-4.20pm  Mr Wilson	<b>DRAMA CLUB</b> All Years 3.30-4.20pm  Miss Bourne & Mrs Jones	<b>MSPORT ACTIVE</b> Girl's Football Club All Years 3.20-4.20pm <a href="http://www.msportactive.co.uk">www.msportactive.co.uk</a>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>LONDON TKD</b> Taekwondo All Years 8.00-8.40am <a href="http://www.london-tkd.co.uk/programmes/school-clubs">www.london-tkd.co.uk/programmes/school-clubs</a>	<b>READING CLUB</b> Years 3/4 12.30-1.00pm  Mrs Skelly-Regis		<b>CHOIR</b> All Years 3.30-4.20pm  Miss Lucken		<b>MSPORT ACTIVE</b> Football Club Boys & Girls Y5/6 3.20-4.20pm <a href="http://www.msportactive.co.uk">www.msportactive.co.uk</a>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>JUDO FOR SCHOOLS</b> Judo All Years 8.00-8.40am <a href="mailto:JFS.SMJ@gmail.com">JFS.SMJ@gmail.com</a>	<b>OUTDOOR CLUB</b> All Years 12.30-1.00pm  Miss McCabe	<b>LIBRARY CLUB</b> All Years 12.30-1.00pm  Ms Gregory			<b>MSPORT ACTIVE</b> Football Club Boys & Girls Y3/4 3.20-4.20pm <a href="http://www.msportactive.co.uk">www.msportactive.co.uk</a>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>MSPORT ACTIVE</b> ACTIVE8:00AM Multi-Sports All Years 8.00-8.35am <a href="http://www.msportactive.co.uk">www.msportactive.co.uk</a>		<b>CRICKET CLUB</b> Year 4 3.30-4.20pm starts 22.02.2023 Mr Edwards	<b>ART CLUB</b> Year 5/6 3.30-4.20pm  Mrs Porter	<b>DANCE CLUB</b> All Years 3.30-4.20pm  Miss Bourne	
<b>FRIDAY</b>						<b>HOLLY KING PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY</b> After School Club 3.20-4.30pm Junior/Inter Performers 7-14 Years 4.30-6.30pm <a href="http://hkpaacademy.co.uk">hkpaacademy.co.uk</a> <a href="mailto:holly@hkpaacademy.co.uk">holly@hkpaacademy.co.uk</a>



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **PARENT & CHILD GAMES EVENING - THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024**

Following on from the success of the Family Bingo evening in November, we are holding a free Parent & Child Games Evening on Thursday 25th January 2024 from 6.00-7.00pm in the school hall.

All parents / carers and children are invited to attend, but children must be accompanied by an adult. Cold soft drinks and snacks will be provided. There will also be a raffle, tickets can be purchased on the night. Everyone is welcome – we look forward to seeing you there!

### **CHURCH EVENTS**

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

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December **Carol Service** 6.00pm

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

11 <sup>th</sup> December	No external clubs / school run / after school clubs running this week	
	Christmas Pantomime Performance in school	9.30-10.30am
	Year 4 Tices Meadow Trip	1.00-3.00pm
	Rotary Christmas Float Collection	3.00-4.00pm Playground
	Drama Club Performance	3.30pm
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 Parent Event: Orienteering Workshop	9.00-10.15am
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Parent Event: Muffin Tasting	2.30-3.00pm
14 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Church Service - No parents	
15 <sup>th</sup> December	LAST DAY OF TERM - Christmas Mufti Day	
	Christmas Lunch (needs to be pre-ordered)	
	Christmas Carol Concert & PTFA Christmas Raffle after school	3.30-4.00pm Outside
2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024	INSET DAY—School closed to all pupils	
3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2024	FIRST DAY OF TERM	
9 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Year 6 Parent Meeting: SATS Information	3.30-4.00pm Hall
18 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Year 5 Fire Safety Workshop	All day in school
22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024	Year 5 Parent Event: Astrology	5.00pm Playground
25 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Year 5 Ancient Greek Theatre Workshop	All day in school
	Parent & child games evening	6.00-7.00pm Hall