



# St Michael's CE Junior School

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## MESSAGE FROM MRS JONES

I hope you have all had a good week this week. We have had another positive week here at school with our children demonstrating our values all around school in their work and behaviour.

We had the annual visit from our Leadership and Learning Partner last week; it is her role to visit schools across the county, recognise what is going well and offer support and advice where needed. I am pleased to say that we had a very positive visit. Our LLP reported that:

*'The needs of the school's diverse community are met through an education that builds pupils' cultural capital, increases physical activity, and develops the knowledge and attributes that enable each child to contribute positively to the community. As a result, a sense of belonging is demonstrated by pupils, respect and understanding towards others are shown, and a school environment is created where children feel safe, cared for, and able to be themselves.'*

We have recently made some changes to our break and lunch times which are proving to be very successful. We have split break times so that year 3 and 4 go out separately to year 5 and 6. This means the children have more space to run around and keep active and also there are more resources for the number of children on the playground. As a result of this, we have noticed activity levels going up. We have also split the year groups for most of lunch time which again gives more space to run around and access the resources. We have been very pleased with how well the children have responded to these changes.

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

### Psalms - Songs from the Heart

We have continued to look at the Book of Psalms in our Collective Worship. The children learnt who King David was and his role as a shepherd. They learnt how he was chosen to be a king and anointed with oil.

This week we looked at Psalm 23, learning about how David used his time as a shepherd, looking after the sheep and protecting them, to write about God looking after his people. We then explored the idea of trust, asking the children to think about who they feel safe with and who they would follow.



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## YEAR 3

### **YEAR 3 PARENT EVENT: Sewing - Thursday 6th February 1.30-3.00pm**

Year 3 Parents/Carers are invited to join their child at a sewing event on Thursday 6th February.

The parent event will be held in the school hall and will take place from 1.30-3.00pm, 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 1.25pm and close at 1.40pm. Due to the nature of this activity, latecomers will not be admitted. We look forward to seeing you there.

### **YEAR 3 TRIP: Butser Farm - Monday 3rd March**

Year 3 will be visiting Butser Ancient Farm as part of this term's work on The Roman Empire. The children will be taking part in various activities including archaeological excavation, Roman maths, Flint wall building and Villa tour.

The trip will take place on Monday 3rd March, leaving school at 9.00am, travelling by coach and returning to school by 3.20pm. The children will need to be in school for registration by 8.40am to enable a prompt departure. The children are required to wear their school uniform and a waterproof coat, 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 £20.00 is requested to contribute towards the cost of travel and the activities provided by Butser Farm. Payment is required no later than Friday 14th February 2025.

## YEAR 4

### **YEAR 4 WORKSHOP: Viking Theatre - Monday 10th March**

As part of the Year 4 Spring Term History & Geography learning, each class will take part in a Viking Theatre virtual reality workshop. The workshop will inspire the children and support their learning and the curriculum in school. Please note, it is recommended that pupils with epilepsy or pupils who are prone to seizures consult with their doctor before using a VR headset.

**The cost of the workshop is still to be confirmed, but all voluntary contributions will go towards the cost of the company coming in and activities provided.**

Payment is required no later than Friday 28th February and can be made via your Scopay account or cash (handed into the school office). If insufficient contributions are received, the workshop may have to be cancelled.



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## YEAR 5

### **YEAR 5 PARENT EVENT: Astronomy - Friday 7th February 5.00-6.30pm**

We are pleased to confirm that the rescheduled date for the Y5 Parent Event: Astronomy is Friday 7th February from 5.00-6.30pm. Parents, carers and family members are welcome to join their child at this event.

Please note - this event will be taking place outside on the school playground so please make sure you and your child are suitably dressed for the cold.

### **YEAR 5 WORKSHOP: Greek Virtual Reality - Friday 14th March**

As part of the Year 5 Spring Term History & Geography learning, each class will take part in a Greek virtual reality workshop. The workshop will inspire the children and support their learning and the curriculum in school. Please note, it is recommended that pupils with epilepsy or pupils who are prone to seizures consult with their doctor before using a VR headset.

**A voluntary contribution of £7.10 per child is requested to contribute towards the cost of the company coming in.**

Payment is required no later than Friday 28th February and can be made via your Scopay account or cash (handed into the school office). If insufficient contributions are received, the workshop may have to be cancelled.

### **YEAR 5 PARENT EVENT: Greek Museum - Friday 21st March 2.00-3.00pm**

Year 5 Parents/Carers are invited to join their child at a Greek Museum event on Friday 21st March.

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 6

### **YEAR 6 PARENT MEETING: SATS Information Evening**

A big thank you to all the Year 6 parents and carers that attended our Year 6 SATs information evening. We hope you found it a useful meeting. Just a reminder that the power point presentation used at the meeting has been emailed out to all Year 6 parents.



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## SCHOOL INFORMATION

### PARENTS CONSULTATION EVENINGS

Parent Consultation Evenings will be taking place in the school hall on Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th February 2025. Appointments are 10 minutes long, and we will be ringing a bell to ensure that all appointments run on time.

Tuesday 25th February 2025: 3.40pm - 7.00pm  
Thursday 27th February 2025: 3.40pm - 6.00pm

We are using the Scopay booking system and will close on Sunday 23rd February 2025 at 11.45pm. A document to help guide you through the booking process has been sent out separately. If you have any difficulties booking online, please call the school office team who will be able to book an appointment for you.

### CYCLE TO SCHOOL PERMISSION

We have had an increase in the number of children cycling to school. In line with other schools, we have created a cycle to school permission form. All children who want to cycle to school must bring in a signed permission form completed by their parents and must adhere to the statements on the agreement which includes: children walking their bikes on school grounds and cycling to school wearing a bike helmet. The children have had this new arrangement shared with them. Children without a permission slip will not be able to bring their bikes onto the school grounds.

### JEWELLERY

Please can parents and carers note that the only jewellery the school permits a child to wear is a plain small wrist watch and/or plain small studs for earrings. Pupils with earrings must remove them for PE. Other items are not permissible in school.

### HEAD LICE

Head lice is often a recurring problem in primary schools and we would encourage parents and carers to please check their child's head regularly. Though head lice and nits may be a nuisance, they don't cause serious illness or carry any diseases and can be treated at home with a fine tooth comb or over-the-counter medication. If head lice are found, please treat as soon as possible and inform the school office.

Go to the NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits> for more details.

## CONTACT US

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### SCHOOL INFORMATION

#### KOOSA AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

**HOLIDAY, AFTER SCHOOL & BREAKFAST CLUBS**  
FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-13 YEARS

**FREE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB TASTER SESSION!**  
MONDAY 27TH JANUARY TO FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY

Are you considering using after school childcare, either now or in the future, but are unsure whether the environment will be right for you or your children? If so, we would love to invite your children to experience the after school club for themselves, completely **FREE OF CHARGE**.

During the taster session, your child will be able to participate in a variety of fun-packed games and activities. The session will also provide you with the opportunity to see first-hand where the club is based, the great games, activities and resources we have on offer, as well as meeting our fun, friendly staff who will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

**Call 01276 21884 to book your free taster session today!**

**ST. MICHAEL'S INFANTS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

- After School Club runs from school finish until 6pm
- A safe and secure walking bus operates to and from St. Michael's Junior School each day
- Children get the chance to both relax and take part in a large selection of fun games & activities
- A healthy and nutritious snack is available each day
- Fully Ofsted registered, high quality after school childcare
- Book after school club sessions up to 6pm the working day before you need them, or if you require childcare on a more permanent basis, we can contract the days you require, guaranteeing your sessions on an ongoing basis
- Tax Free Childcare and Childcare Vouchers accepted as payment

**VISIT KOOSAKIDS.CO.UK FOR MORE INFORMATION**

\*Please note this offer is limited to one session per child per club and only available to parents who have not used KOOSA Kids After School Club in the last 12 months. Places are limited, therefore your preferred session may not be available.

#### HEALTHY TEETH

### Answer the Call! Know How To Brush



- 1. Outside**  
Place brush at angle along outer gumline. Wiggle gently back and forth. Repeat for each tooth.
- 2. Inside**  
Brush inside surface of each tooth, using wiggling technique in Step 1.
- 3. Way in the back**  
Brush the chewing surface of each tooth.
- 4. Behind Front Teeth**  
Use tip of toothbrush to brush behind each front tooth, both top and bottom.
- 5. Tongue**  
Don't forget to brush your tongue.

**Oral Health Hero Tips**

- Brush at least twice a day with fluoride toothpaste!
- Remember to brush all top and bottom teeth!
- Remember to turn off the water while brushing!
- Once teeth are touching, floss once a day to remove plaque!



**BE A TOOTH DEFENDER!**  
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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.

Thursday 6th February	YEAR 3 PARENT EVENT - Sewing	Hall	1.30-3.00pm
	YEAR 3-6 PARENT Internet Safety Talk	Hall	3.30-4.00pm
Friday 7th February	YEAR 5 PARENT EVENT - Astronomy	Playground	5.00-6.30pm
Monday 17th – Friday 21st February	<b>HALF TERM</b> School closed to all pupils		
Monday 24th - Friday 28th February	<b>NO SCHOOL RUN CLUBS</b>		
Tuesday 25th February	PARENTS CONSULTATION EVENING	Hall	3.40-7.00pm
	Usbourne Book Fair	Library	3.40-7.00pm
Thursday 27th February	PARENTS CONSULTATION EVENING	Hall	3.40-6.00pm
	Usbourne Book Fair	Library	3.40-.00pm
Monday 3rd March	YEAR 3 - Butser Farm Trip	Off site	All day
Monday 10th March	YEAR 4 - Viking Theatre Workshop	School	All day
Thursday 14th March	YEAR 5 - Greek Virtual Reality Adventure	School	All day
Friday 21st March	YEAR 5 PARENT EVENT - Greek Museum	Hall	1.30-3.00pm
Thursday 27th March	YEAR 6 PARENT EVENT	Hall	1.30-3.00pm
Monday 31st March - Thursday 3rd April	YEAR 6 BIKEABILITY		
Tuesday 1st April	ROCKSTEADY Concert	Hall	9.45-10.15am
Friday 4th April	LAST DAY OF TERM		