



St Michael's CE Junior School

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MESSAGE FROM MRS JONES

It's been another positive week with our children demonstrating our values all around school in their work and behaviour. We have had some lovely events for both children and families this week. The Year 5 Astronomy Evening, held on the playground on Monday was a great success. Thank you to all family members who brought the children back into school; it was a great experience to see the moon and the craters so clearly, and to also see some of the planets through a telescope.

Year 5 had an Ancient Greek theatre workshop on Thursday which the children enjoyed participating in and Year 3 enjoyed designing and making their own sandwiches. There have also been many sporting fixtures this week, where children have been asked to represent the school in netball, cross country and football. All events have been successful and a big thank you to all the children who took part and for the families who supported them!

Next week, our Year 6 children will be taking part in a Mock SATs week, giving them the opportunity to experience how the SATS will take place when they sit the statutory tests in May. The rest of the school will support the Year 6s in this week.

Finally, a big thank you to everyone involved in organising the Family Fun Quiz Night on Thursday night. It was great to see so many of you there - over 50 children and parents attended the event, which was amazing! Thank you to Mrs Porter and Mr Wilson who took on organising it and Miss Bourne who put some of the rounds together.

We hope you have a lovely weekend, and look forward to seeing you next week!

PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS

Parent Consultation Evenings

Parent Consultation Evenings will be taking place in the school hall on Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th February 2024. Appointments are 10 minutes long, and we will be ringing a bell to ensure that all appointments run on time.

Tuesday 27th February 2024: 3.40pm - 7.00pm

Thursday 29th February 2024: 3.40pm - 6.00pm

We will be using the Scopay booking system. The bookings will open today, Friday 26th January 2024 at 6.00pm and will close on Friday 16th February at 11.45pm. An email will be sent out today as well with an attached document which will guide you through the booking process. If you have any difficulties booking online, please call the school office team who will be able to book an appointment for you.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY - BE THE BEST ATHLETE THAT YOU CAN BE



We strive for all of our children to be the best they can be, and are passionate about our children being active and living a healthy lifestyle.

As a school we take part in many sporting competitions, competing against other schools across Hampshire. We are very excited to announce that we are purchasing a new kit that can be worn across all sporting events. This has created a sponsorship opportunity for local businesses to have their logo displayed on a waterproof top, advertising the company at all events.

If you know of any businesses that would be interested in this please ask them to contact Rachel Woodhouse, School Business Manager on 01252 322933.



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WORLD BOOK DAY



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St. Michael's CE Infant School
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Friday 26th January 2024

Dear Parents,

WORLD BOOK DAY – THURSDAY 7TH MARCH 2024

St Michael's Infant School and Junior School have been working together to plan this year's World Book Day on Thursday 7th March 2024. Both schools are inviting the children to dress up as their favourite book character or to wear non-school uniform and bring clues to show who their character is if they really don't want to dress up. There will be lots of activities around books and developing a love of reading.

The two schools have planned a joint activity where the Year 5 children from St Michael's Junior School will visit the Year 2 children at St Michael's Infant School to read to them. This will be an opportunity to see each other's costumes and to share a book that the Year 2 children will enjoy. Next year, the Year 5 children will be buddies for the Year 2 children who join the school as Year 3s, so this is a great opportunity for the children to start to get to know each other.

We look forward to seeing all of the children in their costumes or with their clues on Thursday 7th March.

Yours sincerely,

Dot Patton
Headteacher

Jenny Jones
Headteacher

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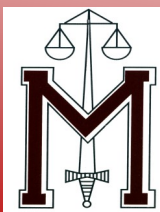
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YEAR 3

Year 3 Sandwich Making

Year 3 really enjoyed designing and making their sandwiches. We hope you enjoyed seeing what they made and maybe even having a taste!

Year 3 Parent Event: Sewing - Thursday 8th February 2024 1.30-3.00pm

Year 3 parents are invited to take part in a sewing event, to sew a money container with their child on Thursday 8th February. Parents will work alongside their child to cut the material, stitch it together and create a finished product. This event will take place in the hall 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.

Year 3 Butser Ancient Farm Trip: Monday 4th March 2024 All day

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 4th 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 £3.00.

In order for this trip to go ahead a voluntary contribution of £22.00 is requested to contribute towards the cost of travel and the activities provided by Butser Ancient Farm. Payment is required no later than Friday 9th February 2024.

YEAR 4

Year 4 Beowulf & the Anglo Saxons Workshop: Thursday 1st February 2024

Unfortunately, the Beowulf & the Anglo Saxons Workshop has been cancelled. A new theatre workshop will be rescheduled in the summer term. Any monies that have been paid towards this workshop will be carried over into the summer term.

Year 4 Viking Day: Thursday 14th March 2024

Year 4 will be having a Viking Day at school on Thursday 14th March. Children are encouraged to dress up as Vikings for the day. Different activities will be planned throughout the day. Please could children bring any of the following items into school on the morning of Thursday 14th March:

- large pieces of cardboard for shield making / plastic bottles for long ships / donations of wool for weaving

Year 4 Parent Event: Viking Day - Thursday 14th March 2024 1.30-3.00pm

Parents are invited to come and join their children during the afternoon of Viking Day. Dressing up for parents is optional! This event will take place in the hall 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 children can be dismissed from classes in the usual way.

Year 4: Runways End Activity Day - Monday 18th / Tuesday 19th / Wednesday 20th March 2024 9.00-4.30pm

We have organised an activity day at Runways End Outdoor Centre for Year 4, where the children will take part in outdoor activities throughout the day, including caving, orienteering, archery and climbing.

Monday 18 th March	Fleming Class
Tuesday 19 th March	Curie Class
Wednesday 20 th March	Hawking Class

The day will run from 9.00-4.30pm and your child's teacher will be at the front gate to meet your child, where your child will be registered. The children are required to wear their school PE kit, trainers and have warm wet weather gear with them. They will need a packed lunch, snacks and water bottle (in a named bag that the child can carry). The school can provide a packed lunch at a cost of £3.00.

In order for this trip to go ahead, a voluntary contribution of £39.00 is requested to contribute towards the activities provided by Runways End. Payment is required no later than Friday 1st March 2024.



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YEAR 5

Year 5 Parent & Child Event: Astronomy

A big thank you to everyone who took part in the Year 5 Astronomy Event which took place after school on Monday night. There was a great turnout by Year 5 and their families - we hope you had a great experience with your child and maybe even spotted some stars!

Year 5 Ancient Greek Theatre Workshop

The Year 5 children all enjoyed an interactive Ancient Greek Theatre Workshop in school on Thursday 25th January 2024. Please can any outstanding voluntary contributions for the workshop of £6.40 per child be made via Scopay or cash to the School Office as soon as possible.

Year 5 Parent Event: Pizza Making - Tuesday 19th March 2024 1.30-3.00pm

As part of their Design & Technology learning, Year 5 parents / carers are invited to join their child in a pizza making afternoon on Tuesday 19th March 2024.

The session 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.

As a school, we are aware of dietary requirements, allergies and life style choices of certain children. If your child has any specific dietary requirements that the school are not aware of, please let us know.

YEAR 6

Year 6 Mock SATS: Tuesday 30th January - Friday 2nd February 2024

Year 6 will be having a mock SATs week from Tuesday 30th January - Friday 2nd February 2024. All the tests will be held in school during the morning. Thank you for your support.

Year 6 Think Safe: Wednesday 20th March 2024 8.55-11.45am

On Wednesday 20th March 2024, Year 6 will be participating in the 'Think Safe' Rushmoor Junior Citizenship Scheme. This is a very popular, interactive session led by the Emergency Services and local community groups.

The children will be leaving school at 8.55am, travelling by coach to Farnborough Business Park, Fowler Ave, Farnborough GU14 7JP and returning to school at 11.45am. The party leader will be Mrs Morgan. The children are required to wear their school uniform. There is no cost associated with this visit.

During this event, Rushmoor Borough Council staff may wish to take photographs/video of the children. A permission form Rushmoor Borough Council will be sent out nearer the time - please can all parents ensure they fill in the form so that Rushmoor Council have permission to take photos.



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SCHOOL CLUBS: JANUARY - MARCH 2024

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

OTHER INFORMATION

Measles

We have been asked to share the following information with parents:

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has now declared a national incident in order to focus actions to limit the spread of measles. There are sustained outbreaks in some parts of the country and further outbreaks of measles will spread to other towns and cities unless urgent action is taken to increase Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination uptake in areas at greatest risk. Children who get measles can be very poorly and some will suffer life changing complications.

To support this incident the Department of Education (DfE) has published: What to do if you think your child has measles and when to keep them off school - The Education Hub (blog.gov.uk) guidance for parents and for schools.



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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.

26 th January	Parent Consultation Evening Booking opens	Scopay	6.00pm
29 th January - 2 nd February	Year 6 Mock SATS	In school	Morning
29 th January	Year 5/6 NSPCC Workshop	In school	Morning
31 st January	Asthma Friendly Coffee Morning	Meeting Room	8.50-10.00am
1 st February	Year 4 Viking Workshop - POSTPONED TO SUMMER TERM		
8 th February	Parent Coffee Morning	Meeting Room	8.50-9.15am
	Year 3 Parent Event: Sewing	Hall	1.30-3.00pm
9 th February	Pancake Themed Pudding		
12 th - 16 th February	HALF TERM		
16 th February	Parent Consultation Evening Booking closes	Scopay	11.45pm
20 th February	Usbourne Book Fair	Hall	3.30-4.15pm
26 th Feb - 1 st March	No school run clubs taking place this week		
27 th February	Parents Evening	Hall	3.40-7.00pm
29 th February	Parents Evening	Hall	3.40-6.00pm
4 th March	Year 3 Butser Ancient Farm Trip	Off site	All day
7 th March	WORLD BOOK DAY		
	Parent Coffee Morning	Meeting Room	8.50-9.15am
14 th March	Year 4 Viking Day	In school	All day
	Year 4 Parent Event: Viking Day	Hall	1.30-3.00pm
18 th March	Year 4 Runways End Activity Day - FLEMING	Off site	9.00-4.30pm
19 th March	Year 4 Runways End Activity Day - CURIE	Off site	9.00-4.30pm
	Year 5 Parent Event: Pizza Making	Hall	1.30-3.00pm
20 th March	Year 4 Runways End Activity Day - HAWKING	Off site	9.00-4.30pm
	Year 6 Rushmoor Think Safe	Off site	8.55-11.45am
25 th March	Year 6 Grittleton Residential - Parent Information Session	Hall	3.30-4.30pm
25 th - 28 th March	No external clubs and school run clubs taking place this week		
28 th March	LAST DAY OF TERM		



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Inset Days

We have set the Inset days for next academic year(2024/2025). We have co-ordinated with St Michael's Infant School to ensure they are the same as often there are siblings in both schools. The dates are:

Monday 2nd September 2024

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Friday 25th October 2024

Monday 6th January 2025

Friday 20th June 2025

St Michael's Church

On Friday 4th February there is the next FOMO service. The theme is Candlemas and there will be the opportunity for children to act out the story. There will be a letter going out this week about it for those children who want to take part.



**Sunday 4th February 10am
Candlemas FOMO**

**Come to our intergenerational Family Service
and worship Jesus, the light of the world,
as he was presented at the temple**



St. Michael's Church, Aldershot, GU11 3SS



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Asthma Friendly Coffee Morning



**It's not easy being
Wheezy!**

PARENT / CARER COFFEE MORNING

**DATE: Wednesday 31st January
8.50-10.00am**

The Paediatric Respiratory Nursing Team at Frimley Health are holding a coffee morning where we can answer your questions and provide support.

Does your child have
an inhaler?

Do they wheeze with
coughs & colds?

Does your child have
asthma?

Are you unsure what
any of this means?

We can help!

Please book your place with
the school office