

St. Michael's Newsletter



Friday, 27th November 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

Non-uniform Day

We are having a non-uniform day on **Friday 4th December** to provide goodies for the mini Christmas bazaar held after school on 11th December. We would ask that the children bring in filled jars and chocolate for the chocolate tombola. These stalls will be at the school concert on Friday, 11th December and there will also be mulled wine, juice, teas and coffees and mince pies on sale. The concert is at 1:30 pm and will consist of children who wish to sing and play instruments. The choir will sing and all other school music groups will perform. The mini bazaar will follow straight after school. We hope as many of you as possible will come to this fun event.

SMASH Meeting

An excellent meeting was held on Monday night and some brilliant parents came along with great ideas for the future of SMASH. We have also had many forms returned with offers of help and people willing to stand on the committee. Thank you so much. You will be getting a letter about the Christmas events for SMASH and we hope to see many of you there. Don't forget that the raffle tickets go on sale on Monday for the wheelbarrow full of Christmas goodies!

Farewell to Beth Farr

Today we said goodbye to one of our LSAs, Beth Farr. She has been supporting a child in the school and has been a delight to work with and get to know. We wish Beth every happiness in her new role.

Breakfast Club

Could we please remind all parents that Early Bird Breakfast Club starts at 8:15 am. Some children have been arriving at school before 8:00 am.

Road Safety Performance

On Tuesday afternoon all the children thoroughly enjoyed a humorous performance from Essex Highways regarding road safety. They were taught how to cross the road safely and be aware of the dangers around busy roads.

Transition Meeting

Many thanks to the parents who either attended the transition meeting last Friday or who spared the time to write comments on the bottom of the letter regarding their child's experiences of transition to the junior school. The responses were overwhelmingly positive and the parents who came to the meeting gave some excellent ideas to Mrs. Dines which we will implement. Thank you.

Netball Match

On Monday afternoon we hosted Kings Road in our first Netball league game of the year, the girls that participated have been getting lots of practice on Wednesdays at Netball Club. The final score in this match was 4-2 to Kings Road but we were ahead during the match after some excellent Netball play, some fantastic shooting from Kings Road near the end won them the match. Well played to everyone involved and many thanks to our Netball coaches that give up their time to help the children.



Report written by Cara Hamblin below:

I really enjoyed the Netball match on Monday 23rd November, we were getting very excited when we were winning 2-0. Unfortunately for us, but luckily for them, they scored 4 goals. Despite the fact that we lost 4-2, I was really pleased at how well we played.

Year 5 Trip

Year 5 are looking forward to their trip to the Harry Potter studios next week. The world of Hogwarts, Diagon Alley, broomsticks and quidditch to name but a few, await them next Thursday. We hope they all have a wonderful day!

Year 4 Trip

Year 4 visited Oaklands Museum today to find out about World War 1. A report will follow next week. We hope the children and adults had an excellent day and learnt much about this terrible war.

Galleywood Hawks Need You!

Galleywood Hawks Under 9s football team (school year 4) are looking for some additional players to join their team. They train Saturday mornings with games on Sundays.

If you would like to attend training with a view to joining the team, please contact Bradley Green (FA Level 1 Coach) on 07758 828 177.

Singing Group

Little2BigVoices (Children aged 7-18) hold their Debut Christmas Concert on Sunday 6th December 7.30pm at The Millennium Suite, Gt. Baddow Recreation Ground, Baddow Road. Tickets £5 Adults, £3 Children and OAP's. Contact Jane for Tickets on Tel: 07952610223.

Children In Need

Following on from our non-uniform day and a brilliant cake sale organised by Kimber-Lee Heinz and Daisy O'Sullivan, who raised 21.90, the grand total for Children in Need 2015 is £229.23. Thank you so much for supporting this good cause and well done to our Year 4 children for being such great entrepreneurs!

Menu week 2 next week - new winter menus – on website.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday, 3rd December – Year 5 trip to the Harry Potter Studios
Thursday, 10th December @ 2:00 pm – Mother Goose Pantomime in the school hall
Friday, 11th December @ 1:30 pm – Formal Christmas Concert
Friday, 11th December @ 7:00 pm – Concert at St. Michael's Church – Choir to sing
Tuesday, 15th December @ 1:30 pm and Wednesday, 16th December @ 7:00 pm – Year 3/4 Christmas Performances
Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Lunch
Wednesday, 16th December – Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday, 17th December @ 10:00 am – School Carol Service at St. Michael's Church
Friday, 18th December – Break up for the Christmas holidays
Sunday, 20th December @ 6:30 pm – Carol Service at St. Michael's Church – Choir to sing
Monday, 4th January 2016 – Non-Pupil Day
Tuesday, 5th January 2016 – Children return to school
Monday, 8th February @ 4:00 – 6:30 pm - Parent Consultation Evening
Wednesday, 10th February @ 4:00 – 6:30 pm - Parent Consultation Evening
Friday, 12th February – Break up for the half term holiday
Monday, 22nd February – Children return to school
Wednesday, 23rd March – The Easter service at St. Michael's Church @ 10:00 am
Thursday, 24th March – Break up for the Easter holiday
Monday, 11th April – Non-Pupil Day
Tuesday, 12th April – Children return to school
Week beginning 9th May – SATs exam week – Year 6
Friday 27th May – Break up for the half term holiday

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher