

St. Michael's Newsletter



Friday, 18th March 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Autism Awareness Week

Thank you for your support during Autism Awareness week. The children and staff looked fabulous in their onesies and enjoyed eating cake, drinking hot chocolate and buying books! However, the aim of the week was to raise awareness of issues surrounding our Autistic community and the week has achieved this. The pupils developed an incredibly thoughtful and reflective attitude towards their peers with Autism and I hope this acceptance and understanding will stay with them forever and be passed on to others. A special thank you to Emily, Ben, Konrad, Dylan and Charlie in 5S and Sam and Jess Barker for all of their hard work during the week. A total of £217.32 was raised, which will be shared between the National Autistic Society and the school in order to buy resources for our Autistic Children.



Netball Tournament

On Wednesday we travelled to Great Baddow High School with 2 teams for our Netball tournament. The girls involved played some great Netball and one of our teams progressed through to the finals in April. Well done to all the girls involved in the tournament and many thanks to our netball coaches and parents for their help with lifts and support at the tournament on a cold afternoon.



Report by Emma Robinson, Sarah Groom and Jessica Samuels – Year 6

On Wednesday, 16th March, the netball team played a rally at Great Baddow High School. We got split into two teams, A and B. Both teams played very well and did their best. Many people, including Evie, Maicie, Emma, Cara and Sarah scored goals. Team A got through to the finals and came second in their pool. Team B got a level 2 certificate, and they also played very well. We would like to thank Jean, Janis and Mr. Sturton for brilliantly supporting us; we look forward to the final.

New Building Work

All parents will have received a letter this week concerning the building work that starts on Good Friday. We are extending our front entrance and inserting a new welcome hatch where the current window is adjacent to the footpath. The building work will last for approximately 14 weeks and the entrance to the school during this time will be to the left of the current entrance facing the infant car park. It is the side door to the staff room. A bell will be installed and a member of the office staff will be available to help parents. We thank you for your understanding during this period of disruption, whilst we improve the school building.

Easter Service

Don't forget our Easter service at St. Michael's Church starting at 10:00 am on **Wednesday, 23rd March**. We look forward to welcoming as many parents, relatives and friends to this special occasion.

Child Protection Course

On Monday afternoon, Mrs. Cullen and Mrs. Rumsey attended their Child Protection Update training. They learnt about all the very latest developments in keeping our children safe in school and on the Internet. Don't forget that we have the '2 Johns' coming to our school on the evening of **9th May** to inform parents of the many dangers that children face when using phones and tablets. I urge you to put this date into diaries as they are not only informative, but highly entertaining! A letter will be sent nearer the time.

Railway Safety Course

On Tuesday afternoon, two people from The Community Rail Partnership came and spoke to all the children about safety on the railways. They discussed many issues in an age appropriate way and left the children with leaflets and book marks.

Easter Tea

Many, many thanks for all your coloured donations for the Easter Tea today. The response was amazing and we will have a wonderful tombola stall for the children to buy tickets. We hope to see as many of you as possible at the Easter Tea this afternoon.

Layer Marney Trip – Year 5

There will be a report and pictures from the Year 5 trip to Layer Marney Towers in next week's newsletter.

Sports Relief

Thank you for supporting this worthwhile charity. There will be a full report in next week's newsletter, which will come out on Thursday as it is the last day of term.

Concert

Little 2 Big Voices, a children's vocal group are giving a 'Disney' charity concert on Saturday 19th March at 3pm at St. Mary's Church, Great Baddow. Tickets £6 or £4 concessions buy at the door. All proceeds go to Funding Neuro and an African hospital & orphanage.

Music Festival – Civic Theatre

Once again, we will be singing at the Chelmsford and District Junior Schools' Music Festival. The date this year is Wednesday, 22nd June 2016. The concert will start at 7:00 pm and last for about 1.5 hours. The children will spend the day at the Civic Theatre rehearsing and then return for the evening performance.

Year 6 Production

As always, there will be a Year 6 end of term production. The dates for this will be **Tuesday, 12th and Wednesday 13th July at 7:00 pm**. You will have to wait in suspense to find out what show we will be performing! Watch this space.

Messy Church

This will take place on Wednesday 30th March, 11.00am to 1.00pm, St Michael's Church Galleywood. Please see the attached flyer.

Menu week 3 next week winter menus – on website.

Dates for your Diary

Friday, 18th March – Sport Relief Day – Wear sports kit to school

Friday, 18th March – Essex Search and Rescue to work with Year 6

Friday, 18th March – Easter Tea after school

Wednesday, 23rd March - The Easter service at St. Michael's Church @ 10:00 am NOTE DATE CHANGE

Thursday, 24th March - Break up for the Easter holiday

Monday, 11th April - Non-Pupil Day

Tuesday, 12th April - Children return to school

Monday, 2nd May - School closed for the May Day Bank Holiday

Week beginning 9th May – 12th May - SATs exam week – Year 6

Week beginning Monday, 16th May – Friday, 20th May – Science Week

Friday 27th May - Break up for the half term holiday

Monday, 6th June - Children return to school

Saturday and Sunday, 25th/26th June – Camp - over

Friday, 1st July – School Sports Day

Saturday, 9th July – Joint Summer Fete with GIS – 12:00 midday – 3:00 pm

Friday, 22nd July - School closes for the summer holidays

Thursday, 1st September 2016 - Non-pupil day

Friday, 2nd September 2016 - Non-pupil day

Monday, 5th September 2016 - Children return to school after the summer break

Yours sincerely



Maria Rumsey
Headteacher