

St. Michael's Newsletter



Friday, 6th May 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 6 SATs Examinations

We would like to wish our children in Year 6 all the luck they deserve for their SATs exams which are taken next week. The children, teachers and learning support assistants have worked incredibly hard and the children have really taken the exams very seriously, which is to be commended. Children, I am immensely proud of everything that you have achieved this year. I am indebted to your wonderful teachers and their constant desire to see you succeed. We all know that you will do your very best and that is all we can ask of you. You have many talents and we celebrate all of them. Have a relaxing weekend.

Plant/Cake Sale

On Friday, 20th May at 3:20 pm on the front playground, there will be a plant/cake sale to raise money for the Gardening Club so that they can buy much needed equipment and seeds for the children to use. If you would like to donate plants or cakes, please bring them into school on Friday, 20th May. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Punctuality

A very small number of our pupils are late to school on a regular basis. All pupils should be in school by 8:55 am with the doors opening at 8:40 am. Arriving punctually for school is also very important for children's social development and their early morning activities.

Attendance

As you may have seen in the media, fines continue to be levied from parents taking their children out of school for holidays during term time. Please do not put the school in the embarrassing position of having to refuse requests for leave during term-time. Thank you.

SMASH Quiz Night

On Saturday, 21st May SMASH are holding a quiz night for adults only to raise funds for school projects. Tickets cost £10.00 per person which includes a fish and chip supper (or other supper choices), tea, coffee and mints. It starts at 7:30 pm ending at 11:00 pm. Tickets are now available via SMASH or through the school office. I am sure that it will be a really fun evening, quiz nights always are! Please support the school and have a night out in the process. Thank you.

Netball Tournament

On Tuesday, 3rd May, the netball team took part in the finals netball tournament at Great Baddow High School. We played 7 tough games and finished in 9th place out of 36 different schools across Essex. In the last 2 matches we were under a lot of pressure to win and fight for the 9th place on the table. Now we can get even tougher by playing more friendly games and one day hopefully win the league title! Many thanks to Jean and Janice for their marvellous coaching once again, without them our team wouldn't have come in the top ten.

Report by Sarah Groom and Emma Robinson – Class 6W



On Tuesday we travelled to Great Baddow High School for our Netball Finals tournament after progressing through from the previous tournament in March. The girls involved were Emma, Sarah, Jessica, Cara, Kimberley, Chloe and Evie. The girls have progressed their netball throughout the year and played some excellent netball once again. The results went against us in the first 3 games,

but the girls kept going and finished with a draw and 2 wins. The final position for St Michael's was 9th out of the 36 schools that entered. Many thanks to Jean and Janice for giving up their time again to coach the girls as well as all our spectators for showing their support. Well done to everyone involved! Report by Paul Sturton

Court Markings

I am delighted to announce that we now have a lovely new netball court and tennis court marked on the back and front playgrounds respectively. At last our children can play matches with proper markings. We will be buying a full size tennis net so that the children can use it at playtimes.

School Reading/Library Books

We are currently having an audit of all our library and reading books and we find that we are very short of many books. Would parents and children please look at home and see if they have any school books and return them to 5S as soon as possible please.

w/c 9th May - Menu week 1 new Summer menus – on website.

Dates for your Diary

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

Monday, 9th May @ 7:00 pm – '2 Johns' E safety presentation

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

Monday, 6th June - Children return to school

Wednesday, 22nd June – Junior Music Festival – Civic Theatre @ 7:00 pm

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
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