

St. Michael's Newsletter



Friday, 8th July 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

SATS RESULTS 2016

As you may be aware, the Year 6 SATs results were released this week. Despite new testing arrangements and a rigorous new curriculum, I am delighted to report that our children have received excellent results that are considerably above the national and Essex averages in reading, writing, grammar and maths. This is an outstanding achievement and we are enormously proud of our children and staff who have all worked so hard.

School Fete

Don't forget our school fete this Saturday from 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Our gymnasts are performing at 1:00 pm, our cheerleading club at 1:30 pm and the school choir at 2:00 pm. Please come along and support the children.

Sports Day

Last Friday, 1st July was our Sports Day. It was wonderful to see the incredible sportsmanship, fair play and team spirit on display from all of the children even despite the showers! The support from children and adults was wonderful. We were told that the cheering could be heard from half a mile away! The children competed in three events on the day, cross country, sprints and relay races, as well as four field events (javelin, discus, long jump and triple jump) across the week. This year, for the first time, we awarded Sportsmanship Awards to those children who have shown exceptional team spirit, desire to improve and competitive spirit across the school year. A massive well done to Jaiden and Keziah from Year 3, Hannah and Jonathan from Year 4, Noah and Jessica B. from Year 5 and Cara and Jack from Year 6. All the events that the children competed in contributed to their final house points total. At the end of the afternoon, the winning house was St. Patrick. Thank you so much to everyone who attended and contributed to a wonderful day. Report by Chris Leeding.

Picnic

Many thanks to all our parents and families who braved the elements and enjoyed a picnic lunch on the school field. In true British fashion, blankets, raincoats and umbrellas were at the ready as the picnic hampers were brought out. Despite the slightly inclement weather, parents really enjoyed sharing a lunch with their children and we hope to repeat this again next year. As always, feedback is most welcome.

Thank You Assembly

Today, alongside Achievers' Assembly, we said thank you to some people who come into our school on a regular basis and support our children. We are always indebted to our volunteers, who play such a vital part in our school life.

Thanks go to :-

Peter and Margaret Seabrook – Gardening Club
Melissa Harverson – Gardening Club
Sue Hamblin – Gardening Club
Vicky Sweeting – Netball Club
Janice Bannister – Netball Club
Jean Hamblin – Netball Club
Pamela Goodeve – Hearing readers
Jackie Harrigan – Hearing readers

Wimbledon!

On Wednesday 6th July, Aston, Ben A, Ben G, Esme, Rebecca S, Oliver L, Natalia S and Isabella C went to Wimbledon with Miss Taverner and Mr Sturton. We arrived around lunchtime and were on Court 2, the 1st match was the women's doubles in which the score was 2-1. After the match, we visited the shop and bought some Wimbledon souvenirs. Then we went to Play Tennis which has a mixture of tennis activities, such as a mini tennis match, wii tennis and swing ball. After a good look around, we decided to go back to the courts and watch the Men's Doubles. All of us were amazed at how fast the men's serves were, the fastest one we saw was 126 mph. Straight after the match, we rushed out to meet the men's tennis players from the previous match and they signed our tennis balls, hats and match tickets. Then we made our way tiredly back to Gate 1 of Wimbledon to start our journey home.

By Ben Goodeve. Year 5



Non-Uniform Day

Thank you to all the parents who donated items for the raffle and tombola stalls. We had a wonderful response – thank you.

Class Swap Afternoon

Today, the children spent the afternoon working with their new teachers and LSAs. We hope the children enjoyed their new classes and their new teaching teams.

Meadows Shop for Schools

Thank you to all our families for supporting St. Michael's by shopping in The Meadows and earning tokens. We didn't come in the top three, but were joint 10th out of 20 schools. Your support is much appreciated.

Gardening Club Help

Is there anyone who can spare 30 minutes a week to help the children at gardening club? Melissa Harverson runs the club, but does need an extra pair of hands to supervise the children with planting and harvesting the fruit, vegetables and flowers. Thank you in advance for your support.

"Guardians Of Ancora" HOLIDAY CLUB

Dates : Tuesday 26th July - Thursday 28th July

Time : 10am until 12:30pm

Where : St. Michael's Junior School, Barnard Road

Cost : This is a free club run by St Michael's Church

To register : Please complete the Registration Form sent home this week or available on the school website <http://www.st-michaels-jun.essex.sch.uk/whole-school-letters> and e-mail it to carolinejessiespeed@hotmail.co.uk or post it/drop it off at 4 Chelmerton Avenue, Great Baddow, CM2 9RE

Please be aware that places are limited and registration must be submitted by the 18th July. You will be sent a confirmation e-mail within a week of registration. Please call Caroline on 01245 473472 / 07879452804 for more info.

w/c 11th July - Menu week 1 new Summer menus – on website.

Dates for your Diary

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

Tuesday, 12th July @ 7:00 pm – Year 6 Performance

Friday, 15th July @ 7:00 pm – Year 6 Performance

Thursday, 21st July @ 10 am – Year 6 Leavers Service St. Michael's Church

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