

St. Michael's CE (VA) Junior School Newsletter



By Mrs Rumsey

Friday, 21st September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Stone Age Day



Wow! Today Year 3 took part in a Stone-Age day led by Gary from Portals of the Past. We had a fantastic day learning all about the Stone-Age and how people used to live. We learned how natural materials and animals were used to make weapons, clothes and much more. We looked at Stonehenge and its purpose in the Stone-Age.



Library Help

A big thank you from Mrs Maxwell, she now has two volunteers for the library. If you are thinking of volunteering to help as well, please contact the school office and we will let Mrs Maxwell know.

Consent Forms

You should have received a consent form in your child's bag and via ParentPay this week. Please ensure that this is returned to the school or that you have completed it online <http://st-michaels-jun.essex.sch.uk/consent-form/> to enable us to comply with Data Protection Legislation. Please note that you are able to withdraw your consent at any time by contacting the school office.

Norfolk!

Year 6 have been having a wonderful time in Norfolk, walking along Cromer beach, visiting the seals at Blakeney Point and making some, hopefully, brilliant memories of their last year at St Michael's. We are looking forward to welcoming them back this afternoon. We currently expect them back between 3.30pm and 3.45pm subject to traffic.



The Music Man

On Monday, Music for Schools visited the School to give a presentation to parents and carers interested in their child learning a musical instrument. We look forward to hearing of more and more children taking up an instrument.

Free School Meals

We want to make sure that we are providing your child with the best education and support we can. Healthy school food has obvious health benefits and can help pupils establish healthy habits for life. Healthy school food can also help to improve pupils' readiness to learn.

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Your child is eligible for free school meals if you're in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190



Registering for free meals could also raise an extra £1,320 for our school, to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities.

This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the benefits listed above and will be calculated from FSM pupils on roll in **January 2019**.

If you believe that your child is eligible for Free School Meals, please complete the online application form on the Essex County Council website:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Pupil-Parent-Support/Pages/Free-school-meals.aspx>

ParentPay

Please ensure that you are registered on ParentPay, if you have not done so already, and that your mobile number is also registered to allow us to contact you for cancelled clubs, unexplained absences and emergencies.

If you are having problems or need another log on letter, please contact the School office.

Absence email

If your child is absent, you are now able to let the School know by emailing on our new dedicated email address for absences: absence@st-michaels-jun.essex.sch.uk.

Please give your child's name, class and the reason for the absence.

You are still able to phone the School to inform of a child's absence if you are unable to use the email facility.

Health Drop In Sessions

The 4-19 School Nursing Team hold drop in sessions every week where parents and carers can gain support and advice on various issues that may be concerning them. Please see the attached flyer for details.

SMASH

Our aim this term is to raise enough money to make sure 3V and 4Mc get new interactive whiteboards. There are many events planned (see SMASH flyer sent out today), a few are detailed below:

Film night

Next Friday 28th September, SMASH will be holding a film night showing Captain Underpants. Tickets at £5 per child are available for purchase from SMASH up to 3pm on Wednesday 26th September and will be sent out via text message. Please complete the order form available from the school office and put it with your payment in an envelope in the SMASH post box outside the school office.

Colour Run Sponsored Event

On Sunday, 7th October, there will be a sponsored Colour Run at the School in aid of the IT fund.

This is an event for the whole family, runners run around the course whilst spectators throw colour powder (cornflour with non-toxic colouring) at the runners! A free pot of colour powder is included with the £1 admission fee and you can purchase additional pots on the day for £1; please **do not** bring your own powder.

There will also be a non-colour run at 2.30pm for those younger children or children who do not want to have powder thrown at them.

Doors and registration at 2pm, colour run will take place at 3pm.

Prices are:

Spectators: £1

Non colour runners: £3

Colour runners: £5

SMASH Meeting

The next SMASH meeting will be at the school on Monday, 15th October at 7.30pm. Please come along and support your parents association, even if you are unsure of the contribution you are able to make, there will be something you can do.

Dinner Menu

Next week's menu is 1.

Dates for your Diary

Friday, 28th September – SMASH Film Night 6:00pm -7:30pm

Tuesday, 2nd October – School Choir to sing at the inauguration of our new vicar at 7:30pm

Wednesday, 3rd October – Harvest Festival at St. Michael's Church – all welcome to attend

Thursday, 4th October – 11+ Information meeting for parents of children in Year 5 currently.

Tuesday, 16th October- Open Evening for parents only 3:30pm – 7:00pm

Thursday, 18th October – Open Evening for Parents only 3:30pm – 6:30pm

Friday, 19th October – The school closes for the half-term holiday

Friday, 19th October – Fluorescent Disco – SMASH

Monday, 29th October – Children return to school

Friday, 2nd November – SMASH Film Night – 6:00pm – 7:30pm

Friday, 9th November – Year 3 trip to the cinema – 10:00am-11:45 am

Monday, 12th November – SMASH meeting @ 7:30 pm
 Friday, 30th November – SMASH Film Night
 Wednesday, 5th December at 1:30 pm – Year 3/4 Christmas Sale
 Thursday, 6th December at 1:30 pm – Year 5/6 Christmas Sale
 Friday, 7th December – Christmas Fayre straight after school
 Tuesday, 18th December @ 10:00am at St. Michael's Church – The School Carol Service
 Tuesday, 18th December @ 3:20pm – 5:00pm – SMASH Christmas Disco
 Wednesday, 19th December – The school closes for the Christmas holiday.
 Thursday, 3rd January 2019 – Children return to school

Yours sincerely,

In Mrs Rumsey's absence,

Andrea Wolahan
 School Business Manager



4-19 Health Drop In Sessions

Drop in sessions across Chelmsford to gain support and advice for your 4-19 year old around a number of topics/ issues which may be concerning you, including;

- Day and night wetting
- Hearing and vision tests
- Weight and dietary issues
- General physical and emotional health problems
- Sleep/behavioural concerns
- Parenting concerns

Location: Chelmsford West Delivery Site, Dixon Avenue, CM1 2AQ
 (next to Kings Road Primary School)

Time: 3pm- 4pm

Dates: Mondays - 3rd Sept, 17th Sept, 1st Oct, 15th Oct, 5th Nov, 19th Nov,
 3rd Dec, 17th Dec 2018

Location: The School House (opposite Moulsham Jnr School),
 Princes Road, CM2 9DG

Time: 3.15pm- 4.15pm

Dates: Wednesdays - 12th Sept , 26th Sept, 10th Oct, 31st Oct, 14th Nov,
 28th Nov, 12th Dec 2018

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