

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



By Mrs Rumsey

Friday, 12th October 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Cross Country Event**

On Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October, some of the cross-country team went to Melbourne Park to run races. The Year 3 children did really well, especially as it was their first time. The new Year 4s did really well and Emily D. came 9<sup>th</sup> out of all the Year 4 girls. The Year 4 boys were amazing and tried their best. The Year 5 boys were really good, especially Oliver because he helped a boy and let him take his place. The Year 6 children did really well and kept going all the way and got really great scores even on a hot day. We all had good fun especially in the hot weather. Thank you to Mr. Leeding, Mr. Evans and Mrs Rogers for being there to support us. Report written by Megan, Isabella and Hollie – Year 5



## **Open Evenings**

Don't forget that it is the termly open evenings next week on Tuesday and Thursday after school. This is with parents only for this term and you will receive notification of your times today. Each appointment will last for 10 minutes. Mrs. Rumsey and Mrs. Martin, the Special Needs Coordinator, will be here if you wish to raise any concerns.

## **11+ Letter – Year 5**

Thank you to all the many parents who attended the 11+ information evening last week. I do hope that you found it useful and that it gave you all the information you need to make a decision about your child. I have now sent a letter to all parents in Year 5 to ask if they would like their child to attend the club that we offer. Please return the slip to the school office. There is no charge for this activity. The club will start on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October @ 8:00 am.**

## **Harvest Festival Collection**

Following on from our superb Harvest Festival service at St. Michael's Church last week, members of Chelmsford Foodbank came to school to collect all the donations you so kindly made to our foodbank collection. They were overwhelmed by your generosity and took a whole van- load of produce away with them, helped by our children in Year 4.



**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018**  
**9:30-11:30am**

**At Chelmsford West Delivery Site**

A FREE 2 hour K'nex Construction Workshop for parents and children having fun and working together.

Come along and have fun. Make a range of different models  
- create a tower as tall as you can, make a swing, a roundabout or a slide or use a motor to create a racing car and race across the floor!

Booking Essential!

**To book your place or for more information please contact the Chelmsford Family Hub on 01245 283396 (Mon-Fri 8am-6pm)**



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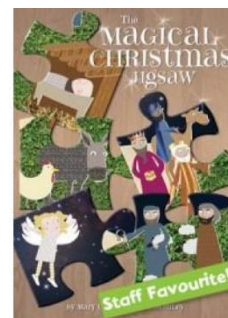
### Year 3/4 Christmas Production

This year we have chosen The Magical Christmas Jigsaw as our Year 3/4 production. It tells the story of a group of children who are given a tatty jigsaw which they gradually piece together to make the first Christmas story of the Nativity. We have put in an extra evening performance to help parents so that as many people can come as possible. The performances are as follows:-

**Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December @ 7:00 pm**

**Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December @ 7:00 pm**

**Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> December @ 1:30 pm**



A letter about tickets will be sent out after half-term.

### SMASH News

Don't forget to have a clear out at home of clothes, shoes, teddies and duvet covers to support our Bag 2 School initiative. Please, no school uniform. The bags are being collected early on 5<sup>th</sup> November so have a good look around your homes during half-term. Advance notice of future events are below. Extra bags are available from the school office.



**2nd November**  
**5.45-7.15pm**



**£5**

Ticket Price includes

**Drink**  
**Popcorn**  
**Ice Lolly**

**Tickets are purchased now on parent pay only  
and will come off parent pay on 1st november  
no tickets will be available after this date**

No cushions please...chairs will be set up  
Food can be subject to change and may include dairy  
so let a member of SMASH know or any dietary requirements



**Christmas Jumper Day**

**14th December**



Please make a donation  
of a filled jar

which will be sold at the Christmas Tea  
On 14th December 3.20pm



Competition for the best Jar  
in each year group  
So get creative and have fun!



**Don't forget our UV party on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October from 6:00 – 7:30. It is  
always great fun to see the children glow in the dark. Hard copies of the  
letter have gone home this week.**

### Netball Matches

On Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October, we went to Beehive Lane Primary School to play two netball matches. We had 2 teams; team Ruby and team Hollie. We won 3 games out of 4 which lead us to win the whole tournament. Thanks to Mr. Sturton, Mr. Leeding and Jean and Janice. Report written by Ruby, Evelyn and Hollie – Year 6





### **Mrs Carol Chatfield Take Two!**

On Monday, we heard that the lady, who was offered the post of Catering Manager, was now unable to take up her post due a sudden change in her personal circumstances. Carol Chatfield came to me with a plan! With some extra support, she has decided to stay on at St. Michael's as Catering Manager, which makes us all very happy indeed. We have taken on some more help in the kitchen due to our rising dinner numbers, which means that Carol can now do her paperwork during work hours instead of taking it all home. Thank you so much Carol, we are all thrilled that you are staying with us.

### **World War 1 Horses Come to St. Michael's**

On Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October, Year 5 had a visitor who came in named Andy Smerdon, who talked about World War I and how important the cavalry was. He also very kindly brought his mule and horse, named Megg and Luna. He brought lots of items used in the war, including two horse saddles and a rifle prop used in movies, a spear, a sword and a water bucket. We all found it very entertaining and enjoyable and we were all very thankful for this experience. Report written by Jett, Georgina and Ethan (5L)



### **Formal Christmas Concert**

A concert featuring all our musicians will take place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 1:30pm. This will be followed straight after school by our Christmas Tea – more information to follow after half-term.

### **Secondary School Applications for September 2019 – Reminder for Year 6 Parents**

The statutory closing date for applications from parents of Year 6 children for a secondary school place (Year 7 from September 2019) is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018. Please submit an application for your child (Year 6 only) if you have not already done so via the website [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).

### **Dinner Menu**

Next week's menu is 1.

### Dates for your Diary

Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October- Open Evening for Parents only 3:30pm – 7:00pm

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

Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> October – The school closes for the half-term holiday

Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> October – UV Party – SMASH

Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> October – Children return to school

Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November – SMASH Film Night – 6:00pm – 7:30pm

Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> November – Year 4 trip to the cinema – 10:00am-11:45 am

Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> November – SMASH meeting @ 7:30 pm

Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> November – SMASH Film Night

Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December at 1:30 pm – Year 3/4 Christmas Sale

Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> December at 1:30 pm – Year 5/6 Christmas Sale

**Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December @ 7:00 pm – Year 3/4 Christmas Production**

**Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December @ 7:00 pm – Year 3/4 Christmas Production**

**Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> December @ 1:30 pm – Year 3/4 Christmas Production**

Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> December – School Music Concert, followed by.....The Christmas Tea Friday,

14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Tea straight after school.**Please note the change of date**

Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December @ 10:00am at St. Michael's Church – The School Carol Service

Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December @ 3:20pm – 5:00pm – SMASH Christmas Disco

Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December – School closes for the Christmas holiday.

Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 – Children return to school

Yours sincerely,



Maria Rumsey  
Headteacher