

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



By Mrs Rumsey

Friday, 9th November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Important Information about Admissions to St. Michael's for next year

The process for Year 2 to 3 transfers has changed for Year 3 admissions into junior schools for September 2019; parents of current Year 2 children at an infant school need to make a formal application to the Council and can do so via the website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

The junior admission round opens on **Monday 12 November 2018**, for parents of children to apply for a junior school (Year 3) place for September 2019.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2019**.

There is no guaranteed place if you currently have a child at Galleywood Infant School. You must make an application.

Thank you!

Thank you to all the parents who sent in sacks of old clothes, soft toys, bedding etc. We had so much and will hear next week how much we have raised.

Thank you to all those children who attended Film Night on Friday to watch Coco; it was a lovely evening. Thank you to the many children who came to our UV disco before half-term, it was a great evening and enjoyed by everyone.



Don't forget our next SMASH meeting is on **Monday 12th November at 7:30pm** at school. Everyone welcome! Please come and help us with our wonderful fundraising. **OUR COMPUTERS NEED YOU!**



Sleepover – Friday 16th November

Film Night – 5:45pm – 7:15pm – Friday, 30th November

Christmas Present Sale – Year 3/4 - Wednesday 5th December @ 1:30pm

Christmas Present Sale – Year 5/6- Thursday 6th December @ 1:30pm

Christmas Tea – Friday, 14th December @ 3:20 pm

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!



Tag Rugby

On Monday, 5th November, 11 Year 6 children went to Writtle to play a tag rugby tournament. In total, we lost 2, won 4 and drew 2 matches. We had a really great time and in the end came 8th out of 21 teams. We would like to thank Mrs. Rumsey for driving us there and Mr. Sturton for supporting us. Report by Hollie and Millie – Year 6.



School Games Gold Award

At the Tag Rugby, we were also presented with our School Games Gold Award, acknowledging the amount and quality of sport we offer our children at St. Michael's. We are very proud of our sporting achievements.

Football v. Beehive Lane Primary

On Tuesday, 6th November, we played a football match against Beehive Lane with Lewis, Zak, Seb, Henry, Levi, James, Ronnie and Evan. Successfully; we won 3-2. Seb scored the first goal and Lewis scored 2 after that. Thank you to Luke, Mr. Sturton and the adults for supporting us. Report written by Lewis and Zak in 5L

Netball Match

On Thursday, 1st November, 7 children played a netball match against Bishops School. Unfortunately, we lost 4-1, but we all really enjoyed it. Emma scored the one goal that we scored. We all played really well. Thanks to Mr. Sturton and Mr. Leeding for organising the match. Report Evelyn and Emma – Year 6

Fire Drill

A practice fire drill was held on Wednesday lunchtime to ensure the safe evacuation of the children and staff in the event of a fire at this busy time of the day.

Samaritan's Purse – Operation Christmas Child

Please fill a shoebox for our Samaritan's Purse appeal. The shoeboxes, full of lovely things, will be sent to children in countries where they have nothing and have something to open on Christmas morning. Please help us to send a record number of boxes and think of those less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you for your kindness.

Remembrance Assembly

On Thursday morning, Year 5 led our Remembrance Assembly in school. To mark 100 years since the end of World War I, we shared a snapshot of our work from our 'Britain at War' topic, including diary entries, poetry, letters home and a selection of music. The children conducted themselves respectfully and confidently; they were clearly very proud have the honour of leading such an important event.



It was quite a day for Year 5 as in the afternoon, we were lucky to have a visit from Josh Alder, an ex-soldier, who gave us a detailed insight into life as a modern day soldier. Josh was so impressed with the range of questions he was asked and the way the children engaged with him. Well done, Year 5 - we are immensely proud of you.



School Photos

Don't forget it is individual school photos on Monday morning.

If you would like a sibling from the Infant School to have a photo taken with their sibling, please come to the Junior's at 8.30am. We would ask that you let the Infant School know that you are doing this first for safeguarding purposes. Thank you



YEAR 3

Top Speed: Tommy W, Jack T, Ethan R

Correct Answers: Jessica V, Isaac M, Max H

YEAR 4

Top Speed: Oliver W, Trinity N, Kimberly W

Correct Answers: Oliver W, Jack H, Kimberly W

YEAR 5

Top Speed: Olivia Mendham, Louis R, Samuel L

Correct Answers: Harry A, Olivia Mendham, Max B

YEAR 6

Top Speed: Alfie M, Yousef E, Oliver L

Correct Answers: Joseph V, Yousef E, Alfie M

Games and Lego

If parents have any good quality games, lego, duplo, puzzles age 4+ that they no longer need, we would appreciate them for our Wrap Around Care after school club. Please bring in any donations to the school office. Thank you for your help.

Dinner Menu

Next week's menu will be week 3.

Monday, 12th November – Individual School Photos

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

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

Wednesday, 12th December – School Christmas Lunch

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

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

Friday, 14th December – School Music Concert, followed by.....The Christmas Tea

Friday, 14th December – Christmas Tea straight after school. **Please note the change of date**

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 – School closes for the Christmas holiday.

Thursday, 3rd January 2019 – Children return to school

Yours sincerely,

Maria Rumsey
Headteacher