

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



By Mrs Rumsey

Friday, 23rd November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Galleywood Library is Ear-marked for Closure!

Proposed Closure of Galleywood Library

Essex County Council is preparing to consult on the closure of several libraries across Essex, including Galleywood Library.

At the heart of our community, the library provides a haven for the vulnerable, has close links with our school and provides a warm venue for a number of clubs and groups as well as being a host for courses and gatherings for parents of young babies and toddlers.

Here at St Michael's, we are devastated about this proposed closure as in recent years, we have worked very hard with the library to strengthen our links with this valuable resource. This has included our pupils leading Rhyme Time sessions, our work being displayed in the library and each class visiting to take out books and learn more about how a library works.

On Tuesday, myself and two Year 5 pupils, Maya W. and Max B., attended the library to protest along with around 50 residents who feel as passionately about this as we do. The Essex Chronicle came to take a photograph and local Councillor Richard Hyland commented on what a credit the children were to St Michael's. I have to say that hearing them interact with the adults there made me feel very proud and even more determined to ensure that they continue to have access to the library which in essence is a community hub where old and young come together and find common ground.

I have set up an online petition and I would be grateful if as many of you as possible could sign it. At the time of writing this piece, 801 people have already logged their support, which is just awesome! The link is:

https://www.change.org/p/essex-county-council-save-galleywood-library?recruiter=907310409&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=facebook&utm_campaign=share_petition&utm_content=fhtdec-13897014-en-gb%3Av1&fbclid=IwAR0xZrhJhQPFaiWiL2bzWS6PQCGilohaPGABiD9clOKHC54sZ2Dz2gazt70



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www.change.org

Essex County Council: Save Galleywood Library

As a staff, we have many ideas about how we can register our protest against this decision so watch this space!

Sporting Events

This week we have archery runners up, Boccia winners and 3rd place and a New Age Kurling team that participated in an event.

Girls in Year 4 & Sophie in Year 6 thrashed Kings Road upper school netball team 13-1 today.

Boys lost a league football game 2-1.

Boccia

On Monday, 19th November, 14 children went to Melbourne Park to either play Boccia, Archery or New Age Kurling. Marytess, Eden, Isobel, Max, Maya and James got bronze medals. We would like to thank: Mr. Sturton, Mr. Leeding and Miss Williams for organising it all and supporting us – we had so much fun! Report written by Eden and Isobel – Class 5L.

Archery Team



Boccia Bronze Medallists



New Age Kurling

Choir Singing

This Sunday, our school choir have been asked to sing two pieces at Christ Church URC on New London Road. On Thursday, 6th December the choir will be singing at Broomfield Hospital to entertain staff at their Christmas lunch. We are getting very busy!



LAST WEEK'S LEADERBOARD:

YEAR 3

Top Speed: Tommy W, Jack T, Mia S

Correct Answers: Alessandro E, Max J, Lily B

YEAR 4

Top Speed: Oliver W, Kimberly W & Trinity N,

Correct Answers: Oliver W, Kimberley W & Jack H

YEAR 5

Top Speed: Olivia Mendham, Louis R, Samuel L

Correct Answers: James E, Katie C, Olivia Mendham

YEAR 6

Top Speed: Yousef E, Alfie M, Sophie S

Correct Answers: Yousef E, Lola L, Sophie S

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Top Speed: Oliver L, Yousef E, Lola L

Correct Answers: Lola L, Yousef E, Oliver L

School Sleepover



Leeding for stepping in when Mrs. Bowcher was poorly, you are superstars!

On Friday 16th November, fifty children stayed over in the school hall for a sleepover. The children arrived, and we played a variety of party games including musical statues, which featured some amazing dance moves! The children changed into their pyjamas before having a mug of hot chocolate and a biscuit while we began our movie marathon. After watching some films around midnight, the children settled down to sleep. The adults were particularly impressed with how quickly they all fell quiet. The children were impeccably behaved throughout. Thank you to Mrs Maxwell and Mrs Hockey for giving up their Friday night to 'sleep' in a school hall.

Mrs Veasey & Mr Leeding

Thank you Mrs. Veasey and Mr.

Anti-bullying Week – Choose Respect!

We all enjoyed the messages we received about anti-bullying last week. The children were involved in assemblies about how bullying is never right and have entered a poster competition run by our House Captains. Winners will be announced in Achievers' assembly this morning.



Cake Sale

Some children in Year 4 would like to hold a cake sale to raise money for Farleigh Hospice. It will take place after school on Thursday, 29th November on the front playground. Any cake donations would be very much appreciated on the morning of the sale, thank you. Our last cake sale, also run by Year 4 children, raised over £50.00 for Cancer Research UK. Well done Year 4, a proper set of entrepreneurs!

Christmas Concerts and Production

Letters will be sent next week about tickets for our Year 3/4 musical, nativity presentation of the Magical Christmas Jigsaw. We have added an extra performance this year as we have two big year groups, and that will mean parents are able to come and watch their child.



Christmas Lunch

Don't forget our school Christmas lunch on **Wednesday, 12th December**. If you haven't returned your Christmas lunch order form, please do so, as soon as possible, as our Catering Manager needs to put in her turkey order, (even if you are free school meals). Thank you.

After School Care Club

A competition was held a little while ago to name our After School Care Club. We finally had a chance to look at all the entries, some of them were really interesting!

The winning entry was from Rylee in 5O and we are pleased to announce that our After School Care Club will now be known as:

Mini Michaels Stay and Play

Well done Rylee – great name!

Don't forget that you can book your child into Mini Michaels until 6pm if you need to go on a Christmas shopping trip without the children. Contact the School Office to register or just book online if you are already registered.

Poppy Appeal

We are proud to announce that £94.67 was raised for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal by St Michael's Junior School. Thank you for your support.

Operation Christmas Child



Fifty four beautifully wrapped Christmas shoeboxes were taken away today to be distributed to families less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you to everyone who took part in this event, your contributions will be much appreciated.



Dinner Menu

Next week's menu will be week 2



CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

30th November

5.45-7.15pm

£5

Ticket Price includes

Drink

Popcorn

Ice Cream

Candy Cane

Tickets can now be purchased on

Parent Pay until 29th 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



SMASH
St Michael's Association for School & Home



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!



Diary Dates

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,

M. Rumsey

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Headteacher