

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



by Mrs Rumsey

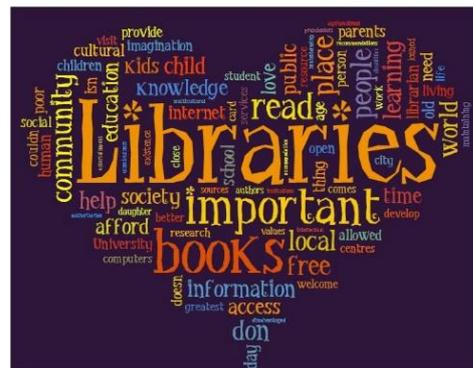
Friday, 8th February 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Library Closure

Thank you to all our families who attended the Book Raid on Saturday at Galleywood Library, it was wonderful that so many people turned up to support their local library. On Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> February, there is a rally in central Chelmsford about the impending closures of all the listed Essex libraries. Some of our children are speaking at the rally which will meet at The Saracens Head Hotel at the top of the High Street at midday. Please do come along and join the rally.

Don't forget to have your say about the library closures. Just go to the survey online at:-



[www.essex.gov.uk/libraries-consultation](http://www.essex.gov.uk/libraries-consultation)

Please help to save our library!

## Parent Consultation Evenings

A letter has been sent about our Parent Consultation Evenings, which are being held on **Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> February from 3:40pm – 7:00 pm**. Please ensure you send your slips back to your child's class teacher so that we can allocate your preferred time slot.

## SMASH Valentine's Disco

Don't forget our Valentine's Disco on **Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> February** starting straight after school at 3:20pm and finishing at 5:00pm. Children can bring their disco clothes and change in the classrooms when the bell goes, **but please remember, that they must bring their disco outfits when they arrive to school on the morning; clothes cannot be forwarded during the day from the school office as it disrupts lessons.** Thank you.



MATHS DAY – 14.02.2019

Don't forget that **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February** is Maths Day. We're asking for pupils to come to school dressed as rockstars for a £1 donation to go towards some new maths resources.

The children will take part in a day full of fun maths activities. Make sure you read next week's newsletter to see the photos.



### Superstars – Year 4 Win Competition!

On Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019, the whole of Year 4 went to Chelmsford Athletics Centre to take part in a Year 4 only competition. There were 5 schools and we took part in lots of varieties of sports. St. Michael's came first overall. Harry L. and Emily D. got first place medals. In second place for the girls and boys were Sophie T. and Ethan R. and Kologn B. In 3<sup>rd</sup> place there was only a girl and it was Ava M. We had a fantastic experience! Thank you to Mr. Sturton, Mrs. Cullen, Mrs. Scott, Miss Newman and Mrs. Brown for making this possible. Report written by Harry, Mac and Joe in 4Mc.



## RHINO PROJECT TO GET FIT

We are going to be taking part in the Clean Air Hero Project after half term. It encourages you to walk, scoot or cycle to school to reduce traffic and air pollution. Watch this space for more information!

### **YOU CAN BE HEROES... AND SAVE RHINOS**



**Walk, scoot or cycle to school and help your school protect African Rhinos by reaching one of the 3 Clean Air Heroes Targets**

[WWW.CLEANAIRHEROES.ORG.UK](http://WWW.CLEANAIRHEROES.ORG.UK)



**REDUCE TRAFFIC AND POLLUTION AROUND THE SCHOOL GATES & HELP PROTECT AFRICAN RHINOS BY ACHIEVING:**

**BRONZE HEROES £50  
SILVER HEROES £100  
GOLD HEROES £200**

**DONATED ON YOUR SCHOOL'S BEHALF BY:**



**WALK/SCOOT/CYCLE TO SCHOOL DATES:**



**There will be no clubs on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February after school due to the Valentines Disco**

## Regional Football Finals!



On Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> February, 8 children from years 5 and 6 went to Becton to compete in a West Ham tournament. There were 5 teams in our group and we came third by one point. Unfortunately, we couldn't qualify for the quarter finals. In the whole competition we conceded 2 and scored 2. One of the goals was scored by Olly and the other by Jaiden. We drew one, lost one, won one and again drew.

Many thanks to Mr. Sturton for arranging the event and for Mr. Leeding and Jim Dickinson for taking us there in the minibus. Report written by Leo and Jaiden.



### THIS WEEK'S LEADERBOARD:

	<b>First</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Third</b>
<b>Year 3 Most improved</b>	Kayce-Lee C	Marley C	Vincent T
<b>Year 3 Correct Answers</b>	Alessandro E	Tommy W	Jack T
<b>Year 4 Most improved</b>	Millie C	Jessica S	Blake M
<b>Year 4 Correct Answers</b>	Samuel H	Oliver W	Jack H
<b>Year 5 Most improved</b>	James D	Mia C	Henry C
<b>Year 5 Correct Answers</b>	Megan B	Harry A	Max B
<b>Year 6 Most improved</b>	Evelyn T	N/A	N/A
<b>Year 6 Correct Answers</b>	Keziah B	Leo G	Jessica B

## Violin Lessons

Please note that Mrs Canale will not be in to give violin lessons next Friday (15<sup>th</sup> February), lessons will begin again after half term.

## Dinner Menu

Next week will be week 1 menu.

## Study Bugs

Don't forget to use the Study Bugs app to report your child absent.

If you haven't already got it, please download the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child is ill and unable to attend school. Please note that you will still be able to inform us in the normal way via email or phone call to the office, if this is preferable.

To get the app or register: (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>)

### **Top 3 reasons to use Studybugs**

1. It helps us know sooner if your child is unaccounted for.
  2. It's quick and easy to register and use and automatically reminds you to keep us posted.
  3. You'll be helping the NHS and other public health organisations improve children's health.
- (<https://studybugs.com/about/schools>)



The banner features a blue background with a white bird icon holding a blue envelope. Below the icon, the text reads: "Please get the **free Studybugs app** for reporting your child's absence due to illness." The URL <https://studybugs.com> is displayed in white. Below the URL are three app store logos: "Download on the App Store", "GET IT ON Google Play", and "Get it from Microsoft". At the bottom, there is a list of partners: "Working in partnership with: NHS, Brighton and Sussex medical school, Brighton & Hove City Council, and EPT". The Studybugs logo with a green plus sign is in the bottom right corner. Text at the bottom center says: "Report sickness, receive guidance, help improve children's health. See what illnesses are going around. Secure system, all communications encrypted".

## School Social Media

Please make sure you follow our school social media accounts for important updates, and fun photos and videos of what the children have been up to!

Facebook  
Twitter  
Instagram

StMichaels Junior  
Stmichaelsjun1  
st.michaelsjuniorschool



## Amazon Wish List

Thank you to The Taheny-Clarke for their kind gift from our Amazon Wish List this week.

You can use the following link in your browser to access our wish list and then log in <http://amzn.eu/iLEmThl> .

## Diary Dates

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February - Maths Day

Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> February – SMASH Valentine’s Disco – 3:20pm – 5:00pm (Note start time)

Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – School closes for the half-term holiday

Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> February – Staff and children return to school

**Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> February @ 3:40 pm – 7:00 pm – Learning Review**

**Meetings/Parent Consultation meetings**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 ‘Wild West’ Day

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Year 3 Trip to the Queen's Art Gallery

Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> April @ 10:00 am – Easter service at St. Michael’s Church

Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> April – School closes for the Easter holiday

Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April – School reopens for staff and children

Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> May- Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – SATs week for children in Year 6 only

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> May – Break up for the Whitsun half-term holiday

Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Staff and children return to school

Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> July @ 10:00 am – Leavers’ Service at St. Michael’s Church

Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> July – school closes for the summer holidays

Yours sincerely,



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