

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

by Mrs Rumsey



Friday, 1st February 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

CD Holders

Are there any parents who are wanting to get rid of a CD holder which is in reasonable condition? If so, we would love to have it to hold all our assembly CDs. Thank you.



Photos/Videos



Could we politely ask parents not to take videos and photos of their children in Achievers' assemblies as the photos are including children of parents who have not given their permission to be in the photos. Could we also ask that you do not take pictures of staff; they have not given their permission, thank you!

Cheerleading



On Tuesday, 29th January, the cheerleaders went to Melbourne Athletics Centre to compete in a competition. There were three different competitions, Key Stage 1, Lower Key Stage 2 and Upper Key Stage 2. The years 3/4 competed in the lower key Stage 2 competition and came 1st and the years 5/6 competed in the upper Key Stage 2 competition and also came 1st. All of us are

in the County finals! Thank you to Miss Taverner, Lauren, Mr. Leeding, Miss Newman and Mrs. Fletcher for making this happen and the parent who supported us. Report written by Olivia, Chloe and Megan in Year 5.



Cheerleading



THIS WEEK'S LEADERBOARD:

	First	Second	Third
Year 3 Most improved	Oliver B	Freddie T	Tamara H
Year 3 Correct Answers	Alessandro E	Tommy W	Jack T
Year 4 Most improved	Tyler G	Evan G	Millie C
Year 4 Correct Answers	Samuel H	Oliver W	Harry L
Year 5 Most improved	Harvey S	Robin P	Oliver W
Year 5 Correct Answers	Megan B	Ethan R	James E
Year 6 Most improved	Evelyn T	Ruhayla A	Reece E
Year 6 Correct Answers	Yousef E	Leo G	Ruhayla A

This week we had a battle of the bands where year groups battled it out to see who could earn the most coins. The winners are: 3V, 4Mo, 5L and 6S. Well done everyone!

Girl's Football – 'A' Team

On Thursday 31st January, the girl's football team went to Woodlands High School in Basildon. We split into two teams – the 'A' team and 'B' team. The A team had seven people and we came third in the tournament. Niamh scored one goal and Rhianna scored three. Thanks to Mr Sturton, Luke and Andy for supporting us. Report written by Rhianna and Niamh (6D)

Girl's Football – 'B' Team

On the 31st January, the girl's football team played in a tournament at Woodlands High School. The 'B' team came fourth. We all had lots of fun and enjoyed it. Thanks to Mrs Rumsey and Mr Leeding for driving us and to Mr Sturton for arranging it. Millie (6D) and Lexie (6S)



The Archie Project in 5O - Working towards Barnard Road as a Dementia-Friendly Community

Last week, we launched 'The Archie Project' in 5O, which is an inter-generational project where we are linked with Manor Lodge Residential Home. Archie, a scarecrow, is a character in a storybook explaining how dementia can impact on people's

lives and what we can do to help. So, we all dressed up as scarecrows for the occasion!

This week, we made our first visit to the home where we worked on a 'Dementia Friends' session before we meet some of the residents next month. We learnt what dementia is and practical ways to assist those we meet who have dementia. Mark Neville from the Alzheimer's Society said that the children were a credit to the school - praise indeed! This project promises to be a real experience for all involved.



Amazon Wish List for St Michaels

Thank you to Tania and Gordon, Stacey England and Lilliya Scott, together with all the parents who have anonymously made gifts to the School via our Amazon wish list. We have been delighted with the response and all gifts are greatly appreciated however large or small –as they say “Every Little Helps!”

If you would like to make a gift or just want to have a look at our Amazon Wish List use the

information below. Please note there is absolutely no obligation to take part in this project but it is available for those who wish to do so.

To access our Wish List:

1. Log in to your own Amazon account
2. Click on "Your Lists and Find a List"
3. Type "St Michael's Galleywood" into the search box
4. Select the default St Michael's Galleywood list
5. Review items on the list and select anything you would like to purchase – no item is too small
6. Add the selection to your basket
7. Tick "This is a gift"
8. View Shopping Basket
9. Proceed to checkout
10. Under the St Michael's School address select "Deliver to this address"
11. In the box "Enjoy your gift..." make sure you include your name if you would like a "thank you for making a gift" in our newsletter (don't worry no gift is too small we will not mention what it was) or delete to make your gift anonymous.
12. Save gift options
13. Continue
14. Pay for your items in the usual way and the gift will be delivered to St Michael's.

Alternatively you can use the following link in your browser and then log in <http://amzn.eu/iLEmThI> .

Dinner Menu

Next week will be week 3 menu.

Please note that on Tuesday we will be celebrating Chinese New Year, the menu on this day will be:

Chicken chunks or Quorn with sweet and sour sauce
Boiled rice
Egg noodles
Prawn crackers

Thursday will be changed to:

Crunchy breaded herby chicken or vegetable parcel
New potatoes
Peas

The desserts on both days will be as per the week 3 menu. Thank you.

Study Bugs

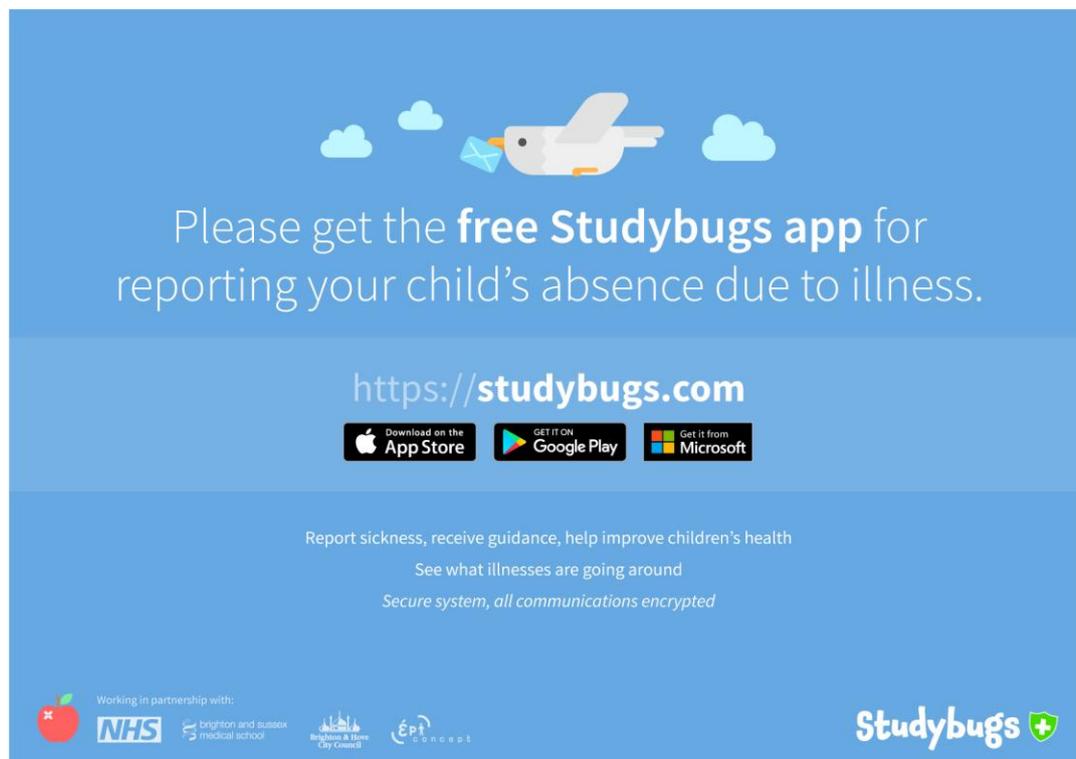
We are pleased to announce that St Michael's is taking part in an initiative with Studybugs who are working in partnership with the NHS to analyse the spread of illness and asthma in the region. We are trialling a new way to report your child's absence due to illness, which will provide you with NHS advice on treatment and guidance as to whether your child should be in school or kept at home.

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>)





Please get the **free Studybugs app** for reporting your child's absence due to illness.

<https://studybugs.com>





Report sickness, receive guidance, help improve children's health
 See what illnesses are going around
Secure system, all communications encrypted


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Diary Dates

- Friday, 15th February 2019 – School closes for the half-term holiday
- Monday, 25th February – Staff and children return to school
- Wednesday, 27th and Thursday, 28th February @ 3:40 pm – 7:00 pm – Learning Review Meetings/Parent Consultation meetings
- Thursday 14th March – Year 6 'Wild West' Day
- Thursday, 4th April @ 10:00 am – Easter service at St. Michael's Church
- Friday, 5th April – School closes for the Easter holiday
- Tuesday, 23rd April – School reopens for staff and children
- Monday, 13th May- Friday, 17th May 2019 – SATs week for children in Year 6 only
- Friday, 24th May – Break up for the Whitsun half-term holiday
- Monday, 3rd June – Staff and children return to school
- Thursday, 18th July @ 10:00 am – Leavers' Service at St. Michael's Church
- Friday, 19th July – school closes for the summer holidays

Yours sincerely,

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