

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

by Mrs Rumsey



Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,



## Happy Easter to all our Families from the staff, children and Governors

Happy Easter!



The school closes today for the Easter holidays and reopens for staff and children on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April from 8:40 am.

### Netball Match

On Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> April, two Year 6 children and five Year 5 children went to a netball competition at Great Baddow High School. During the competition, we played 4 very exciting matches, each one against a different team. The first game we drew 2-2, the second we won 1-0, the third we also won 3-1, but the fourth game we lost 5-1. Altogether, we came 3<sup>rd</sup> out of five teams in our round of matches. Thank you to Janice and Jean for coaching us and all the adults who supported us. Report written by Megan S., Katie and Max in 5O – Links to Rights Respecting Article 29.

### 5 Stars in the Kitchen

We received a visit from the Council Kitchen Inspector this week and she declared our kitchen a 5 star establishment for food hygiene. She said she had never seen such an excellent kitchen and in 35 years had never written 'excellent' on her report! Congratulations to Cilla Darvill, Sharon Stagg and Kim Faure on this brilliant result!



### Penny Wars – Final Totals

1st place St. David 45.67kg  
2nd place St. George 29.4kg  
3rd place St. Andrew 24.68kg  
4th place St. Patrick 21.9kg

Congratulations to St. David, who watched the film Hop on Thursday afternoon. Thank you to all our families who supported us so well in this fundraising activity, as always, you have been so generous.



### **New Bench**

Thank you to all our parents who helped raise money for a new bench for the front playground. It looks wonderful and we hope parents will use it whilst waiting for their children to come out of school. Thank you to SMASH for raising all the money to pay for it.



### **Bikeability Courses**

If you are interested in your child taking part in a Bikeability course so that they learn to ride their bikes safely, please see attached leaflet. The booking is through Essex County Council at @saferessexroads@essexhighways.org



### **Choir Competition**

Congratulations to our amazing school choir who came runners up in the district choir competition. They were truly magnificent and performed to such a high standard. I am very, very proud of them.

### **Choir Report**

On the 4<sup>th</sup> April, our school choir went to KEGS for the choir competition final. There were six schools competing in the final and we came second out of approximately 20 schools. In the end, St Mary's Primary School won but we still had a great time. Many thanks to Mrs Rumsey, Mrs Maxwell, Mrs Rumsey's mum, Miss Taverner and Mrs Stevens and all of the parents for supporting us. Report by Natalia and Keziah (Class 6S) – Links to Rights Respecting Article 29.

### **Easter Service**



On Thursday, the whole school walked to St. Michael's Church for our Easter Service. It was a beautiful service full of reflection and joy at the resurrection. There was an excerpt from Godspell where Rosie played the part of Jesus brilliantly. The Year 5 and 6 disciples carried her out of the church after they acted out crucifixion. It was very moving and a credit to the children. Two year groups sang songs and 2 year groups showed some very effective art work. The whole service was lead by our Worship

Leaders and Reverend David. It was good to see so many parents, grand parents and friends supporting the children. Thank you.

After the Easter Service, the children came back to school and they were all able to enjoy hot cross buns to celebrate Easter.

### **Easter Egg**

Congratulations to Amelie in 3V for finding the golden ticket on her plate at lunchtime today. She wins a lovely Easter egg.

### **Amazon Wish List**

Thank you to all our anonymous donors for our gifts this week.

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

Every gift is important to us no matter how large or small.

### **Advance Notice – Quiz Night**

Following on from the success of our Quiz Night last year, we will be holding another event on the 1<sup>st</sup> June. Watch this space for more details but please put this date in your diaries!



**THIS WEEK'S LEADERBOARD:**

	<b>First</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Third</b>
<b>Year 3 Most improved</b>	Georgie C	Tamara H	Ellie F
<b>Year 3 Correct Answers</b>	Alessandro E	Max J	Jack T
<b>Year 4 Most improved</b>	Josh C	Millie C	Joe P
<b>Year 4 Correct Answers</b>	Samuel H	Jack H	Lily A
<b>Year 5 Most improved</b>	Rylee S	N/A	N/A
<b>Year 5 Correct Answers</b>	Harry A	Megan B	Olivia Me
<b>Year 6 Most improved</b>	Rhianna R	N/A	N/A
<b>Year 6 Correct Answers</b>	Rhianna R	Sophie S	Oliver L

**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                      StMichaels Junior  
 Twitter                         Stmichaelsjun1  
 Instagram                    st.michaelsjuniorschool



**Trip Payments Due**

Payments are now due for the trips and events below; please can you ensure that any outstanding balances on ParentPay are paid as soon as possible. The School will, unfortunately have no alternative but to cancel a trip if sufficient funds are not received to cover the cost of a trip or event.

**Aylmerton – Year 5:** 2<sup>nd</sup> payment of £50 due by December 2018 (deposit of £10 should have already been paid)

**Mersea – Year 4:** 3<sup>rd</sup> payment of £45 now due, (deposit of £25 and 2<sup>nd</sup> payment of £45 should have already been paid)

**Group 2 (Year 3) Swimming:** £40 now due

**Dinner Menu**

The menu first week back will be week 1. Please check the school website and your emails for the new menus.

Next Friday, alongside the desert of a chocolate muffin topped with a mini Easter egg, Mrs Darvill in the kitchen will be running a Lucky Plate competition. One lucky child having a school dinner on that day will find that their plate has been marked to win them an Easter Egg. Good luck everyone!

### **Diary Dates**

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

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,



Maria Rumsey  
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## **Bikeability Level 1 & 2 Learn to ride courses**

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For details of courses available visit:  
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