

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

by Mrs Rumsey



Friday, 12th July 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

GALLEYWOOD LIBRARY WILL NOT CLOSE!

We received confirmation on Tuesday that Galleywood Library, which had been earmarked for closure, will not close after all! Following a consultation period which galvanised love and support for our libraries, Essex County Council announced a U-turn: no libraries will be closing for at least the next five years! The devil will be in the detail as we await full confirmation of exactly what the future proposals are for our valuable local resource; next Monday County Hall will publish its final libraries strategy for approval at Cabinet on July 23rd. So, watch this space but people power seems to have won the day! Well done to all our pupils who have been so passionate in expressing their views about the proposals and who have protested on more than one occasion in a mature and controlled way. They have been listened to! Thanks too to all the parents who have shown their support. We are delighted that our efforts have not been in vain. A very happy Mrs Orton 😊

SATs results

On Tuesday, we received the SATs results for our Year Six pupils. I am delighted to report that we are above national average in all disciplines – reading, writing, grammar and maths. We are particularly pleased with the percentage of children who have achieved at the higher level – our results at this standard are way above the national average. Well done to Year Six for all of their hard work and for all of the teachers and LSAs who worked with these children since Year Three.

Class Swap Afternoon

On Monday afternoon, the children spent the afternoon with their new teachers for next year. It was an excellent opportunity for the children to ask questions about the year ahead and for their teachers to get to know a little bit more about the children they will be teaching. The Year Two children have had a comprehensive transition this year and have settled in very well to St Michael's; they enjoyed watching the dress rehearsal of 'Oliver'.

Oliver

"That was the best production ever!"

Our Year Six production this year of 'Oliver' was an outstanding success! The children performed to two sell-out houses and received two standing ovations and many, many compliments. From their brilliant singing, to their exceptional characterisations of Dickens' characters, the whole performance was electrifying. Well done to all of the children in Year Six – everyone who watched the show was blown away!

Music Lessons

My name is Helen Sismey and I have been coming to St Michael's for 5 years to teach flute and clarinet. If your child is interested in having lessons, please contact me on 01245 496502 or hsismey@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

Bronze Essex Language and Communication School Award

We are delighted to report that we have gained the bronze award for Language and Communication. In order to achieve this we have had to demonstrate a commitment to the development of Language and Communication in our school. Activities that we have been involved in include evaluating and enhancing our current assessment methods, our information sharing from the infants and our resources. We have also taken part in staff training. A big thank you to Sally Bangs for all her efforts in helping us to achieve this award.



Day at Wimbledon

On Tuesday, ten children, accompanied by Miss McManus and Mrs Thomson, spent the day at Wimbledon. They had tickets for court number one and watched two ladies quarter finals matches – Halep vs. Zhang and Svitolina vs. Muchova. Halep won her match and her semi-finals match and will now play Serena Williams in the final this weekend! They also watched the first part of a men's doubles match.

Day at Lord's

Last Friday, Mr Sturton took a group of children to watch the Pakistan vs. Bangladesh cricket world cup match at Lords. The children were lucky enough to be mascots for the match and were able to escort the players onto the pitch and take part in the official match photographs. Please follow this link for further official photos: <https://we.tl/t-ZVn4vLqBle> (this link will automatically be deleted from the website after three days).



Multi - skills Council Day

A big thankyou on behalf of the MSC Council for taking part in the fundraising day. The children came dressed in sports clothes and ran, jogged or walked around the school field with enthusiasm and some at a lightening pace! The children enjoyed tucking in to a healthy piece of fruit after their exercise. Approximately £170 was raised.



Report from Multi-skills Council

On Thursday 11th July, the MSC held a lap around the field event. You could either run, walk or jog. Everyone really enjoyed it; thank you for donating money and fruit and wearing your sports kits. Thank you to Mrs Martin for supporting us. We will all continue to support Kieran. Report by Megan B (Class 5L)

Rights Respecting Council



This month's article is **Article 24 – You have the right to the best health care possible, safe water to drink, nutritious food, a clean and safe environment, and information to help you stay safe.**

As a school council we have been working with our classes to identify how we meet this article. Together we have decided at St Michael's we meet this article:

- We have access to fresh water via our water fountains or we can bring our own water bottles into school.
- We are given the opportunity to have nutritious school meals or packed lunches.
- If you bring a packed lunch to school, it has to be healthy and not contain junk food.
- We celebrate the Cleanest Classroom of the Week in Achievers Assembly. The winning classroom is awarded a special bin.
- Mrs Rumsey allows children to go on litter picks around the school grounds.
- To stay safe, we have fire drills each term.
- All visitors have to sign in and wear a visitor badge.
- Over the summer holidays, our school will become even safer as a new fire exit is being installed in upper school.
- To keep us healthy and safe we have special visitors such as nurses, firemen, and policemen.
- We are given the opportunity to have vaccinations to keep us healthy.

By Amber B (3B), Marney K (3V), George L (4MC), Jessica P (4MC), Olivia M (5O) and Ethan R (5L).

Gotta Dance Show

On Tuesday 9th July, the Years 5 and 6 dancers went to the Civic Theatre to perform in a dance show. After arriving there, we took our seats in the main theatre and watched all the performances

for the first half. In the second half, we went in a backstage room and waited until we went on stage. We were second to last on stage. We had lots of fun and would like to thank Mr Sturton, and Miss Lopez for supporting us and Miss Taverner and Callan for choreographing our routine. Report written by Ruhayla (6D) and Hollie (6S)



Amazon Wish List

Thank you to all our anonymous donors for our gifts this week. It really does help.

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

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

ParentPay balances – Year 6 Parents

Please can you ensure that any dinner money balances are cleared before the end of term. If you are in credit and you have a sibling at the school, unless we here otherwise, we will assume that you would like any balance transferred to the younger child. If you are in credit and you will no longer have a child at this school in September, your balance will be refunded over the summer break.

ParentPay Trips and Music Lessons

Please can you check your ParentPay for any outstanding payments for music lessons or residential trips. The school has severely limited resources to fund non-payers and each trip is costed based on the number of children attending a residential or having a music lesson. Any non-payers who are not eligible to be covered by our Pupil Premium grant have to be funded from the school's curriculum budget reducing what we are able to spend on school resources. Thank you.

Dinner Menu

The menu next week will be week 3. Please check the school website for the menu.

Diary Dates

Friday, 12th July – Summer Disco- 6:00 pm-7:30 pm

Monday, 15th July – Summer Music concert @ 1:30 pm

Thursday, 18th July @ 10:00 am – Leavers' Service at St. Michael's Church

Friday, 19th July – School closes for the summer holidays

Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th September – INSET day staff only

Thursday 5th September – Children return to school

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'M. Rumsey'.

Maria Rumsey
Headteacher