

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



Friday, 13th December 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

A message from Mrs Prigg

We are looking forward to celebrating Christmas with the children next week. They are all getting very excited and they have lots of events to look forward to. Please look carefully at the 'Dates for your diary' section of the newsletter.



Last Achievers' assembly for 2019

Please note that we will be having the last achiever's assembly on Wednesday 18th December. Parents are welcome as usual.

LOST PROPERTY

Please check the box by the front office. Please can you ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled.

CALLING ANY TREE SURGEONS



Our woodland area has now been cleared back by helpers and our contracted gardeners; this has enabled children in our Gardening Club to start to tidy it up further and turn it into a fantastic area for our school.

We are now looking at the trees, which are getting very tall. Unfortunately, we are not able to trim them back ourselves and need a tree surgeon. If there is anyone out there with expertise able to help us or you know someone who would be able to help – please contact the School Office. Thank you.

SMASH – Christmas Fayre Today: 13th December 4.30 pm - 6.00pm

Tuck Money

Please could children bring in 30p for tuck or as close to it as possible. The kitchen is unable to offer change from £2 coins or higher.

DIZZY'S LUCKY PLATE DAY

Don't forget Dizzy's Lucky Plate on Wednesday, a sticker will be placed on the bottom of a child's plate. If you get the lucky plate what will Dizzy surprise you with?

The lucky winner this week was Evie W. in year 3.

THIS WEEK'S LEADERBOARD:

	First	Second	Third
Year 3 most improved	Louis S	Lucy W	Alice B
Year 3 most correct answers	Billy H	Roshni B	Finn W-N
Year 4 most improved	Isaac M	Tommy W	Eden W
Year 4 most correct answers	Ethan R	Tamara H	Sophie S
Year 5 most improved	Finn R	Jessica Sh	Iris J
Year 5 most correct answers	Finn R	Rohan M	Jack H
Year 6 most improved	Katie C	Lewis M	Samuel L
Year 6 most correct answers	Lewis M	Matthew W	Katie C

A VISITOR TO THE KITCHEN



He started off this week being helpful but.....



PANTOMIME AT MANOR LODGE

50 visited Manor Lodge again this week and this time we were lucky enough to watch a 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarves' pantomime with the residents. With singing, dancing and boogie aplenty, it was a wonderful afternoon for all. To top this off, our pupils gave out the presents that they raised funds to buy and wrapped so carefully. It is fair to say that the residents were delighted and there were huge smiles all round. We all left feeling very Christmassy!

Thank you to all of the adults who have given their time to transport the children to Manor Lodge this term - it is fantastic to have so much support for this invaluable project.

Mrs Orton



Love Your Library' Event @Galleywood Library - Saturday 14th December 2019

Do you have a favourite book or a favourite author? Fact or fiction, just jot it down on a piece of paper and pop it into the library this weekend. If you're free from **11.30** on Sat go and have tea, coffee and biscuits and show that you 'Love your Library.' All classes have made and signed Christmas cards for our fantastic librarians at Galleywood Library and it'd be great if some St Michael's pupils could show their appreciation by attending too. Please support this event if you can and show how much we value the link we have with our local library.

Mrs Orton

Fundraising

Well done to everyone who helped raise £75.22 for Macmillan.

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

Dinner Menu

Next week's menu is week 1

Please can you ensure that your dinner money account is up to date. Balances can be checked by logging on to your ParentPay account. Thank you.

Snow Closures

As the weather gets colder and the season of snow approaches, please be aware that we will do everything possible to keep the School open. In extreme weather, a decision will be made as early as possible as to whether it is safe to keep the School open and information will be sent out via ParentPay and posted on the News section of the School Website and the Facebook page. You can also access the Essex Schools Emergency Closures page at:

<https://secureweb1.essex.gov.uk/SchoolClosures/SchoolClosuresDisplay> which is updated at 6pm every day.

CHESS Homeless Charity

This year we are collecting gift wrapped small diaries and boxes of chocolates to be distributed to the homeless around Chelmsford. Thank you for the donations that have already been received, please continue to send any donations into the School Office.

And finally....

Dates for your Diary

12 th December	Non-uniform day – bring a donation for the Christmas Fayre
13 th December	Christmas Fayre – 4.30pm
18 th December	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day
19 th December	Christmas carol service @ St Michael's Church – 10am
19 th December	Last day of autumn term
6 th January	First day of spring term
14 th February	SMASH – Valentines disco

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Prigg
Headteacher

Some Important Reminders...

Website

Please refer to our website to read any weekly letters and check, your emails from Parent Pay regularly – we try to send the majority of our correspondence with parents electronically.

Mobile Phones

Children are not allowed to have mobile phones in school. Children in years 5 and 6 are allowed to bring their phones into school provided they are handed in to Mrs. Prigg's office. They can be collected from her office at the end of the school day. This rule only applies to older children who are beginning to walk home alone and we do understand that parents may want to know that they have arrived home safely. If a phone is found, it will be taken to Mrs. Prigg's office and the parents will be called to pick it up.



Seeing Teachers

If you have a problem or concern, your first port of call should be your child's class teacher. Class teachers cannot see parents before school due to preparation of their classrooms.

Entry into School

Parents can only enter the school through the main entrance. Parents are not allowed into school through the front playground entrance. Thank you for your understanding in this safeguarding matter.

PE Kit

Children must have a full PE kit for both indoor and outdoor PE. This is a white T- shirt and black shorts. Children must wear trainers or black plimsolls and not their school shoes. After half term, the children can wear a tracksuit to protect them against the cold weather; the tracksuit should be in either blue, grey or black. No pink sparkles please!

School Uniform

Children must wear their uniform at all times. Children must not wear trainers except for PE, and must have proper black school shoes. Our uniform is on the school website as a point of reference. Can we ask please that all of the uniform is clearly labelled. Thank you.

Earrings

The only earrings allowed to be worn for school are very small studs. These should be the gold studs and not novelty earrings. Please note that earrings have to be removed for PE. If your child has recently had their ears pierced, they will have to miss PE for the first 6 weeks; ears are no longer allowed to be taped. Thank you to those parents who have already written stating that their child has had their ears pierced.

Pencil Cases

Please note that children are allowed one very small pencil case in school with pen, pencil, ruler, rubber and some coloured pencils if they choose. The school does however provide all of this equipment. We ask that pencil cases do need to fit in the children's trays in the classroom. Please ask your child's class teacher if you are unsure.

Jacket Potatoes

Unfortunately, if your child orders a jacket potato for lunch, they cannot change their mind at the servery.



OFFICE Opening Hours

Please note that the school office opening hours are from 8.15am – 4.00pm.

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



