

St. Michael's CE (VA) Junior School



Friday 14th May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

A message from Mrs Prigg



Thank you to all the parents that participated in our Parents' Evening. We would like to hear your views on the variety of options you had to choose from during the pandemic and a Google form will be sent out shortly so please support the school by completing it. This will help us to further understand what works well for our parents.

Please also look out for the parents' information about extra-curricular clubs and after school tuition.

I thoroughly enjoyed joining the children in their number activities during Number Day and they were so enthusiastic, as were the staff!

Important dates for your diary Summer Term:

Monday 17th May	Class Photos Years 3,4,5
Tuesday 18th May	Class Photos Year 6
Monday 7th June	Inset – no children to attend
Wednesday 21st July	Inset – no children to attend
Thursday 22nd July	First day of summer Holidays

Our Website

Remember that you can access lots of important information on our website which you may find useful. Please take a look on <http://st-michaels-jun.essex.sch.uk/>.

Dinner Menu

Next week will be Menu Week 3.

Tuck

Various tuck items will be available to purchase for 30p at break time, please send your child in with 30p change if they would like to purchase tuck. Remember: Friday is Pizza Tuck Day.

Amazon Wish List

If you would like to help the School, have a look at our Amazon wishlist – no gift is too small and every gift is important to us.

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

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and should remain at home for at least **10 days** from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

All other household members who remain well, must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

Further information is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

The 10-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.

If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online.

Household members staying at home for 10 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community

If you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

If your child does receive a positive test please contact the School as soon as possible – you can contact us out of office hours on covid@st-michaels-jun.essex.sch.uk

Safeguarding

Key Internet Safety Issues

The internet is a fantastic place for children to learn, create and have fun, but they may occasionally have to deal with a variety of sometimes challenging issues.

These might include cyberbullying, the pressure to take part in sexting, encouragement to self-harm, viewing pornography, along with various others. But there are positive things you can do to equip yourself and your child, support them in resolving any issue they may face.

Internet Matters have created a number of advice hubs to help you learn more and deal with these issues with your child. Please use the link below to access the hubs:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/>

St. Michael's School Website

You can find lots of information and resources to help you support your child's wellbeing and safety.

Visit the website:

<https://st-michaels-jun.essex.sch.uk/#>

On the home page use the drop down menu headed **Wellbeing and Safety** to access support on
Safety & Child Protection
Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing
Online Safety
Unicef Rights Respecting Schools

Year 6 Transition

Making the move from primary to secondary school can be an exciting but emotional time for young people. Essex Youth Service can deliver a Transition Programme that can support young people making this transition.

The programme will focus on developing the social and emotional skills needed to move into secondary school.

Topics covered could be:

- Coping with Change
- Building Resilience
- Friendships
- Making Good Choices

Young people will be able to:

- Celebrate their achievements
- Talk about thoughts, feelings and behaviour
- Say goodbye to primary school and move on in a positive mind set.

This programme can be delivered within a group or 1:1 if more appropriate.

Essex Youth Service are pleased to be launching a free fun and interactive **Year 6 Transition Activity Booklet**.

Transitioning from primary to secondary school is a significant change for young people so the aim of the booklet is for those transitioning from Year 6 – 7 to work through fun and hands on activities to help prepare them for life in Year 7. These activities will support the young person with their journey into secondary school by focusing on topics such as Coping with Change, Getting Organised and Making Good Choices.

Whilst working through the activities they will earn points which can then be used to claim their award certificate at the end.

If you want your child to take part, please email us and one of the team will issue you with your starter pack.

If you would like to find out more please contact youth.work@essex.gov.uk

Number Day Fundraising

I am delighted to announce that Friday's Number Day has raised £1,200 so far for the NSPCC. What an incredible achievement! Thank you so much for your kind donations and sponsorships. The children and staff had a fantastic day problem solving, quizzing and finding out exactly what a million looks like. It was great to see all the children exploring number and deepening their understanding of big ideas. We are sending off the final amount on Wednesday 19th May so it's not too late to send in any donations or sponsorship.

Thank you once again for your support,
Miss Morris
Maths Lead

A Dementia Friendly Community update for Dementia Action Week

Last year, we received the wonderful news that Galleywood had been approved as a Dementia Friendly Community with St Michael's as the hub for this, working closely with other key stakeholders in the area. We were the first school in the country to lead on the creation of a DFC so this continues to be a significant achievement for us all.

Covid restrictions have impacted on this, as I'm sure you can imagine, with breaks away from school and hurdles added to our intergenerational partnership with Manor Lodge Care Home. However, we have not been deterred by this! Much work has continued behind the scenes and regular communication with Mark Neville from the Alzheimer's Society has been maintained.

Children in 5O have enjoyed two video calls with Manor Lodge residents and more are planned. These calls are joyous – both groups are delighted to see each other and there is normally lots of laughter together!

This week is Dementia Action Week and to mark it, I delivered an assembly to all classes about how we can help those around us to live well with dementia. This prompted much discussion and reminded many of our older pupils of previous learning around this. Once again, the children demonstrated huge maturity and empathy.

So, our work continues. More schools in and around Essex are now starting to use a similar model to intergenerational links. St Michael's continues to fly the flag for Dementia Friendly Communities – and we are very proud of this.



Good luck to Miss Williams

Thank you for all of your hard work and support with all the children you have worked with in your time at St Michaels. You will be greatly missed!

We wish you every success in your new venture and please don't forget to visit us!

SUMMER CAMP

Boys & Girls 5-11 Years of age
St Michael's Junior School, Galleywood, CM2 8RR

Football

Arts & Crafts

Netball

Nature Trail

Basketball

Treasure
Hunt

Dance

Movies

**SUM
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FUN IN THE SUN

Volleyball

Archery

Board
Games

Monday 26th July to Friday 13th August
9am – 3pm Daily

£25 Per day

To book please email: funinthesunbookings@outlook.com



SMASH IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE
THAT ST MICHAEL'S IS GETTING A

CLOTHING BANK

PLEASE DONATE YOUR GOOD
QUALITY CLOTHING TO RAISE
FUNDS FOR SMASH.

We can accept clothing, paired shoes, bedding, bags, towels and soft toys.

Please do not donate duvets, pillows or any items that are
unwearable

Please look out for more details after Easter



Times Table RockStars Results for this fortnight:

Times Tables Rockstar Leaderboard – Week ending 30.04.21

	First	Second	Third
Year 3 most improved	Jumana E	Leo H	Ben W
Year 3 most correct answers	Tommy G	Radinu W	Riley W
Year 4 most improved	Kadi L	Finn WN	Freya T
Year 4 most correct answers	Caleb O	Scarlet WN	Louis S
Year 5 most improved	Finley G	Sophie S	Max H
Year 5 most correct answers	Isaac M	Oscar L	Max H
Year 6 most improved	Izabelle S	Jessica Si	Dana E
Year 6 most correct answers	Jack H	Iris J	Jessica S

Year 6	205
Year 3	177
Year 4	115
Year 5	81

Times Tables Rockstar Leaderboard – Week ending 07.05.21

	First	Second	Third
Year 3 most improved	Izzybella H	Ethan S	Emma W
Year 3 most correct answers	Radinu W	Tommy G	Riley W
Year 4 most improved	Finley N	Finn WN	Lucy W
Year 4 most correct answers	Scarlet WN	Joseph N	Laura M
Year 5 most improved	Sophie S	Oscar L	Rosie T
Year 5 most correct answers	Max H	Oscar L	Rosie T
Year 6 most improved	Jessica S	Lydia R	Jack H
Year 6 most correct answers	Jack H	Jessica Si	Dana E

Year 3	792
Year 6	330
Year 5	278
Year 4	224

There is so much going on in school at the moment – the buzz of the Summer term is upon us!

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Orton