

St. Michael's CE (VA) Junior School



Wednesday 5th April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

A message from Mrs Prigg



The School Council have been gathering the thoughts and opinions of their class mates with regards to the Quiet Area and how it can be improved. We have already purchased activities and games. They have also been carrying out a Pupil Voice and we will be sharing the positive comments and views of the children about life at St Michael's, here are just a few that have been collected during hot chocolate with me on Fridays and back in the classrooms with the school councillors:

I feel comfortable at school –
year 4

It is a great and wonderful school because everyone can share their opinions – year 4

This school is amazing!

Important dates for your diary Summer Term:

4th and 6th May	Years 5 and 6 - face to face parent consultations Years 3 and 4 – phone parent consultations
6th May 2021	Maths Day
7th June 2021	Inset – no children to attend
21st July 2021	Inset – no children to attend
22nd July 2021	First day of Summer Holidays
1st September 2021	Inset – no children to attend
22nd October 2021	Inset – no children to attend
21st February 2022	Inset – no children to attend
27th May 2022	Inset – no children to attend
6th June 2022	Inset – no children to attend

Dinner Menu

This week's Menu is Week 1.

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/> .

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

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

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> .

House Captains

As you know, at the beginning of the academic year, all of the children at St Michael's vote for two House Captains to represent their house throughout the year. The House Captain positions come with a wide range of responsibilities and the children that are chosen carry out a variety of duties, both in and out of school.

One of their duties, which all of the children in school enjoy, is to organise activities for all of the children in their house on the different patron saint days – all events and activities are organised solely by the House Captains; school staff do not get involved at all. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, many of the activities that the House Captains would usually take part in, and organise, have had to be cancelled or amended this year.

Last Friday was St George's Day and Ethan and Freddie, our St George House Captains, have written this report (can you tell they wrote it themselves?):

On the 23rd of April, St Michael's Junior School attended a St George's Day celebration. It was led by the two tremendous House Captains (Freddie B and Ethan R). Everyone in St George dressed up in their red clothes. They also competed in a competition, which was who could draw the best dragon. Sadly, due to Covid, we could not do anything else, such as who could find the hidden dragons. Overall, it was a great St George's Day.

Maths Day



On Friday 7th May 2021 we will be participating in the NSPCC Number Day. Our day will be filled with Maths, puzzles, challenges and quizzes to raise money for the NSPCC. It would be great if you could support us by sponsoring your children so that we can raise as much money as possible for this fantastic charity! I will be sending out more details soon.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Morris – Maths Lead

Good luck to Miss Newman

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Newman for all of her hard work in her time at St Michaels. She has relocated out of Essex and we wish her all the best in her new home.

Miss Newman has contributed greatly in her time at St Michaels and she will be missed.



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



Well done, Chloe!

Chloe in 3J manned a lemonade stand outside her house at the weekend and raised £36.60 for the school. Thank you so much for all the time and effort you put into this, Chloe – we'll be seeing you on Dragon's Den next!

Easter Collective Worship

Easter service – written by Milly and Trinity (Worship Leaders in year 6)

On Thursday 25th March, Reverend David and Ellen came in and led the Easter service, explaining the Holy Week. At the beginning of the service, we sat down and they gave us palm crosses.

Triumphant entry

Whilst Ellen was reading chapters from the bible, Reverend David rode in, around the hall, on his bike. Reverend David said he couldn't get a donkey so this was the next best thing!

The Last Supper

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took communion with the disciples and he knew that Judas would betray him. He said, standing up, eat this bread as my body is broken for you and drink this as my blood poured out for you, do this in remembrance of me.

Crucifixion of Jesus

Jesus was taken to Pilot and he went to the people choosing between Barabbas and Jesus and who should be crucified. The people yelled out Jesus's name and it was official; he was getting crucified. As they whipped Jesus, he carried the cross up the hill and Jesus was nailed to the cross. There were shouts and everyone wept. After Jesus had died, they put his body in a tomb.

The Resurrection

Three days later Mary Magdalene witnessed the empty tomb and wondered where the Messiah was. She went back to John and to Peter and they saw it too but Mary saw a light shining and saw Jesus resurrected from the dead.

Times Table RockStars Results for this fortnight:

Times Tables Rockstar Leaderboard – Week ending 16/4/21

	First	Second	Third
Year 3 most improved	Freya S	Leo H	Riley W
Year 3 most correct answers	<u>Radinu W</u>	Tommy G	Riley W
Year 4 most improved	Kadi L		
Year 4 most correct answers	Scarlet WN	Finn WN	Kadi L
Year 5 most improved			
Year 5 most correct answers	Isaac M	Freddie T	Max H
Year 6 most improved	Thomas H	Jessica Shaw	Harry L
Year 6 most correct answers	Summer Rose L	Jack H	Harry L

Year 3	600
Year 4	370
Year 6	194
Year 5	124

Times Tables Rockstar Leaderboard – 23.04.21

	First	Second	Third
Year 3 most improved	Freya S	Oliver I	Emma W
Year 3 most correct answers	Riley W	Tommy G	<u>Radinu W</u>
Year 4 most improved	Finley N	Finn WN	Joseph N
Year 4 most correct answers	Joseph N	Scarlet WN	Finn WN
Year 5 most improved	Eva M	Finley G	Ewan RD
Year 5 most correct answers	Marley C	Jessica V	Isaac M
Year 6 most improved	Thomas H	Finn R	Lydia R
Year 6 most correct answers	Iris J	Harry L	Summer Rose L

<u>Year 4</u>	<u>1110</u>
<u>Year 6</u>	<u>421</u>
<u>Year 5</u>	<u>367</u>
<u>Year 3</u>	<u>47</u>

Year 5 do Bollywood!

Year 5 have been working hard for several weeks on their Bollywood dance performances. These pictures capture just some of the fun they have had!



The Summer term is in full swing! It has been great to see lots of our families at parent consultations this week – whether it be on Zoom, on the phone or face-to-face. Thank you for your continued support.

Have a restful weekend – here's hoping that the sun shines!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Orton