

St. Michael's CofE (VA) Junior School



Friday 18th June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

A message from Mrs Prigg



Over the last few weeks I have enjoyed so many moments of awe and wonder with the children. Dissecting the owl pellets was one of those moments and I was absolutely thrilled to join year 4 in their scientific enquiry lesson. It was thrilling to join the children as they carefully unpicked what lay inside each pellet – there was such enthusiasm!

We have all been enjoying the return of song into the school and the wonderful voices of year 6 (and the adults!) who are working so hard rehearsing their year 6 production!

Wow, we had 133 hot meals today which is fantastic!

Important dates for your diary

Summer Term:

Please look out for letters/emails, that will be sent, in response to the latest DfE guidance we received on Wednesday, following the latest Government announcement.

24 th June	SMASH meeting
25 th June	Reports to parents
28 th June	Year 3 Open afternoon – 1.30pm – 3.10pm – details to follow in line with the Government guidance released this week.
1 st July	Moulsham High School transition day – Year 6 – to be confirmed
2 nd July	Moulsham High School transition day – Year 6 – to be confirmed
5 th July	Class swap afternoon – in line with Government guidance, parents will be <u>unable</u> to attend – details to follow
6 th July	GBHS transition day – Year 6 - CANCELLED Year 6 production - 7pm – awaiting guidance – more details to follow
7 th July	GBHS transition day - Year 6 - CANCELLED
8 th July	GBHS transition day - Year 6 - CANCELLED Year 6 production - 7pm - awaiting guidance – more details to follow
10 th July	Summer Fayre – CANCELLED owing to the latest Government guidance
12 th July	Year 6 Activity week starts
14 th July	Sports Day - awaiting guidance – more details to follow
15 th July	Leavers' service at the Church – awaiting guidance – more details to follow Year 6 Leavers' lunch
20 th July	Last day of term
21 st July	Staff Inset Day – no pupils in school

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 1.

Amazon Wish List

If you would like to help the School, have a look at our Amazon wish-list – 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/iIEmThl> .

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

Moon buggy testing in 50



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

School Prayer

This is the prayer that we share together in Collective Worship several times a week. Many of our pupils know it off by heart now!

The School Prayer

Dear God,
We thank you for Jesus, who taught us to love and be loved.
We thank you for the gift of faith, and for the opportunity to have faith in you.
We thank you for respecting us, and for helping us to respect others.
And we thank you for courage, so we can face the future with hope.
By your love, may we flourish together, so we can serve our community and the world.
In Jesus' name,
Amen.



Community Club – Making a difference in our school community and beyond

Community Club members are in the process of setting up a **permanent collection point for the Chelmsford Food Bank** in school. Watch this space for further information!

In addition, we are putting together a time capsule which will contain artefacts which give a hint of life for school children in 2021. We aim to bury this before the end of the Summer Term – Mr Jonathan is poised ready with a spade to dig us a large hole on the field!

Year 6 treading the boards!

Production rehearsals and preparations are in full swing in Year 6



Gardening Club



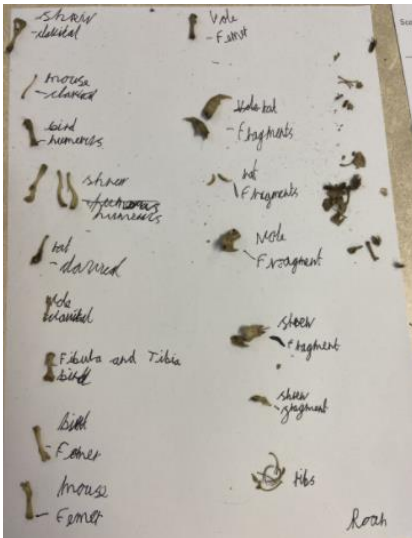
A great big thank you to Mrs Eddie who kindly donated very healthy tomato and brussel sprout plants. We planted them yesterday and hope that we can produce several varieties of tomatoes that Mrs Eddie and our budding, young gardeners can be proud of!

We also have rhubarb growing and an abundance of potatoes! The gardeners also planted cornflower seeds which we hope to use in the Quiet area.

If there are any keen parents/grandparents out there who would like to join our gardening club and help us on our bountiful gardening journey, please phone the school office to speak to Mrs Prigg.

Owl you need is pellets in Year 4!

Have you ever wondered what an owl eats? In Year 4 we used scientific enquiry to prove our predictions about food chains in which an owl is the top consumer



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

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FUN IN THE SUN

Volleyball

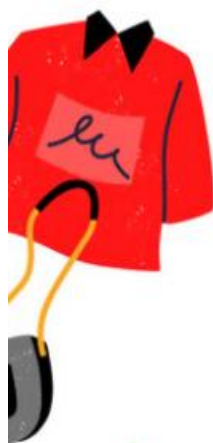
Archery

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 – 28.05.21

	First	Second	Third
Year 3 most improved	Izzybella H	Tommy G	Radinu W
Year 3 most correct answers	Radinu W	Anika S	Ray D
Year 4 most improved	Sophia S	Keira S	Samuel H
Year 4 most correct answers	Scarlet WN	Roxanne W	Samuel H
Year 5 most improved	Advik M	Ethan R	Adam B
Year 5 most correct answers	Isaac M	Ethan R	Adam B
Year 6 most improved	Izzy S	Jess P	Jess Shaw
Year 6 most correct answers	Jack H	Jess P	Jess Shaw

Year 3	70
Year 5	51
Year 4	41
Year 6	16

Times Tables Rockstar Leaderboard – Week ending 11th June

	First	Second	Third
Year 3 most improved	<u>Marleigh B</u>	Oliver I	Ronni A
Year 3 most correct answers	<u>Radinu W</u>	Riley W	Isaac H
Year 4 most improved	Scarlet WN	<u>Tienne-Mai S</u>	Mya W
Year 4 most correct answers	Scarlet WN	<u>Tienne-Mai S</u>	Caleb O
Year 5 most improved	Ethan R	Nathan E	Max J
Year 5 most correct answers	Isaac M	Max J	Max H
Year 6 most improved	Mia M	Lydia R	Molly S
Year 6 most correct answers	Jack H	Izzy S	Mia M

Year 4	1
Year 3	36
Year 5	20
Year 6	9

Another busy fortnight in school and the buzz of Summer 2 is upon us!

Have a lovely sun-soaked (fingers crossed!) weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Orton