

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



Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 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:

<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Inset – no children to attend
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Inset – no children to attend
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	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

After the mid-term break it will be Menu Week 2.

### 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 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/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](mailto:covid@st-michaels-jun.essex.sch.uk)**

## **Safeguarding**

This week I have some slightly different information about the free support that is available for parents on a wide variety of subjects.

**ACL Family Learning** – part of the Essex Local Authority, offer free workshops/sessions/activities for all the family. This can range from Family Scavenger Hunts, Help with Fussy Eater's, Setting Boundaries, Sibling Rivalry and many more topics. In June and July there are over 44 free opportunities that can be taken up.

Their dedicated website for you to look at their offer is [acl.nostoppingme@essex.gov.uk](mailto:acl.nostoppingme@essex.gov.uk)

Alternatively, I have a document I could email you which has direct booking links for all the activities.

Please email me on [catherine@st-michaels-jun.essex.sch.uk](mailto:catherine@st-michaels-jun.essex.sch.uk) if you would like the booking links.

I hope everyone enjoys their half term break!

Mrs Cullen

## **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](mailto:youth.work@essex.gov.uk)

# BREAK THE RULES DAY

**Friday  
11th June**



You can pick from the list below which rules you would like to break



**It's time to have fun and break some rules**



**50p for each rule you break**



These are the only rules that can be broken. All other school rules apply.

1. Wear nail polish
2. Wear trainers
3. Eat pudding first
4. Wear a sparkly hair accessory
5. Wear your own PE kit if it's your PE day
6. Crazy hair
7. Wear bright socks
8. Wear a superhero cape
9. Have squash or juice in water bottle
10. Swap one item of uniform for non uniform

## 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.



# 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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Volleyball

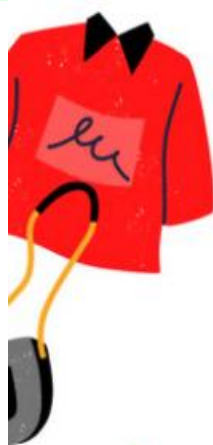
Archery

Board  
Games

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August  
9am – 3pm Daily

£25 Per day

To book please email: [funinthesunbookings@outlook.com](mailto:funinthesunbookings@outlook.com)



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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 14.05.21

	<b>First</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Third</b>
<b>Year 3 most improved</b>	Freya S	Radinu W	Tommy G
<b>Year 3 most correct answers</b>	Radinu W	Riley W	Tommy G
<b>Year 4 most improved</b>	Madeleine R	Lily P	Keira S
<b>Year 4 most correct answers</b>	Scarlet WN	Caleb O	Louis S
<b>Year 5 most improved</b>	Finn F	Max H	Sophie S
<b>Year 5 most correct answers</b>	Max H	Oscar L	Marley C
<b>Year 6 most improved</b>	Oscar C	Millie S	Jessica S
<b>Year 6 most correct answers</b>	Jack H	Dana E	Alice O

Year 6	778
Year 3	664
Year 4	303
Year 5	175

### Times Tables Rockstar Leaderboard – Week ending 21.05.21

	<b>First</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Third</b>
<b>Year 3 most improved</b>	Olivia B	Anabella PY	Michael G
<b>Year 3 most correct answers</b>	Radinu W	Riley W	Tommy G
<b>Year 4 most improved</b>	Laura M	Finley N	Cassie EL
<b>Year 4 most correct answers</b>	Scarlet WN	Caleb O	Lucy W
<b>Year 5 most improved</b>	Isaac M	Finn F	Oscar L
<b>Year 5 most correct answers</b>	Max H	Isaac M	Oscar L
<b>Year 6 most improved</b>	Harry L	Iris J	Lydia R
<b>Year 6 most correct answers</b>	Iris J	Oliver W	Jack H

Year 3	155
Year 6	144
Year 4	73
Year 5	34

### **Battle of The Books in 3W:**

3W finished their Battle of the Books. They exercised their right to vote and have opinions, which is a British Value. They all voted and 'Winnie the Bold' triumphed!



Just like that, another half term has whizzed by! In school, we are gearing up for a very busy last part of the academic year with many things for us all to look forward to.

I hope you have a great half term together.

Yours sincerely,

*Mrs Orton*