

St. Michael's CE (VA) Junior School



Friday 2nd July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

A message from Mrs Prigg



Some of you may already know about the Radio 2 'Big Bee Challenge' which is a new competition, in partnership with the Royal Horticultural Society. It is a project to raise awareness and encourage children to create better environments to support bees and other pollinating insects.

It is a competition open to all children between the ages of 6 and 12 and is an opportunity to design a garden that children think will be bright and buzzy and will be a great space to attract bees and other pollinating insects. The winning design will be turned into a real life garden! I would really like to see your designs too!

If you need any advice, don't forget to see Mrs Wolahan in the office as she used to keep bees at home!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/2021/big-bee-challenge>

Important dates for your diary Summer Term:

5th July	Class swap afternoon (children only – due to further Government guidance)
6th July	Year 6 production - 7pm – Government guidance applied
7th July	Year 6 production – 1:30pm – Government guidance applied
8th July	Year 6 production - 7pm - Government guidance applied
12th July	Year 6 Activity week starts
14th July	Sports Day and parent picnic (Year 6 parents only)
15th July	Leavers' service at the School (subject to good weather) Year 6 Leavers lunch
20th July	Last day of term
21st July	Staff Inset Day

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.

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

PREVENT

PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM EXTREMISM ('PREVENT')

All schools are subject to a duty, to have “due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism” (radicalisation). This duty is known as the Prevent duty.

WHAT IS EXTREMISM?

The Prevent Duty Guidance in England and Wales 2015 defines extremism as “vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs.”

For more information about this and to discover what you can do if you are worried about a child please follow the link below <https://educateagainsthate.com/parents/>

St Michael's is a Food Bank Donation Point!

Year 4 pupils at Community Club have organised for our school to become a place where food items can be donated for the Chelmsford Food Bank. These items will be regularly dropped off at the Beehive Lane depot. Donation boxes will be outside Year 4 and in the foyer until the end of term. Items needed at the moment include:

- *SMALL AND MEDIUM JARS OF COFFEE*
- *TINNED RICE PUDDING*
- *SPONGE PUDDINGS*
- *LONG LIFE MILK*
- *TINNED PEAS*
- *TINNED CARROTS*
- *TINNED MIXED VEGETABLES*
- *NON-FOOD ITEMS*
- *TOOTH BRUSHES*
- *TOOTHPASTE*
- *LIQUID SOAP*
- *TOILET ROLLS*
- *MEN'S SHAMPOO*
- *WASHING UP LIQUID*
- *SMALL OR MEDIUM WASHING POWDER, GEL OR LIQUID*

Items can be sent in with your child or dropped off in the foyer. Community Club thank you in advance for your kindness.

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.



Potatoes!

The Gardening club harvested their potatoes this week and had grown 98 potatoes. The catering staff will be using them in the kitchen on Tuesday! Well done Gardeners!



Moon buggies testing in 5L



Eggs-iting times in the office!

Mrs Wolahan is trying to hatch some chicks in the office to add to her flock at home. She currently has 9 eggs in an incubator (3 were removed last week as no progress). She is hoping that little black chicks and little cream chicks will hatch any day from Friday 9th July. She has a mixture of blue and buff eggs, which will hopefully give rise to Araucana and Salmon Faverolle chicks like the ones below.



Times Table RockStars Results for this fortnight:

Times Tables Rockstar Leaderboard – 18.06.21

	First	Second	Third
Year 3 most improved	Analia G	Leo H	Finley S
Year 3 most correct answers	Radinu W	Analia G	Tommy G
Year 4 most improved	Maria M	Dylan TW	Niamh M
Year 4 most correct answers	Scarlet WN	Niamh M	Roxanne W
Year 5 most improved	Marley C	Max H	Advik M
Year 5 most correct answers	Max J	Megan S	Isaac M
Year 6 most improved	Mia M	Jessica S	Lydia R
Year 6 most correct answers	Oliver W	Jessica S	Izabelle S

Year Group	Score
Year 3	64
Year 5	28
Year 4	24
Year 6	14

Times Tables Rockstar Leaderboard – Week ending 25.06.21

	First	Second	Third
Year 3 most improved	Zak Spong	Michaels G	George T
Year 3 most correct answers	Radinu W	Tommy G	Riley W
Year 4 most improved	Mia S	Ira S	Scarlet WN
Year 4 most correct answers	Louis S	Scarlet WN	Finn WN
Year 5 most improved	Sophie S	Abigail C	Amber B
Year 5 most correct answers	Isaac M	Oscar L	Max H
Year 6 most improved	Jack H		
Year 6 most correct answers	Jack H	Jessica S	Lydia R

Year 6	448
Year 4	385
Year 3	241
Year 5	186

Forest Schools

At St Michael's, we are really lucky to have had the opportunity for a staff member to take part in Forest School training. To get our Forest School area ready for the children, we are looking for the following donations:

<i>Item</i>
old kitchen resources (bowls, cutlery, colanders)
empty small jam jars
old sink bowls
Are any of our parents Tree Surgeons that could donate Willow?
garden tools
buckets

If you would be happy to donate any of these items, that you no longer need, we would be grateful if you could drop them off at the school office or to Miss McManus.

Thank you in advance

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

Football
Netball
Basketball
Treasure Hunt
Dance
Movies

Arts & Crafts
Nature Trail
Volleyball
Archery
Board Games

SUMMER CAMP
FUN IN THE SUN

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

£25 Per day
To book please email: funinthesunbookings@outlook.com



We hope you enjoyed reading your child's report from their class teacher. If you haven't already, we would be very grateful if you could return the slip inside the envelope to confirm receipt of this.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend –enjoy the football.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Orton