

St. Michael's CE (VA) Junior School



Friday 6th May 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,



A message from Mrs Prigg

YEAR 6 SATs

Our year 6 children and staff have been working incredibly hard in preparation for next week, when the children will be completing their SATs tests. We wish the children lots of luck and we know they will do their best. Good Luck year 6!

Important dates for your diary

Summer Term:

9 th May	SATs Week
16 th May	Denim for Dementia non-uniform day
18 th May	Year 6 trip to Bhaktivedanta Manor
18 th May	Year 5 trip to the Science Museum
27 th May	INSET day
30 th May	Half-term
6 th June	INSET day
22 nd June	Parent Voice 3
29 th June	Year 5 taster day at GBHS (9am – 2.45pm)
1 st July	Reports out to parents
4 th July	Year 6 production (afternoon)
5 th July	Year 6 evening production performance (7pm)
5 th July	GBHS transition (more details to follow)
6 th July	GBHS transition (more details to follow)
6 th July	Year 4 residential
7 th July	GBHS transition (more details to follow)
7 th July	Year 6 evening production performance (7pm)
8 th July	Year 6 Sandon induction
8 th July	Year 4 back from residential
13 th July	Sports day
15 th July	Year 6 leaving festival (organised by parents)
16 th July	SMASH Summer Fayre
18 th July	Open afternoon/meet the teacher (3:30pm-4:30pm) (more details to follow)
20 th July	Year 6 Leavers' service at the church
21 st July	Last day of term.

Dinner Menu

Next week's menu will be week 1.

Our website

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

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/iIEmThI> .

Safeguarding

Online Grooming

There have been several cases this week reported by Essex Police regarding primary school age girls being groomed online and persuaded to pose provocatively and/or perform sexual acts on themselves which are recorded and shared by the perpetrator via platforms such as Facetime & TikTok. Online grooming is real and happens to boys as well! Use the link below to find out more to help you protect your children

https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/online-grooming/?gclid=EA1aIQobChMI1q2UmKyn9wIVlWDmCh3L5g2SEAAAYASAAEgliMvD_BwE

TikTok – Fake Accounts

It is extremely easy to set up a TikTok account using anyone's name therefore very easy to set up a Fake Account. This is one of the reasons that the minimum age to have an account is 13.

We have added links below that parents can use to gain information on the app itself, but also general advice on keeping their children safe online. Can I please request that you talk to your children about this issue.

<https://esafetytraining.org/resources/parents-carers-area/>

<https://www.common sense media.org/articles/parents-ultimate-guide-to-tiktok#How%20safe%20is%20TikTok>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/tik-tok-app-safety-what-parents-need-to-know/#is-tiktok-safe>

Intergeneration Work – St Michael's as the hub for Galleywood's Dementia Friendly Community



Jump into your jeans!

St Michael's Junior School does Denim for Dementia

When: Monday 16th May 2022

Where: St Michael's Junior School,
Barnard Rd, Chelmsford.



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Singing for The Brain Essex Concert - Songs to Make You Happy

Come and join us for our Dementia Awareness Week 2022 Concert to Celebrate the Music of the 1970's

When : Thursday 19 May at 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Where : Chelmsford Cathedral,
New Street
Chelmsford
CM1 1TY

If you are unable to be at the Cathedral, you can join via Youtube. The link will be sent nearer the time.
Please email susan.ashcroft@alzheimers.org.uk to book a place.

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Singing for the Brain

Some of our children will be singing at the Singing For the Brain concert on the 19th and our Intergenerational Club will be addressing the audience about why being part of a Dementia Friendly Community is so important to them.

Dinner with the Mayor!

On Monday 25th April, I was invited to attend a Community Evening organised by the Mayor of Chelmsford, Mrs Jude Deakin. St Michael's was nominated for this by Councillor Janette Potter after she heard about the work we have done towards a Dementia Friendly Community accreditation in Galleywood. Held at Hyland House, I felt very honoured to attend on behalf of the school and enjoyed a lovely two course meal. I spent the evening chatting to people who do wonderful work in the community, going above and beyond for their local area.

Twitten Green Storytelling event

When Galleywood Parish Council visited last week to present their gifts to the children, in celebration of their 35th anniversary, they shared this exciting event with us:

There is a storytelling event for families at Twitten Green on the 2nd June at 2pm. It is a special reading hour for families.

Families are encouraged to take a picnic and get lost in the magic of storytelling!

Please look out for the poster, pinned on the noticeboard, on the front playground

Food Bank Donations

Thank you for all of your food bank donations to date. We are continuing to collect via our boxes in the front foyer and the following items are currently required:

FOOD ITEMS

- **CRISPS**
- **SPONGE PUDDINGS**
- **CUPPA SOUPS**
- **POWDERED CUSTARD SACHETS**
- **TEA BAGS (40 PACKS)**
- **LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE**
- **LONG LIFE MILK (FULL/SEMI)**
- **SACHETS POWDERED POTATO**

Remembering Mr Jonathan – An Update

There are less than two weeks to go until the 10km race, so Mrs Orton and Mrs Rodwell need to start whizzing round the field on the Daily Mile this week!

This beautiful chestnut wood is the start of the bench that all the fundraising will pay for. We are SO excited to see the process of its transformation!



Year 3 are scientists!

Year 3 are learning all about plants in science and last week we carried out an experiment to find out how stems work. We were real scientists and made predictions, decided what variable we needed to change and what constants needed to stay the same to keep it a fair test.

Check out how our white flowers looked after a few days!!! It was SO exciting to see them absorb the coloured water through their stems.

Mrs Bowcher



All Things Reading!

Year 4 Recommends...

Last term, Year 4 read *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. The book has a complex plot and some excellent vocabulary. The children enjoyed exploring the author's use of figurative language throughout the text and they have been able to apply the same techniques to their own writing. We explored the theme of courage by analysing both main characters.



Plans for a new library area in school!

- Watch this space as plans get underway for a new library space at the front of our school hall.
- We will be asking the children for their input into this and it promises to be a lovely area for reading for pleasure.

Book Review:

By Pearl in 5L

Name: *The Danger Gang*

Theme: Superpowers

Author: Tom Fletcher

Rating: 9/10

'I recommend this to a person who likes the mix of comedy, adventure and friendship. I liked the child humour and the giant hamster! Other people will like it because of the cool powers. If you liked 'The Christmasaurus' then you will want this book! I loved it!'



Visits to Galleywood Library

- Year 5 have booked class visits to Galleywood Library.
- 5O will be visiting in the 24th May and 5L on the 14th June, both in the afternoon.
- We would love some parent volunteers to accompany us if you happen to be free! Please speak directly to the class teachers involved.

Our Values Champions

Value Award

Name _____ Class _____



Value Award

Name _____ Class _____



Value Award

Name _____ Class _____



Value Award

Name _____ Class _____



Congratulations to the following children for receiving a St. Michael's Value Award during the last fortnight:

These children have received a 'Love' Value Award: Belle (4M)

These children have received a 'Respect' Value Award: Ethan (4M) Max (6S), Sophie (6S)

These children have received a 'Faith' Value Award: Marleigh (4M)

These children have received a 'Courage' Value Award: Mia (4M) James (3W), Max (6S), Sophie (6S)

Times Table Rockstar Results

Times Tables Rockstar Leader board – Week ending 22.04.22

	First	Second	Third
Year 3 most improved	Isabella A	Joseph R	Ennis C
Year 3 most correct answers	Ennis C	Florence K	Arlo M
Year 4 most improved	Grace B	Ray D	Alyssa S
Year 4 most correct answers	Radinu W	Giselle B	Ray D
Year 5 most improved	Caleb O	Kadi L	
Year 5 most correct answers	Caleb O	Finley N	Roshni B
Year 6 most improved	Nathan E		
Year 6 most correct answers	Nathan E	Marley C	

Year 4	100
Year 3	50
Year 5	18
Year 6	3

Times Tables Rockstar Leader board – Week ending 29.04.22

	First	Second	Third
Year 3 most improved	Grace C	Rosie W	Evelyn V
Year 3 most correct answers	Arlo M	Florence K	Olivia W
Year 4 most improved	Ronni A	Lilly-Rose D	Noah L
Year 4 most correct answers	Radinu W	Analia G	Leo H
Year 5 most improved	Keira S	Kadi L	Dougie C
Year 5 most correct answers	Joseph N	Caleb O	Amy F
Year 6 most improved			
Year 6 most correct answers	Amelie R	Marley C	

Year 5	145
Year 4	131
Year 3	96
Year 6	21

What a jam-packed newsletter! There is so much going on in school and the days are whizzing by with plenty of trips and exciting events ahead.

I hope that you have a restful weekend – and that the sun shines for us!

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Orton