

Friday 10th June 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,



A message from Mrs Prigg

Welcome back to the last half term of this academic year. I hope that you had a lovely half term, enjoying the Platinum Jubilee celebrations and perhaps even joining the crowds in London!

I am really pleased that we have been able to hold events that the School Councillors have been working so hard on, the next venture for them is to finish the painting of the picnic benches, in the Quiet Area. They have worked really hard in their roles and they have been great ambassadors for their classes.

Important dates for your diary

Summer Term:

22 nd June	Parent Voice 3
29 th June	Year 5 taster day at GBHS
1 st July	Reports out to parents
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	Sandon induction day
8 th July	Year 4 back from the residential
13 th July	Sports day
15 th July	Year 6 Leavers Festival (organised by parents)
16 th July	SMASH Summer Fayre
18 th July	Open afternoon/meet the new teacher (3:30pm-4:30pm) (more details to follow)
20 th July	Year 6 Leaver's service at the church
21 st July	Last day of term.

Dinner Menu

Next week's menu will be week 2.

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

Talking Angela and **Talking Tom** have been popular apps for children for nearly 10 years and have just started to gain interest again. They are designed for children but

Talking Tom features animal abuse – hitting/kicking cats and other pets.

Talking Angela has a 'child mode' which needs to be activated – If not there is an open messaging facility activated where strangers can contact your children.

My Family Digital Toolkit

Internet matters offer an internet safety toolkit that can be adapted to suit your family's internet safety needs e.g. age of children , apps and websites used.

Follow the link below for more information:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/digital-family-toolkit/>

The Wayback VR Experience

We are excited to be part of an exciting new reading programme using the Wayback Virtual Reality technology. The Essex Year of Reading has offered this exciting new product to some Essex schools to link aspects of reminiscence and reading, and to support intergenerational connectivity between young people and seniors, including those living with dementia. Using VR technology, the Jubilee program will transport pupils back to the year of the Queen's coronation and provide a common thread of conversation with older people to form part of the wider Jubilee celebrations. Intergenerational Club members will receive their viewing boxes within the next week and this exciting project can then begin.



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

TINNED FISH
TINNED CUSTARD
TINNED POTATOES
TINNED TOMATOES
TINNED SPAGHETTI
TINNED RICE PUDDING
TINNED MEAT AND MEAT PIES (EXCLUDING CORNED BEEF AND LUNCHEON MEAT)
PASTA SAUCE
SPONGE PUDDINGS
JAM/SPREADS
COFFEE - SMALL/MEDIUM JARS
INSTANT CUSTARD POWDER SACHETS

NON-FOOD ITEMS

WASHING CAPSULES

Remembering Mr Jonathan – The Memorial Bench

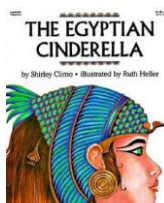
On Monday of this week, James of Black Bear Bespoke Furniture delivered the memorial bench to school that he designed and made to help us to mark Mr Jonathan's service to St Michael's. It is fair to say that we were completely blown away by it – it is truly beautiful. It will be positioned in a sunny spot on the perimeter of the playground in the next week where it will be blessed by Reverend David. We can't wait for the children to be able to make good use of it. Thank you for your support with bringing this idea to fruition.



All Things Reading!

Year 3 Recommends...

Before half-term, Year 3 read 'Egyptian Cinderella'. We all loved the beautiful illustrations and were so impressed with the word 'din' that everyone was using it in their own writing! We were not a fan of the ending though and had a long discussion about what didn't sit right with us (spoiler: she marries a total stranger just because he's a pharaoh). We were so cross with the ending that the children suggested we use it as a Write for 10 so they could rewrite how they wanted it to end. Even though we have moved onto other narratives now, the children are still linking these texts back to Egyptian Cinderella, I think it will take some time for us to get over this book.



Plans for a new library area in school!

- A partition wall has now been put up behind the curtain in the hall to make a new library space.
- Watch this space as Mrs Prigg, Mrs Maxwell and Mrs Orton get creative with the organisation of our new space!

Book Reviews needed please!

I'd love some more book reviews to share in the newsletter. Please encourage your child to review a book that they've read recently and pass it on to Mrs Orton.

Visits to Galleywood Library

- Class 5O visited Galleywood Library on the Tuesday before half term and had a great time.
- We recited the whole of 'The Pobble Who Has No Toes' by Edward Lear to the library staff and visitors who were suitably impressed!
- 5L are visiting next Tuesday.

Our Values Champions

Value Award

Name _____

Class _____



Value Award

Name _____

Class _____



Value Award

Name _____

Class _____



Value Award

Name _____

Class _____



St. Michael's Value Awards are building up fast this week – we will have an update on the pupils who have been awarded these in the next newsletter.

'Gotta Dance'

On the 24th May 2022, we took two groups - Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 to the Civic Theatre, Chelmsford to perform on stage at Gotta Dance. They had all trained so hard with lunch rehearsals and late rehearsals to be ready and confident for the performance. Both of our groups were able to watch the 1st half of the show then, go backstage for the 2nd half where they were performing. Year 3/4 were amazing and they also had Maisie, Georgie and Eden from Year 6 on stage with them. Year 5/6 closed the show with their performance and again, so powerful. Me and Callan are so proud of them all and massive thank you to Callan for all his help. Myself, Callan, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Abercromby, and Mr Sturton all came down to help with the children as well as some helpers who have left St Michael's but returned to help support in dance classes and at the show.

Miss Taverner



A 'lambush' on our field!

On Wednesday the 25th of May, Mr and Mrs Richer, Elizabeth in 6S' parents, visited our school with 2 of their ewes (Lexi and Luna) and 7 lambs (some of the lambs had names as well as numbers: they were: Floppy, Benjamin, JJ, Gnasher and Lois). They were approximately 6 weeks old and some had been bottle fed and were tame enough to be held. Mr and Mrs Richer needed a license to transport them to use in their trailer and they set up a pen for them on our field. Each class went out to visit them and it was a great experience and a lot of fun because we were allowed to stroke them and could ask lots of questions. At lunchtime they were getting hungry and so were taken back to the farm. We want to say a huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Richer for making this experience possible.

By Elizabeth and Chloe (Year 6)



Times Table Rockstar Results

Times Tables Rockstar Leader board – Week ending 20.05.22

	First	Second	Third
Year 3 most improved	Evelyn V	Benjamin M	Matylida S
Year 3 most correct answers	Ennis C	Florence K	Arlo M
Year 4 most improved	Grace B	Annabella PY	Dayana M
Year 4 most correct answers	Radinu W	Analía G	Chloe S
Year 5 most improved	Finley N	Scarlet WN	
Year 5 most correct answers	Scarlet WN	Tienne-Mai S	Noah H
Year 6 most improved	Alessandro E		
Year 6 most correct answers	Oscar L	Alessandro E	Marley C

Year 4	112
Year 3	64
Year 5	53
Year 6	8

It has been a lovely week back in school after the Platinum Jubilee weekend – I do hope that you all had a chance to enjoy the festivities.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Orton