

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,



## A message from Mrs Prigg

Even though the end of term is nearing, we still have a few busy weeks ahead, please make note of all the events coming up.

As you can see from the photos, the Colour Run was a huge success and the Jubilee day was enjoyed by everyone, thank you to everyone that worked hard to ensure it was a memorable day!

This week, singing and dancing has flooded the school as the year 6 production is well under way and there is a feeling of excitement in the school.

## Important dates for your diary Summer Term:

29 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 taster day at GBHS
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Reports out to parents
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 evening production performance (7pm)
5 <sup>th</sup> July	GBHS transition (more details to follow)
6 <sup>th</sup> July	GBHS transition (more details to follow)
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 residential
7 <sup>th</sup> July	GBHS transition (more details to follow)
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 evening production performance (7pm)
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Sandon induction day
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 back from the residential
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports day
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Festival (organised by parents)
16 <sup>th</sup> July	SMASH Summer Fayre
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Open afternoon/meet the new teacher (3:30pm-4:30pm) (more details to follow)
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leaver's service at the church
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of term.

## Dinner Menu

Next week's menu will be 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/ilEmThl> .

### **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/>.

### **Safeguarding**



**eSafetyTraining**  
'The 2 Johns'

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July, in the evening 'The 2 John's' will be running a virtual parent's workshop on dangers surrounding the latest apps and websites children are accessing. They will also share tips on how to talk to your children about online safety – often 'You're banned from your phone' doesn't work as it discourages your children to talk to you about something they may be worried about as they fear 'losing' their phone. For more information or to book a place please call the Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service on 03002470014.

### **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

### **Classes in September**

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July, your child/children's report will be sent home in a sealed envelope – the teachers work really hard on putting these together and I am sure you will be proud of all the comments. In addition, there will be an insert in the envelope letting you know who your child's/children's class teacher will be, in September.

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July, your child/children will be spending the morning with their new teacher in their new classroom and on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July, after school (3.30 – 4.30pm) you will be able to collect your child/children as usual and then return to school to visit their new classroom and their new teacher. ....The front playground will remain open on this day so that you can access the school from there, once you have collected your child.

## **Intergeneration Work – St Michael’s as the hub for Galleywood’s Dementia Friendly Community**

### **Returning to Manor Lodge!**

We have been given the green light to return to Manor Lodge for a visit – this is very exciting news for us! Intergenerational Club are planning a shared picnic which we hope will happen this half term. Watch this space!

### **Year 3’s Visit to Kew Gardens**

Braving the extreme heat and with the smell of sun cream freshly applied, on Friday 17th June, Year 3 went to Kew Gardens. We looked at all the plants we had been learning about in our science lessons and were even able to experience the Rainforest climate in one of the greenhouses. We walked above the trees inside and outside, although the Tree Top Walk was a tad wobbly! The children were all superb and it was a joy to be out of school learning with them.



## **SEN**

There are many agencies and resources to support families and children with special educational needs. here are two to bear in mind:

### **Families In Focus**



[Families In Focus \(Essex\) \(familiesinfocusessex.org.uk\)](http://familiesinfocusessex.org.uk)

#### Families In Focus (Essex)

We are a leading independent parent led registered charity providing holistic support to families of children with disabilities and special needs (aged 0 to 25) across Essex, who require advice, information and support, particularly at times of change, challenge and crisis.

[www.familiesinfocusessex.org.uk](http://www.familiesinfocusessex.org.uk)

### **Essex Local Offer**

You will find a vast amount of resources on this website including details of the SEND roadshows that are currently taking place in Essex where you can meet people from the local authority SEND teams face to face! Follow the link for more information.

<https://www.essexlocaloffer.org.uk/>



#### [Home - Essex Local Offer](http://www.essexlocaloffer.org.uk/)

Services and support for special educational needs and disability. Over two thousand services, organisations, news articles, events, useful resources, and downloadable files.

[www.essexlocaloffer.org.uk](http://www.essexlocaloffer.org.uk)

## All Things Reading!

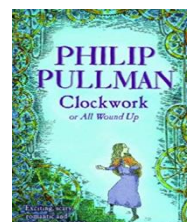
### Plans for a new library area in school!

- Mrs Maxwell is busy sorting out and categorising the fiction books in the old library – this is a big job and we think she's marvellous!
- We are considering shelving options for the new library space.

### Year 5 Recommends...

In Year 5, we have spent the last two weeks reading 'Clockwork' by Phillip Pullman. It had us gripped from the off and we have looked forward to each reading lesson. It is a story within a story and the plot thickens with every page! This blurb sums it up nicely:

***'A tormented apprentice clock-maker, a deadly mechanical knight in armour - and the sinister Dr Kalmenius, who some say is the devil ... Wind up these characters, fit them into a story on a cold winter's evening, with the snow swirling down, and suddenly life and the story begin to merge in a peculiarly macabre - and unstoppable - way.'***



### Galleywood Library



Jo from Galleywood Library is leading our assembly next Thursday and will be introducing the Summer Reading Challenge to us.

### Our Values Champions

Value Award

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



Value Award

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



Value Award

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



Value Award

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



**Congratulations to the following children who received a St Michael's Value Award over the last fortnight:**

These children have received a 'Love' Value Award:

Esmae (3W), Finley (3W) Evie (3W) Alex (4M) Laura (5O)

These children have received a 'Courage' Value Award:

Ben (3W), Matilda (3W)



**Colour Run to mark the Platinum Jubilee**



## Times Table Rockstar Results

### Times Tables Rockstar Leader board – Week ending 10.06.22

	<b>First</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Third</b>
<b>Year 3 most improved</b>	Sofia AM	Peony G	Rosie W
<b>Year 3 most correct answers</b>	Isabella S	Evelyn V	Florence K
<b>Year 4 most improved</b>	Noah L	Archie D	Anika S
<b>Year 4 most correct answers</b>	Radinu W	Finley S	Analía G
<b>Year 5 most improved</b>	Dougie C		
<b>Year 5 most correct answers</b>	Caleb O	Dougie C	Amelia C
<b>Year 6 most improved</b>			
<b>Year 6 most correct answers</b>	Tommy W		

Year 4	136
Year 3	124
Year 5	14
Year 6	2

### Times Tables Rockstar Leader board – Week ending 17.06.22

	<b>First</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Third</b>
<b>Year 3 most improved</b>	Peony G	Lewis N	Harper C
<b>Year 3 most correct answers</b>	Florence K	Peony G	Arlo M
<b>Year 4 most improved</b>	Alfie LS	Bradán R	Ronni A
<b>Year 4 most correct answers</b>	Radinu W	Thomas G	Analía G
<b>Year 5 most improved</b>	Kaiden W	Keira S	Kenneth I
<b>Year 5 most correct answers</b>	Kenneth I	Kaiden W	Finley N
<b>Year 6 most improved</b>			
<b>Year 6 most correct answers</b>	Marley C		

Year 4	256
Year 3	45
Year 5	13
Year 6	0

This half term is flying by! This point of the school year has a great buzz to it – wherever we are in school, we can hear Year 6 singing which is wonderful!

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

*Mrs Orton*