

Friday 8th July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,



A message from Mrs Prigg

This week has been packed full of memorable moments - the Year 6 Dress Rehearsal and two evening performances have been spectacular and the children have had so much fun performing them to different audiences. They should be really proud to be able to put on a performance of such a high standard – Well Done to them all.

I also spent Thursday at Mersea, enjoying the day activities with the year 4 children, who were having a fantastic time, eating a hearty breakfast and challenging themselves to complete the activities! One of the biggest challenges was to have a tidy tent!

Important dates for your diary Summer Term:

13th 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 Leavers' service at the church
21 st July	Last Day Of Term



Dinner Menu

Next week's menu will be 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/ilEmThl> .

School shoes - reminder

As you start to plan to buy uniform for the new term in September, please can I remind you about our smart school uniform and in particular about the footwear school rules. Children are to wear sensible, black shoes, not trainers or boots. Black trainers/black leather trainers are not suitable school shoes and must not be worn.

Please access the website: <http://st-michaels-jun.essex.sch.uk/>

Safeguarding



eSafetyTraining
'The 2 Johns'

On Monday 11th 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.

No Achievers' Assembly / Year 6 Leavers' service

Please note that there will be no Achievers' Assembly on Friday 15th July as the Year 6 children's production is being filmed that morning.

As term ends on Thursday 21st July there will be no more Achievers' assemblies to attend however, parents are welcome to attend our end of year assembly on Thursday 21st July instead at 9.05am.

Year 6 parents are welcome to attend the Year 6 Leavers' service in the church on Wednesday 20th July at 10am.

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

SUGAR
TINNED RICE (PUDDING)
TINNED FISH
TINNED FRUIT
TINNED POTATOES
TINNED SPAGHETTI
TINNED MEAT AND MEAT PIES (BUT NO CORNED BEEF OR LUNCHEON MEAT)
LONG LIFE MILK
COFFEE - SMALL/MEDIUM JARS
INSTANT MASH POTATO (PACKETS AND MEDIUM BOXES)
PASTA SAUCE
SPONGE PUDDINGS
JAM AND MARMALADE
PACKETS OF BISCUITS
SAVOURY CRACKERS
SWEETS AND CHOCOLATE BARS

NON-FOOD ITEMS

KITCHEN ROLL
WASHING UP LIQUID
WASHING TABLETS
NAPPIES SIZE 6 AND LARGER

Cake Sale



The School Councillors are holding two more events before the end of term:

1. A Cake Sale - 50p/cake
Tuesday 12th July – years 5 and 6
Wednesday 13th July – Years 3 and 4

Cake sales are very popular so to try and prevent the children queueing for too long at breaktime we have decided to hold two cake sales for the different year groups (above).

2. Design a Book competition – the School Councillors are asking the children to design and write a book that can be displayed in our new library area - £1 to enter the competition – the teachers have spoken to the children about the rules of this competition.

SPORTS DAY – Wednesday 13th July – please see the detailed email sent out by Mr Leeding last week

A little plea – it looks like it could be a hot one next week and we wondered if anybody would be prepared to loan us several Gazebos to provide shade for the afternoon please? If you can, please let the office know – thank you in advance.

The children will need their PE kit, a sun hat, a water bottle and, if possible, a coloured T-shirt in their house colour (St George: Red, St David: Yellow, St Andrew: Blue, St Patrick: Green). Sun cream should be applied before they come to school.

Parents and adults can attend Sports Day. Adults will be welcome in school from 12.00am onwards on the 13th July. There will be a picnic lunch on the school field from 12:00am which you are welcome to bring and enjoy with your child. Please feel free to bring along a picnic blanket, chairs and umbrella if you wish. Please note that if your child normally has a school dinner, this will still be provided if required and if you are not able to attend, your child will sit with their classmates to enjoy the picnic. When packing for the picnic lunch, please remember that we are a nut aware school.

Please note – after the children have eaten their lunch they can play on the school field or the playground, the Gym Trails and exercise equipment will be out of bounds that day. Can we remind you that any younger siblings do need to be under your close supervision.

At the end of lunchtime, children will return to their classes for afternoon register. During this time, please make your way over to the marked out area on the near side of the running track. The children will then make their way on to the field and over to the far side of the running track in the care of their teachers. During the running of the event, please remain in the marked area and do not cross over the track to the children's area. Events will commence from 1.15pm. Please note that chairs will not be set out on the field for spectators. Once all the events have been completed, the children will return to class with their teachers and will leave the school via the front playground as usual.

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

Returning to Manor Lodge!

Intergenerational Club are in the throes of planning a picnic at Manor Lodge on the 19th July. The children want to play traditional party games while we’re there and have made their own ‘Pin the tail on the donkey’ - it promises to be an afternoon of fun!

Year 6’s Production of ‘Mary Poppins’

As I type, our Year 6 pupils are hard at work rehearsing for their end of primary school production of ‘Mary Poppins’. By the time you read this, their performances will be done and dusted and we’ll all be raving about how brilliantly they performed! See our next newsletter for a full run-down and some photographs of them in action...

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)

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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

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/>



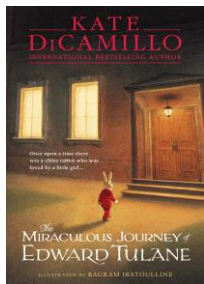
[Home - Essex Local OfferEssex Local Offer](http://www.essexlocaloffer.org.uk)

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

All Things Reading!

Year 4 Recommends...



'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane' by Kate DiCamillo

The magical story of the adventures of a lost toy rabbit from a New York Times bestselling author, twice winner of the Newbery Medal. Abilene loves her blue china rabbit, but Edward Tulane is extremely vain and only loves himself. On a voyage from New York to London, Edward falls overboard and from there finds himself on an amazing journey. He travels with tramps, works as a scarecrow, comforts a dying child ... and finally learns what it is to truly love.

Plans for a new library area in school!

- We're onto carpet choices now!
- We are looking forward to this being a useable library space from September.

Galleywood Library



Please sign up the Summer Reading Challenge over the holiday. The children have all received a bookmark detailing how to do this.

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:

Scarlet (50)

Times Table Rockstar Results

Times Tables Rockstar Leader board – Week ending 01.07.22

	First	Second	Third
Year 3 most improved	Arlo M	David B	Henry M
Year 3 most correct answers	Florence K	Ennis C	Henry M
Year 4 most improved	Alyssa S	Isidore I	Noah L
Year 4 most correct answers	Radinu W	Thomas G	Giselle B
Year 5 most improved	Amelia C	Somah L	Finley N
Year 5 most correct answers	Charlie F	Amelia C	Finley N
Year 6 most improved	Alya -Su K	Tamara H	Max H
Year 6 most correct answers	Elizabeth R	Frankey A	Tyler V

Year 4	425
Year 6	421
Year 3	36
Year 5	18

Mary Poppins, residential trips and class swap morning – what a fantastic time of year this is! With lots still to pack into the next fortnight, it promises to be a great end to this academic year. With the added bonus of sunshine too, there is lots to smile about!

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Orton