

# St. Michael's CE (VA) Junior School



Friday 21st October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

## A message from Mrs Prigg



What a lovely week we have had in school this week. Not only did we have a wonderful Harvest Festival at St Michael's Church but the children have also enjoyed an assembly with the Fire service, who visited on Tuesday.

Four School Ambassadors showed around visiting parents, during our Open morning and they did a great job! I was also privileged to be a 'Lucky Listener' this week as year 6 children found an adult to read to. Then, we have ended our week with a very colourful Rockstars day, which has been a lovely way to end the week.

Have a lovely half term everyone and see you on the 31<sup>st</sup> October.

## Important dates for your diary

### Autumn Term:

24 <sup>th</sup> October	Half-term
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Children return to school
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Tempest photography – Years 3, 5 and 6
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Tempest photography – year 4
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Service
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying week
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
20 <sup>th</sup> November	World Cup begins
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Year 5 parent meeting regarding 2023 Year 6 residential
30 <sup>th</sup> November	St Andrew's Day
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4 Christmas Production 5pm
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4 Christmas Production 2pm
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Wear a Christmas hat day in aid of Brain Tumour Research
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Carol Service at St Michael's Church (10am)
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of autumn term

### **Dinner Menu**

The menu when we return after the mid-term break will be week 1 of the new winter menu

### **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**

A worrying statistic came to light this week. In Essex, between Jan – July 2022, two thousand and eleven, self-generated images of a sexual nature were shared by 7 – 10-year-olds. Children are being persuaded by other children or adults to take inappropriate photos of themselves and share them. Once that photo is online, it is there forever. **The Internet Watch Foundation** are committed to stopping Online Sexual Child Abuse. Please look at their resource to help keep your child safe:

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

#### FIFA 23

With the recent release of FIFA 23 which is probably on many birthday or Christmas lists, The National Online Safety team have produced a guide for parents. Follow the link to read their advice:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/fifa-23>

### **Intergenerational Work – St Michael's as the hub for Galleywood's Dementia Friendly Community**

- Intergenerational Community Club will be attending the Wednesday Fellowship group at St Michael's Church on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.
- Community Club are also planning a charity Santa run – watch this space for further details!
- Mark from the Alzheimer's Society spoke to the children about dementia and how they can help people with dementia to live well. The children were insightful and asked thought-provoking questions.

### **SMASH**

Our first meeting will be on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm at the school.

## Food Bank Donations

Thank you for all of your food bank donations to date. Your Harvest Festival contributions were very gratefully received. As Rev. David told us at our church service this week, having an 'attitude of gratitude' is very important. We are continuing to collect via our boxes in the front foyer and the following items are currently required:

### FOOD ITEMS

- TINNED RICE (PUDDING)
- LONG LIFE MILK
- COFFEE - SMALL/MEDIUM JARS
- INSTANT MASH POTATO (PACKETS AND MEDIUM BOXES)
- SPONGE PUDDINGS
- SWEETS AND CHOCOLATE BARS
- TINNED FRUIT
- TINNED FISH
- TINNED POTATOES
- CUSTARD - TINNED AND SACHETS
- TINNED MEAT
- BAKED BEANS
- JAMS/PRESERVES
- BISCUITS
- FRUIT SQUASH
- BREAKFAST CEREAL
- SOUP
- PULSES
- TINNED SPAGHETTI
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- TEABAGS - 40 OR 80
- UHT FRUIT JUICE
- UHT MILK
- RICE

### NON-FOOD ITEMS

- SHAMPOO - MENS AND LADIES
- SHOWER GEL - MENS AND LADIES
- DEODORANT - LADIES
- NAPPIES - SIZE 5 AND LARGER
- TOILET ROLLS
- CLEANING MATERIALS

Community Club will be helping with the Food Bank's 'Reverse Advent' this year. Further details of this can be found here: <https://chelmsford.foodbank.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/99/2019/10/Reverse-Advent-Calendar.pdf>



**Reverse ADVENT CALENDAR**

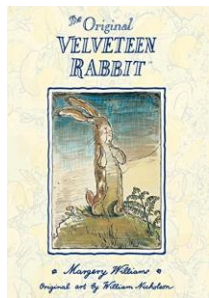
1<sup>st</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER Help us help those in need this Christmas! Grab a bag or a box and pop something in it each day for Foodbank. Please get your donations to us by 2<sup>nd</sup> December to give us chance to get the goodies out!  
Warehouse: 450 Beehive Lane, CM2 8RN, open Mon, Weds, Fri 10-12.30  
THANK YOU!

<b>1</b> Tinned Potatoes	<b>2</b> Christmas pudding	<b>3</b> Tin / packet custard	<b>4</b> Tinned Ham	<b>5</b> Iced Christmas Cake	<b>6</b> Tinned Fruit
<b>7</b> Coffee	<b>8</b> Gravy / Stuffing	<b>9</b> Box of Chocolates	<b>10</b> Tinned Salmon	<b>11</b> Christmas Chocolate log	<b>12</b> Long Life Fruit Juice
<b>13</b> Tinned Vegetables	<b>14</b> Jelly	<b>15</b> Savoury snacks eg twiglets	<b>16</b> Tea bags	<b>17</b> Box of biscuits	<b>18</b> Packets mashed potatoes
<b>19</b> Bottle of squash	<b>20</b> Sweets / treats	<b>21</b> Chocolate Selection pack	<b>22</b> Mince Pies	<b>23</b> UHT milk	<b>24</b> Tinned Meat

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## All Things Reading!

### Year 4 Recommends...



**'The Velveteen Rabbit'** by Margery Williams

In the nursery, only the toys that are old and wise truly understand what it means to be Real. The Velveteen Rabbit, a newcomer to the nursery, asks one of the most knowledgeable toys, the Skin Horse, what being Real means. Therefore, begins the Velveteen Rabbit's journey towards becoming real – through the love of a child.

### Library update

- Classes have regular slots for visiting the library now – it is lovely to see it being used and enjoyed.

### The Book Trust

Every month, the Book Trust read and review latest book releases. You can see these reviews here:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/best-new-books/>

### Galleywood Library

The following regular activities on at Galleywood Library on Saturdays are:

**Saturday Crafts** – 10am-12pm – come and make a simple craft

**Block Builders** – 2-4pm – come and create something with Duplo or Lego  
(Every first Saturday of the month)

**Saturday Story Time** 10.30 – 11am – come and listen to some stories.

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October (half term) – 2.30 – 4.30** – World Inside a Book – celebrating the stories of Julia Donaldson with a trail, crafts and story time. No need to book, free drop in session

### Our Values Champions

Value Award

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_



Value Award

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_



Value Award

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_



Value Award

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_



**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:

Cian (3R), Davion (3M) Rae (3M) Reggie (3M) Oliver C(3M) Harper (4MB) Bella S (4MB)

These children have received a 'Faith' Value Award:

Florence (4MB) Jess (6O)

These children have received a 'Courage' Value Award:

Sophia (3M) Bobby (4MB)

## Times Table Rockstar Results

### **Times Tables Rockstar Leader board – Week ending 07.10.22**

	<b>First</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Third</b>
<b>Year 3 most improved</b>	Isla M	Bradley S	Lilly T
<b>Year 3 most correct answers</b>	Zakariya H	Edward T	Sydney T
<b>Year 4 most improved</b>	Vilakshan T	Zoe I	Harper C
<b>Year 4 most correct answers</b>	Nyren I	Jessica M	Zoe I
<b>Year 5 most improved</b>	Marleigh B		
<b>Year 5 most correct answers</b>	Radinu W	Giselle B	Analia G
<b>Year 6 most improved</b>	Dougie C		
<b>Year 6 most correct answers</b>	Dylan TW	Laura M	Dougie C

Year 5	64
Year 4	64
Year 3	58
Year 6	7

### **Times Tables Rockstar Leader board – Week ending 14.10.22**

	<b>First</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Third</b>
<b>Year 3 most improved</b>	Georgia HBB	Max H	Harrison S
<b>Year 3 most correct answers</b>	David H	Edward T	Zakariya H
<b>Year 4 most improved</b>	Israel N	Milly D	Rosie W
<b>Year 4 most correct answers</b>	Benjamin M	Florence K	Nyren I
<b>Year 5 most improved</b>	George T	Daisy C	Freya S
<b>Year 5 most correct answers</b>	Radinu W	Giselle B	Aaron M
<b>Year 6 most improved</b>	Joseph N	Tienne-Mai S	Sam H
<b>Year 6 most correct answers</b>	Joseph N	Roshni B	Scarlet WN

Year 5	87
Year 3	77
Year 4	74
Year 6	33



## Manor Lodge Visit

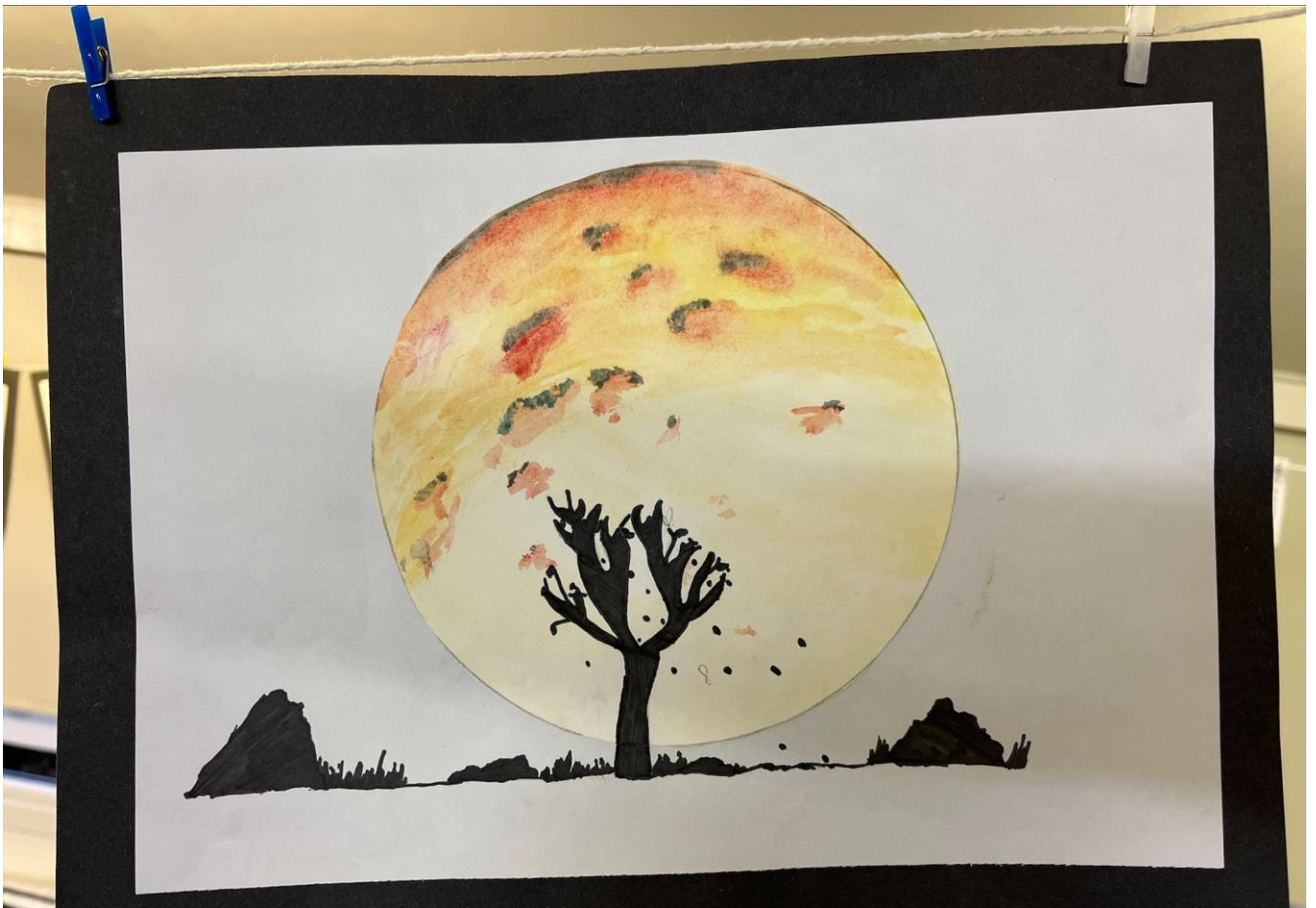
On the 11th October, 5J had their first visit to Manor Lodge. On this first visit, we were given the opportunity to get to know the residents and talk to them about their lives – we even wrote some lovely letters to the residents in their life storybooks. We asked lots of questions and have lots of stories to tell about our new friends! We cannot wait for our next visit in December.



## Harvest Festival

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>, we all walked to the church for our annual Harvest Festival. Led by our Worship Leaders and Rev. David and accompanied by our music extraordinaire, Mrs Maxwell, we were treated to a thanksgiving service jam-packed with poetry, singing, artwork and prayer. It was lovely to see so many parents there too.





We have reached the end of a very busy half term in school. Our Year 3 children have settled in beautifully, Year 6 have been on holiday and all year groups have discussed, written, read, calculated and thought themselves through seven weeks of learning fun!

I hope you have a lovely half-term and that the children recharge their batteries for all that November and December holds in store in school!

Yours sincerely,

*Mrs. Orton*