

St. Michael's CE (VA) Junior School



Friday 11th November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

A message from Mrs Prigg



Firstly, can I thank all the parents for the kind, sweet treats that were sent in last week – they were gratefully received!

We have had so many proud moments in school over the last few weeks – the children have been working incredibly hard and they have been to show me their incredible work. Some of our new School Ambassadors have shown visitors around the school and today, we have all watched the Year 5 children lead their Remembrance Service, which was joyful and a proud moment for us all to see the children perform with such courage and confidence.

Important dates for your diary

Autumn Term:

14 th November	Anti-bullying week
15 th November	Year 5 parent meeting regarding 2023 Year 6 residential
18 th November	Children in Need
20 th November	World Cup begins
30 th November	St Andrew's Day
7 th December	Year 4 Christmas Production 5pm
8 th December	Year 4 Christmas Production 2pm
8 th December	Intergenerational Christmas Singalong 3:30pm
14 th December	Christmas Lunch
14 th December	Wear a Christmas hat day in aid of Brain Tumour Research
15 th December	Christmas Carol Service at St Michael's Church (10am)
20 th December	Last day of Autumn Term

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/> .

Dinner Menu

The menu next week will be week 3 of the new winter menu

Safeguarding

Antibullying Week

Next week we will be supporting the Antibullying Alliance's 'Reach Out' antibullying message. There will be a whole school assembly on Monday where we will be wearing our odd socks to celebrate our differences and uniqueness (and we can keep them on all day!)

During the week every class will have lessons and activities with their class teacher to reinforce this important message.



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> .

Children in Need - Friday 18th November 2022

On this day, the children can come to school dressed in non-uniform, preferably something yellow and/or spotty! We are requesting a £1 donation which will go directly to Children In Need charities.

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

- Community Club are also planning a charity Santa run – watch this space for further details!
- We are in the throes of organising a **Christmas Carol intergenerational singalong** in the school hall on the 8th December. We want to include relatives of St Michael's pupils and members of our wider Galleywood community too. More details to follow.
- Maureen from The Food Bank visited Community Club yesterday to give us some insight into how the Reverse Advent works.

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

- COFFEE - SMALL AND MEDIUM JARS
 - TEA BAGS 40S AND 80S
 - LONG LIFE MILK
 - LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE
 - BOTTLE OF SUQASH
 - TINNED MEAT E.G. CHICKEN IN SAUCE, CURRY, SPAGHETTI BOLOGNAISE, HOT DOGS
 - TINNED MEAT HAM/COLD MEAT
 - TINNED SALMON
 - FOOD THAT CAN BE MICROWAVED (I.E. NOT OVEN COOKED)
 - TINNED VEG
 - TINNED POTATOES
 - INSTANT MASHED POTATOES
 - GRAVY / STUFFING
 - TINNED FRUIT
 - SPONGE PUDDINGS (NOT REFRIGERATED)
 - CUSTARD - TINNED AND INSTANT SACHETS
 - CHOCOLATE LOG
 - ICED CHRISTMAS CAKE
 - CHRISTMAS PUDDING
 - SAVOURY SNACKS
 - BOX OF BISCUITS
 - SWEETS / TREATS
 - CHOCOLATE SELECTION PACK
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- MINCE PIES (NON-ALCOHOLIC)

NON-FOOD ITEMS

- 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>



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

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St Michael's Sports report

Boccia and Curling competition – 7th November 2022

Curling written by Marleigh and Frankie (5D)

'The thing that was interesting was that you had to work really hard to make sure that you had to get your stone into the middle of the flat target on the ground – we did really well'.

Boccia written by George and Finley – year 5

'Boccia is played indoors with soft balls.....we went to Chelmsford Sports Athletics Centre and played against at least six other schools. We won the first match, drew the second, lost the third, won the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh match! We came first overall. Thank you to Mr Evans because he cheered us on. We had a great time'.



Wednesday Fellowship Group Visit – St Michael's Church

On the 2nd November, Community Club visited our church to attend the Fellowship Group and work collaboratively with the members there to produce decorations for the upcoming Christmas Tree Festival. It was a joyous occasion – there was lots of glitter, glue, chatting and biscuit eating! How lovely to see different generations working together in this way – we hope to return later on in this academic year.



Our Values Champions



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), Vinnie (3M) Harper (4MB) Bella S (4MB) Edmund (3R) Madeleine (6O), Jake James Moccock (5D)

These children have received a 'Respect' Value Award:

Grace (5J)

These children have received a 'Faith' Value Award:

Jack U(3M) Arabella (3M) Oliver B(3M) Florence (4MB) Amelia (6S) Freddie (6S)

These children have received a 'Courage' Value Award:

Jack U (3M) Kylan (3M) Arabella (3M) Oliver B(3M) Bobby (4MB), Georgia-Rose (3R) Freya T (6S) Roman (6S) Ben (6O) Rose (6O)

Times Table Rockstar Results

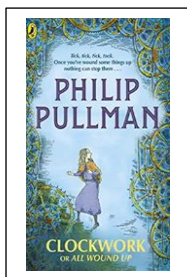
Times Tables Rockstar Leader board – Week ending 04.11.22

	First	Second	Third
Year 3 most improved	Blake N	Zara B	Edward T
Year 3 most correct answers	Edward T	Promise CJ	Aiden B
Year 4 most improved	Finley C	Evie C	Abigail R
Year 4 most correct answers	Ben M	Flo K	Abigail R
Year 5 most improved	Analia G	Chloe S	Finley S
Year 5 most correct answers	Radinu W	Giselle B	Analia G
Year 6 most improved			
Year 6 most correct answers	Dylan TW		

Year 4	48
Year 5	36
Year 3	20
Year 6	2

All Things Reading!

Year 5 Recommends...



**'Clockwork'
by Phillip
Pullman**

Tick, tock, tick, tock! Some stories are like that. Once you've wound them up, nothing will stop them...

Year 5 have started reading Clockwork by Phillip Pullman, discussing the meaning of clockwork and how it has evolved over time.

Visiting our local library

- 3R visited Galleywood Library on Tuesday afternoon – we love having this valuable resource within walking distance.

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.

PLEA FOR CREATIVE WRITERS!

Galleywood Library would like to host a regular creative writing group for young people, which will be an informal, fun way for children who are interested in writing to be able to develop their skills at the library. They hope to be able to offer the chance to create some pieces of writing in the library and also maybe assist children in entering some writing competitions, if they wish to do this! The emphasis is on helping the children to develop their writing in their own style at their own pace and there are no rules or homework! If this is something that you think your child might be interested in, please let me know and I can provide further details.

Two weeks in school since half term and these have whizzed by. It has certainly been a busy time and there is lots more excitement to come as teachers prepare for the construction of Christmas hoops which are a St Michael's tradition!

Have a restful weekend – here's hoping for less rain!

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Orton