

St. Michael's CE (VA) Junior School



Friday 25th November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

A message from Mrs Prigg



St Andrews Day – 30th November

Please note that the House Captains have shared with the children what happens on St Andrews Day in school. Any child in that house can come dressed in blue! On that day the St Andrew's House Captains will be setting up St Andrew's colouring at break and lunchtime, with pens and pencils as prizes! The house captains will be handing out lots of lovely stickers all day too. There will also be a cake sale, selling delicious school baked cakes for 50p!

Important dates for your diary

Autumn Term:

30th November	St Andrew's Day
2nd December	SMASH Movie Night – 'The Grinch'
7th December	Year 4 Christmas Production 5pm
8th December	Year 4 Christmas Production 2pm
8th December	Intergenerational Christmas Singalong 3:30pm
14th December	Christmas Lunch
14th December	Wear a Christmas hat day in aid of Brain Tumour Research
15th December	Christmas Carol Service at St Michael's Church (10am)
19th December	SMASH Christmas Run
20th December	Last day of Autumn Term

ATTENDANCE and Lateness

Please can I remind parents/carers that they have a legal responsibility to ensure their children receive full-time education. As I am sure parents will agree, attending every school session ensures their children can benefit from all the wonderful teaching, learning and enrichment opportunities that our school has to offer and that these missed opportunities can really impact on their child's progress. As a reminder, I am sharing this information. If you have any questions regarding attendance please contact Mrs Prigg.

Attendance:

1 week missed = 25 hours of teaching missed

2 weeks = 50 hours missed

Attendance Percentages:

100% Attendance = 0 days missed

95% Attendance = 10 days missed

90% Attendance = 20 days missed

Under 90% = your child is 'Persistently absent'

85% = 30 days missed

80% = 40 days missed

Lateness:

5 minutes late everyday = 3 days lost each year

10 minutes late everyday = 6.5 days lost each year

15 minutes = 10 days lost each year

Safeguarding

The National Online Safety Organisation has many helpful resources available for parents navigating the huge responsibility of keeping children safe online. One of the most helpful pages has guides for many online apps and games children may use – so if you would like to increase your knowledge of what your children are using, please use the following link.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides>



Dinner Menu

The menu next week will be week 2 of the new winter menu

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> .

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

Intergenerational Christmas Singalong



Thursday 8th December 3:30 - 4:30pm

St Michael's Junior School

We are a Dementia Friendly School

Come and join us to sing a mixture of traditional carols and your favourite Christmas songs led by St Michael's Junior School choir.



Refreshments will be served

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

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>

1st - 24th 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 2nd 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!

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

Times Table Rockstar Results

Times Tables Rockstar Leader board – Week ending 18.11.22

	First	Second	Third
Year 3 most improved	Isaac M	Zara B	Henry BG
Year 3 most correct answers	Bradley S	Evy J	Harrison C
Year 4 most improved	Grace C	Miliana P	Jayden DSL
Year 4 most correct answers	Henry M	Nyren I	Benjamin M
Year 5 most improved			
Year 5 most correct answers	Analia G	Alfie LS	Giselle B
Year 6 most improved	Dougie C	Kenneth I	
Year 6 most correct answers	Kenneth I	Roshni B	Dougie C

Year 4	266
Year 3	46
Year 6	26
Year 5	22

Our Values Champions

Value Award



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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:

Edward T (3R)

These children have received a 'Faith' Value Award:

Evelyn (4MB)

These children have received a 'Courage' Value Award:

Abigail 4MB, Betsy 4MB, Jannah (6O), Rose (6O)

Events in our local community:



Remembrance in Year 5

Year 5 have been sewing their own poppies. They used either a running stitch or a back stitch to sew their felt together and then stuffed them. You may have seen the poppies at the front of the school too – they are a beautiful tribute.



This fortnight's prayer:

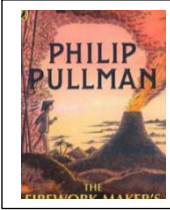
Dear Heavenly Father,

Help us to smile throughout the day,
To appreciate the food given,
Help us to respect everyone and always be courageous.

Amen. (6S)

All Things Reading!

Year 4 Recommends...



**'The
Firework
Maker's
Daughter'
by Phillip
Pullman**

Year 4 have started reading 'The Firework-maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman. It tells us how Lila pursues her dream of being a firework-maker herself.

'I really like it because of the elephant and the friends that Lila has. I also find it a little scary and I enjoy scary books.'

'I like it because there is a lot of action and there are 2 stories that are happening at once'

'I like it because it keeps me on the edge of my seat and I never know what is going to happen next.'

Winter Reading Challenge



Pick up your booklet from any Essex library, and complete six challenges for a free reward!

Find out more at libraries.essex.gov.uk



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.

Huge THANK YOU!

Mrs Hanberger, who is our artistic whizz in school, has turned her hand to a spot of mural painting in our new library. She has blown us all away with her efforts – it has lifted the whole space. We have plans for a BFG wall next – there is no end to her talents!



Hoop fever has hit St Michael's this week as classes have constructed their 'Christmas films' themed masterpieces – look out for them in the hall next week!

Have a fun-packed weekend.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Orton

