

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



Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

## A message from Mrs Prigg



It has been quite a quiet week with lots of hard work going on around the school. Year 5 have been writing poetry, which has been excellent, and 6S have been making clay pots which has been a really lovely experience for the children, one they have found quite soothing! I will look forward to seeing all of the year 6 end products!

Please look out for a letter that I have sent today regarding the possible strike action, starting next week.

## Important dates for your diary

### Spring Term:

7th February	E-Safety Day
8th February	Parents' Evening (3:40-7pm)
9th February	Parents' Evening (3:40-6pm)
13th February	Half-term
20th February	INSET Day
21st February	Children return to school
22nd February	Ash Wednesday service in school (pupils and teachers only)
1st March	St David's Day
2nd March	World Book Day – Details to follow
16th March	Red Nose Day
17th March	St Patrick's Day
29th March	Year 4 parent meetings regarding Mersea residential (2pm and 5pm)
30th March	Easter Service at St Michael's Church (10am)
31st March	Last day of Spring term

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUB – MINI MICHAEL'S

Please can parents support the school and the smooth running of the club by ensuring that they book their child in online, if possible, by 12pm on the day. Bookings can still be made by phoning the school in an emergency. If your account is not in credit, please note that the system will automatically cancel the booking at 12pm so please ensure that you pay for your child's sessions and that your account is in not in arrears.

Thank you for your support

Andrea Wolahan

## **Safeguarding**

**Tik Tok** – Before Christmas Tik Tok raised the age for young people to live stream on their platform from 16 to 18. The age limit to have a Tik Tok account remains at **13**. This was in response to the inappropriate videos being live streamed and viewed by younger children. We know that many of the children in school use Tik Tok, be it their own account or their parents, and it is vital that they are not viewing inappropriate material. The NSPCC have guidelines for parents. The link below will take you directly to their Tik Tok page.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/child-safe-settings-tiktok/>

## **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 2 of the new Spring menu.

## **Food Bank Donations**

Thank you for all of your food bank donations to date. For the month of January, the Food Bank has asked for donations to be paused as they take stock of the Christmas contributions.

## **Attendance**

Well done to 5J for the highest attendance this week.

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

Watch this club – our club starts again this week!

We are currently working on a detailed action plan alongside other key stakeholders in the local community to maintain our Dementia Friendly Community accreditation from the Dementia Action Alliance.

## 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: Amelia (6S), Nehzii (6O)

These children have received a 'Respect' Value Award: Edmund (3R), Joseph (6S) Sam (6S)

These children have received a 'Faith' Value Award: Bella (4MB)

These children have received a 'Courage' Value Award: Freya (6S), Ohije (6O)

## Times Table Rockstar Results

### Times Tables Rockstar Leader board – Week ending 20.01.23

	<b>First</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Third</b>
<b>Year 3 most improved</b>	Oliver B	Hollie L	Klara S
<b>Year 3 most correct answers</b>	Zakariya H	Bradley S	Lilly T
<b>Year 4 most improved</b>	Rhea P	Lewis N	Isabella S
<b>Year 4 most correct answers</b>	Henry M	Nyren I	Isabella S
<b>Year 5 most improved</b>	Mia WR	David O	Analia G
<b>Year 5 most correct answers</b>	Radinu W	Analia G	Aria G
<b>Year 6 most improved</b>	Callum S		
<b>Year 6 most correct answers</b>	Scarlet WN	Dougie C	Finn WN

Year 4	110
Year 5	104
Year 3	93
Year 6	31

### This fortnight's prayer: *The Lord's prayer*

*Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen*

## All Things Reading!

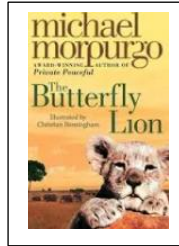
### **Galleywood Library**

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

**Saturday Crafts:** 10am-12pm

**Block Builders:** 2-4pm

## **Year 3 Recommends...**



**'The Butterfly Lion' by Michael Morpurgo**

A lyrical and moving tale of a young boy growing up in Africa, and his lifelong friendship with a white lion.

"All my life I'll think of you, I promise I will. I won't ever forget you."

Bertie rescues an orphaned white lion cub from the African veld. They are inseparable until Bertie is sent to boarding school far away in England and the lion is sold to a circus. Bertie swears that one day they will see one another again, but it is the butterfly lion which ensures that their friendship will never be forgotten.

## 5J visit Manor Lodge



Class 5J visited Manor Lodge on the 17<sup>th</sup> of January. The children spent time talking to residents and they did some colouring together. Lyn, who works at Manor Lodge and helps to organise our visits, was blown away by the empathy and compassion shown by our pupils. The children are looking forward to their next visit in February.

It has been another productive week in school – despite the dreary and cold weather, we are powering through January!

I hope that you have a superb weekend.

Yours sincerely,  
*Mrs Orton*