

St. Michael's CE (VA) Junior School



Friday 17th March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

A message from Mrs Prigg



Well done year 5 for fantastic bridge designs! I have also enjoyed reading some fantastic year 6 narratives recently and joining in with some Bollywood dancing during the Holi celebration!

Please add the next Parent Voice date to your diary – please see the details below on the last page. I look forward to seeing you there.

Important dates for your diary

Spring Term:

29th March	Year 4 parent meetings regarding Mersea residential (2pm and 5pm)
30th March	Easter Service at St Michael's Church (10am) - Parents are welcome
31st March	Last day of spring term

Summer Term:

17th April	Children return to school
23rd April	St George's Day
1st May	May Bank Holiday – school closed
8th May	Bank Holiday
9 th May	SATs Week for Year 6 pupils

Dinner Menu

The menu next week will be week 2 of the spring 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/>.

Car Booster Seats Wanted

Do you have a car booster seat that you no longer need? We occasionally find we have to transport younger children and would like to have a permanent stock of booster seats. Please if you have one to spare bring it in to the School Office. Thank you.

Safeguarding

This is a brilliant resource, which has pages for parents but also for children to navigate on their own. In the 8-10 section, there is a game children can play to teach them about online safety.

Welcome to CEOP Education

The National Crime Agency's CEOP Education team aim to help protect children and young people from online child sexual abuse.

We do this through our education programme, providing training, resources and information to professionals working with children, young people and their families.

Please click below to be taken to their site:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Food Bank Donations

Chelmsford Food Bank continue to welcome our donations. Any donations can be dropped into the box in the main entrance. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

FOOD ITEMS

- INSTANT MASHED POTATOES - LARGE SERVINGS
 - TINNED POTATOES
 - PASTA SAUCE
 - SPONGE PUDDINGS
 - TINNED RICE PUDDING
 - INSTANT CUSTARD PACKETS
 - CARTONS OF UHT/LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE
 - JAM
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- CHOCOLATE BISCUITS - E.G. KITKAT, PENGUIN

NON-FOOD ITEMS

- LAUNDRY TABLETS/PODS - ONLY IN THIS FORM (NOT LIQUID OR POWDER)
 - WASHING UP LIQUID
 - LIQUID SOAP/HANDWASH
 - BABY WIPES
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- MEN'S SHAVING FOAM/GEL AND SHAMPOO

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

- Community Club are busy making Easter cards to distribute to the local community as random acts of kindness.
- Our reaccreditation paperwork for being a Dementia Friendly Community is due to be submitted next week so watch this space!

All Things Reading!

World Book Day – Winners and Runners Up

Congratulations to those children who were chosen by their teachers as winners of the World Book Day fruit and vegetable sculptures. It was so hard to choose these as they were all fantastic!

Year 3:

Winner: Lola
Runners Up: Evy and Harrison

Year 4:

Winner: Rosie
Runners Up: Ben and Joshua

Year 5:

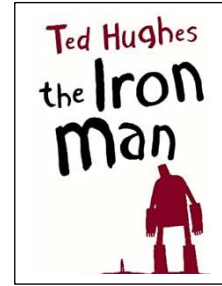
Winner: Charlotte
Runners Up: Malakai and Chloe

Year 6:

Winner: Sophie
Runners Up: Roan and Teddy

The winners each received a £5 book token to spend on a book of their choice.

Year 4 Recommends...



'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes

The Iron Man came to the top of the cliff.
Where had he come from? Nobody knows.
How was he made? Nobody knows.

Mankind must put a stop to the dreadful destruction by the Iron Man and set a trap for him, but he cannot be kept down. Then, when a terrible monster from outer space threatens to lay waste to the planet, it is the Iron Man who finds a way to save the world.

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: Florence (6O)

These children have received a 'Respect' Value Award: James (4MB), Joseph (6S)

These children have received a 'Faith' Value Award: Tilly (4MB), Roman (6S), Jess (6O)

These children have received a 'Courage' Value Award: Sophie (6S)

Times Table Rockstar Results

Times Tables Rockstar Leader board – Week ending 10.03.23

	First	Second	Third
Year 3 most improved	David H	Nazar C	Klara S
Year 3 most correct answers	Bradley S	Edward T	Lilly T
Year 4 most improved	Evelyn C	Milly D	Adeline H
Year 4 most correct answers	Israel N	Isabella S	Florence K
Year 5 most improved	Emma W	Analia G	Charlotte S
Year 5 most correct answers	Radinu W	Giselle B	Ella H
Year 6 most improved	Ashton B	Finn WN	Roshni B
Year 6 most correct answers	Roshni B	Ashton B	Nehzii T

Year 5	105
Year 3	104
Year 4	86
Year 6	42

Year 5 are building bridges!

Year 5 have been hard at work in their DT lessons. They started by building bridges out of spaghetti before moving onto using wooden dowels. The children had to be very precise when measuring and sawing their wood to ensure it would all fit together properly. They have worked so hard and are very pleased with their final outcomes!



Inter Primary Music Competition at GBHS

If you have entered your child for the inter primary music competition at GBHS, you will need to accompany your child on the day, but Mrs Maxwell will be there as well. Please let Mrs Maxwell know (via office email) who has entered, their instrument and performance piece. If you would like Mrs Maxwell to accompany your child, she will also need the music as soon as possible. The preferred option at the competition is a backing track and Mrs Maxwell would like these to be sent to the school office as well. Thank you in advance.

Marking Holi

Last week in school, we marked the Hindu festival of Holi by holding a very colourful non-uniform day. Mrs Stevens led us in an interactive assembly, involving paint – the children had a thoroughly lovely time. As part of this, Mrs Maxwell taught each class a Bollywood dancing routine – it would seem that there is no end to her talents!



Parent Voice – Monday 27th March at 9.45am

Understanding Behaviour – Social, Emotional and Mental Health

My spring Parent voice will be held on the above date and you are all very welcome. This meeting builds on the previous Parent Voice, which was about resilience in the home.

As always, younger siblings are welcome and there will be toys available in the hall alongside where the parents sit. Refreshments will be served. You do not need to book, please just turn up!

Preparations for our Easter Service at the church have started in school – this is a very special reflective time for us at St Michael's.

I wish you a lovely – and preferably rain-free- weekend!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Orton