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



# Dear Parents/Carers,

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023

# A message from Mrs Prigg Welcome back to the summer term. I hope you all enjoyed the Easter holidays and are looking forward to more of the lovely sunshine we have had this week! Please take note of some changes to the diary dates this term and the additional date for the Year 6 Leavers' service.

# Important dates for your diary

#### Summer Term:

1 <sup>st</sup> May	May Bank Holiday – school closed
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation – school closed
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs week begins
15 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> May	Dementia Action Week
15 <sup>th</sup> May	'Denim for Dementia' non uniform day
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Art day
29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half-term
5 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return to school
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
17 <sup>th</sup> June	SMASH summer fayre
28th <sup>–</sup> 30th June	Year 4 residential trip to Mersea
26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 transition days to Secondary school – to be confirmed
5 <sup>th</sup> July 7 <sup>th</sup> July 17 <sup>th</sup> July 20 <sup>th</sup> July 21 <sup>st</sup> July	SATs results Reports to parents Class Swap morning and Open afternoon Last day of Summer Term Year 6 Leavers' service at the Church – 9.30am INSET Day

# Our Website

Remember that you can access lots of important information on our website, which you may find useful. Please look on <u>http://st-michaels-jun.essex.sch.uk/</u>.

# **Safeguarding**

### **NSPCC**

The NSPCC have updated their parent pages. They provide advice and support on a variety of topics including; how to cope with tantrums, separation and divorce and talking to children about racism. Their site is well worth a look:

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/

#### <u>Dinner Menu</u>

Next week is Week 2 of the dinner menus.

#### **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**

- SPONGE PUDDINGS
- JARS OF INSTANT COFFEE SMALL (100G) ONLY
- INSTANT CUSTARD PACKETS AND TINS
- UHT MILK CARTONS
- CHOCOLATE BISCUIT BARS—EG KITKAT, PENGUIN
- PASTA SAUCE
- JAMS AND PRESERVES
- PACKETS INSTANT MASHED POTATOES—LARGE SERVINGS
- TINNED RICE PUDDING
- TINNED FRUIT
- CARTONS OF UHT/LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE
- TINNED PULSES

#### **NON-FOOD ITEMS**

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

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

Our latest action plan has been sent to the Dementia Action Alliance as part of our application to remain as the hub for a Dementia Friendly Community in Galleywood. Dementia Action Week starts on the 15<sup>th</sup> May and there will be many things going on in school to mark this – watch this space for more information.

#### Times Table Rockstar Results

	First	Second	Third
Year 3 most improved	Henry BG	Jack R	Patrick D
Year 3 most correct answers	Patrick D	Bradley S	Edward T
Year 4 most improved	Matilda E	James S	Olivia W
Year 4 most correct answers	Isabella S	Nyren I	Zoe I
Year 5 most improved	George T	Lilly RD	Radinu W
Year 5 most correct answers	Radinu W	Giselle B	Triston P
Year 6 most improved	Callum S	Roxanne W	Roshni B
Year 6 most correct answers	Kenneth I	Ashton JB	Finn WN

#### Times Tables Rockstar Leader board – Week ending 31.03.23

Year 5	125
Year 6	123
Year 3	98
Year 4	67

#### **Recent fundraising at St Michael's**

We have several charities that are close to our hearts in school. Recent fundraising has raised the following totals:

Children In Need –£183.05

Air Ambulance – £81.80

RSPCA - £68.60

How wonderful! Thank you for your generosity.



#### This week's prayer

Dear God Thank you for our school and for Education.

Amen

I do hope you enjoyed the Easter holidays – we are well and truly into the throes of the Summer Term in school already. There is lots for the children to look forward to – and hopefully a little more sunshine to come!

Although it's a little early, we would like to take this opportunity to wish our Year 6 pupils the very best of luck in their upcoming SATs week. They truly are a wonderful group of children – they're resilient, hard-working, determined, focused and <u>so</u> ready for the challenge. Mrs Stevens, myself and all the staff have every faith in them to do their very best.

Have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely, *Mrs Orton*