

Dear Parents/Carers,

Friday 31st March 2023

A message from Mrs Prigg



Well done to all the children for walking so sensibly to the Church for the Easter service. It was a joyous celebration and a really lovely way to end the term.

Thank you to all the parents for their support in attending the service. I hope you all have a happy and safe Easter and we look forward to seeing you in the new term.

Important dates for your diary

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

When we return, it will be week 1 of the Summer 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/>.

Safeguarding

ESCB Campaign

The Essex Safeguarding Children Board are running an online safety campaign with advice and information for parents and carers of pre-school – late teenager children. Use the link to find all the information you need.

<https://www.escb.co.uk/about/campaigns/online-safety/>

Cannabis Edibles

You will have probably heard or seen in the media that cannabis edibles are being promoted for their health benefits for a wide range of people and in some cases parents are thinking of giving them to their children. There is also the concerning issue that they look and taste like sweets so children are attracted to them. Essex Police have informed schools that they are being used by gangs involved with county lines to hook children into criminal activities. Please see the fact sheet for information you need.

http://drugs.ie/images/uploads/Edibles_parents_booklet.pdf

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

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

MEN'S SHAVING FOAM/GEL AND SHAMPOO

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

Community Club distributed Easter cards to the local community at the Galleywood Parade of shops yesterday – they gave up their lunchtime to do this. The cards were gratefully received by local residents and the children were a credit to St Michael's.

Year 6 are story tellers!

Year 6 invited parents into school last Thursday for a Jackanory story reading session. The children spent four weeks writing extended narrative using the Greek myth of Perseus and Medusa for inspiration. We had a jam-packed hall – it was a lovely way to end a piece of work that had been a real labour of love. Thank you to all the parents who came along – your feedback was really valuable.

All Things Reading!

Have you tried the Libby app yet? There are thousands of e-book, e-audio and e-magazine titles that you can download onto your device completely free of charge! All you need is your Essex library card to sign up:

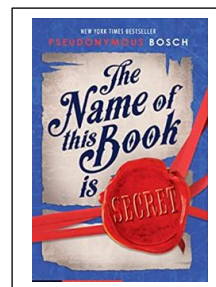
<https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/digital.../using-our-elibrary>

Easter Craft event at Chelmsford Library!

Join us for some egg-cellent Easter themed craft making on Thursday 6 April from 10am to 12 noon! We'll be making pop-up Easter cards, Easter bookmarks, hatching chick puppets and more! We'll also have an Easter themed trail for families to enjoy.

This is a free event, no booking required. We're looking forward to seeing you all there!

Year 6 Recommends...



'The Name of This Book is Secret' by Pseudonymous Bosch

Contains two extraordinary adventurers...

A missing magician's diary...

A symphony of smells...

And a deadly secret.

But wait, you already know too much! It is too late. Nothing will stop you now. Open the book if you must. But, please, tell no one.

Our Values Champions

Value Award

Name _____

Date _____



Value Award

Name _____

Date _____



Value Award

Name _____

Date _____



Value Award

Name _____

Date _____



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: Harper (4MB) Adeline (4MB) Reggie (4MB)

These children have received a 'Respect' Value Award: Milly (4MB), Leo H (5D)

These children have received a 'Courage' Value Award: Klara (3R)

Times Table Rockstar Results

Times Tables Rockstar Leader board – Week ending 24.02.23

	First	Second	Third
Year 3 most improved	Jack R	Sophia C	Alice NG
Year 3 most correct answers	Bradley S	Zakariya H	Edward T
Year 4 most improved	Matilda E	Millie C	Grace C
Year 4 most correct answers	Vilakshan T	Bobby M	Edie D
Year 5 most improved	Jake James M	Ella H	Ray D
Year 5 most correct answers	Radinu W	Ella H	Giselle B
Year 6 most improved	Dougie C		
Year 6 most correct answers	Finn WN	Noah H	Jayden K

Year 5	118
Year 4	109
Year 3	70
Year 6	23

This week's prayer

Dear God

Thank you for my garden so I can play with my dog.

Amen

Inter Primary Music Competition at GBHS

On Saturday, 18th March 10 pupils from St. Michaels gave up some of their Saturday morning to perform at GBHS Inter Primary Music Competition. There were around 30 entrants from local schools and it was lovely to see a range of instruments being played (including a harp and a trombone). Well done to all entrants, your performances were a joy to witness and I am very proud of all the practice time you put in. Congratulations to Lucy (6O), Reya and Annabella (5J) who received awards.



Mrs Maxwell

The 'I Am...' Room

The 'I Am...' room is a safe space in which all children can explore their feelings. There are comfortable bean bags to take a moment to sit and reflect on the day, twinkling lights to promote a calming environment and activities to encourage a positive mind-set.

Activities are centred around positive affirmations for children to remember how amazing and unique they all are, for example 'I am courageous', 'I am strong' and 'I am loved'.



Mrs Watts

LOST PROPERTY

Please can I ask all parents to come and look in the Lost Property box as it is full again! There are lots of winter coats (not labelled) so please come and claim them if your child has a coat or other uniform missing.

Our Easter Service at St Michael's Church yesterday was a reflective morning for our school community. Many thanks to Mrs Stevens for organising this, our excellent Worship Leaders for their commitment and to each class for the wonderful contributions that were made.

I hope that you all enjoy a restful Easter break. We look forward to seeing the children back for the start of the Summer Term.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Orton