

Dear Parents/Carers,

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023

## A message from Mrs Prigg



I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the year 6 children the best of luck for the SATs tests next week. They have been working hard all year and we know they will do their best. Good Luck Year 6!



May I also wish everybody a wonderful Coronation weekend – the children are very excited about the Coronation Tea Party being held in school this afternoon and what an amazing array of cakes we have seen being brought in today.  
Thank you

## Important dates for your diary

### Summer Term:

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
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	'What do you want to be when you are older?' dress up day – please see separate email
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
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	'Swapping Roles Day' – please see separate email
28 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> 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	SATs results
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports to parents
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Class Swap morning and Open afternoon
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of Summer Term
	Year 6 Leavers' service at the Church – 9.30am
21 <sup>st</sup> July	INSET Day

## Safeguarding

**Omegle App-** The following information has come from 'The 2 Johns' who offer training, webinars and pupil sessions to many schools in Essex. They also provide advice for parents via their website [Home - eSafety Training](#)

'We have been working in primary schools since Easter and have been shocked by the number of Year 5 & 6 children who were talking about Omegle. In our experience, any visit to Omegle will lead you to see any numbers of men often displaying inappropriate sexual behaviour on screen. It is a camera chat site that has the strap line 'Talk to Strangers'. The site asks you to confirm you are 18 before allowing access, but has no age verification mechanism in place.

The children told us that many You Tubers use Omegle and encourage them to use the site (presumably getting paid to do so). Of particular concern, many children said they were fans of the huge you tuber 'SSSniperWolf' who uses the site.

We know from previous operational experience that paedophiles use Omegle looking to interact with children, recording the live streams that the children engage with for later use.

We have seen the level of awareness of Omegle in Primary Schools increasing in the last couple of months and are worried that parents/carers have no concept of it. Although Omegle is an app, children are telling us that they use their web browser to access the app, rather than downloading it, to avoid their parents knowing they are using it. We hope that by raising this issue . parents and carers are better placed to evaluate if it requires any consideration from them at home. This message is put out as an advisory note.'

## 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

Next week is dinner menu Week 1.

## Swapping Roles day – Friday 23rd June

If you phone the school on Friday 23rd June, it may not be a member of office staff who picks up the phone as the school councillors have voted for and planned a swapping roles day where children will be teaching alongside the teacher, helping out in the office, visiting Mrs Prigg's office, serving tuck, role playing as MDAs, leading the Celebration Worship and taking the register!!

This will also be a **non-uniform day** so the children can dress smartly like the staff - please ensure that the non-uniform is appropriate for a normal day at school. The teachers are also joining in the fun and swapping roles amongst the staffing team!!

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

A letter went out this week detailing our Denim for Dementia non-uniform day on Monday May 15<sup>th</sup>. This will kick-start Dementia Action Week for us. Year 6 will be creating forget-me-not artwork to be shared at various Dementia Friendly events that week. Look out for a special homework task to mark the week – this will be included on your child's homework sheet.

### **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**
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- **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**

## **Times Table Rockstar Results**

### **Times Tables Rockstar Leader board – Week ending 28.04.23**

	<b>First</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Third</b>
<b>Year 3 most improved</b>	Bradley S	Isaac M	Lilly T
<b>Year 3 most correct answers</b>	Patrick D	Isabella S	Edward T
<b>Year 4 most improved</b>	Ronnie M	Leo S	Esmae DG
<b>Year 4 most correct answers</b>	Vilakashan T	Amelie Q	Benjamin M
<b>Year 5 most improved</b>			
<b>Year 5 most correct answers</b>	Radinu W	Giselle B	Reya N
<b>Year 6 most improved</b>	Dougie C	Ohije O	Lily May P
<b>Year 6 most correct answers</b>	Ohije O	Scarlet WN	Finn WN

Year 4	175
Year 3	98
Year 6	63
Year 5	23

### This week's prayer

Dear God

Thank you for our food and drink so that we can survive. Thank you for our families.

Amen

### 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: Jack U 3M (6S) Scarlet (6S)

These children have received a 'Faith' Value Award: Mia (6S) Dougie (6S) Sophie (6S) Gabriella (6S)

These children have received a 'Respect' Value Award: Sydney (3R) Thomas (6S) Sam (6S) Kenneth (6S)

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

### Non-uniform day – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

#### What do you want to be when you are older?

The School Councillors would like to run a fundraising event for the school charities and would like to invite the children to come dressed up on this day wearing an entire outfit, or a piece of clothing, that illustrates what they would like to be when they are older! Please ensure the outfit is suitable for a normal day at school.

**We are requesting a £1 contribution from each child please.**

As another week draws to a close, the Coronation Tea Party is in full-swing in school – thank you so much for your baking efforts! Photos galore will be shared in the next newsletter.

With SATs week starting on Tuesday next week, our wonderful Year Six children have continued to work with real tenacity and focus. We all wish them the very best of luck and think they are officially ace!

I hope you have a wonderful celebratory weekend.

Yours sincerely,

*Mrs Orton*