



St Michael's CE Junior School

Message from Mrs Jones

This week we launched our new behaviour policy with the children. This is a positive behaviour policy where our aim is to catch children being good citizens and to help children to self-regulate. The children have responded very well to it so far. If you receive a text, please do ask your child to see the letter they have brought home and talk it through with them. We have four rules that the children have been learning about: be safe, be responsible, be kind and be respectful.

Children's Achievements

- Elsa A in Attenborough recently competed in the Regional Grade 4 Gymnastics competition and was placed 1st on beam; 1st on floor and 3rd on bars. Well done Elsa, keep up the hard work!
- Talia M in Columbus completed her 100th Queen's Parade Junior Park run recently. She is the first runner to have achieved this milestone since the race started. Fantastic, well done Talia!

If your child takes part in activities outside school which merit a mention in our newsletter, e.g. sporting or musical achievements, please let the School Office know, and we shall ensure it is included in the next newsletter.

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Football Stars

The girls' football team played in the North Hampshire Girls Football Tournament on Thursday afternoon and won. They all came away with a gold medal and a place in the county final, where they will play the winners from the other districts in Hampshire. This is a fantastic achievement and we congratulate all of the girls involved. Not only did they display excellent skills, but they were also all fantastic ambassadors for the school with their behaviour and attitude. Thank you to Mr Edwards for organising it and Mrs Down for going

with them and to all of the parents who drove children there and supported the team.

Year 3 News

The sun is shining, the weather is warming and we are looking forward to getting outside with our learning this term.

Year 3 have enjoyed some active lessons such as drawing around themselves and trying to work out where all of their bones and vital organs would be, acting out the eruption of Mount Vesuvius and the destruction of Pompeii, taking part in a treasure hunt for information about Roman Gods and Goddesses and creating a dance routine using movements based upon their Roman knowledge.

We are looking forward to the next few weeks, finding out about the Roman army, looking at some artefacts, finishing our Roman mosaic designs and carrying out experiments relating to human bone strength.

Please remember that the project homework is due in by Tuesday 5th April. Information about this is on the weekly homework set on Google Classrooms. If you require a paper copy, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Year 4 News

It has been another exciting and busy start to 2022 and the term. Last week, we had some fantastic trip experiences. Some children visited Ufton Court on a three day residential where they learnt lots about the Ancient Egyptians and also enjoyed eating delicious Egyptian style food at an Egyptian banquet. The rest of the year group visited Haslemere Museum, where they saw lots of interesting artefacts, experienced mummification and even got to mummify their own teddies. The children have enjoyed talking about their experiences in class. Now, we have returned from our trips, please remember to keep up the good practise of 'Times Tables Rockstar's at home and ensure that reading records, showing regular reading at home, are

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in school every day. We have been writing adventure stories set in Ancient Egypt and we wanted to share some super sentences that children have created. We hope you enjoy them as much as we did!

- The majestic sun melted Harry's shadows as he tore around corners and leapt over fallen trees.
- Frantically, he climbed over rocks, navigated his way through a winding maze of cobwebs and leapt on smooth stone platforms over pits of bubbling lava.

Year 5 News

Year 5 are ready for a busy and exciting term ahead! The children have made a great start to the Spring Term and they are all excited about their trip to Ufton Court on Monday 14th February, where we will all learn much more about life in Ancient Greece. During our learning journey so far, the children have been amazing archaeologists and assembled (paper) pots to learn more about Ancient Greek life. The teachers have really enjoyed seeing the children's hard work in English too. Year 5 created their own mythical beast and wrote an information text about it. There were some interesting creations! After that, Year 5 wrote a short narrative each, which included their beast. They worked so hard on making the stories entertaining – it has been wonderful to see their writing develop.

Next week, Wednesday 9th February, we are looking forward to welcoming members of the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service Education Team, who will talk to us about fire safety. Please do ask your children what they learned from the visit.

Year 6 News

It has been a great start to the Spring Term with Year 6. Our topic this term is Shaky Ground and the children have been taking part in some child-led learning where they have been creating their own mini projects using what they have learnt about earthquakes. We have seen some brilliant acting performances, model-making and research as the children have shared

their improving knowledge of earthquakes and their impact.

You will have seen that the children have been given KS2 study guides and work books. There is a study guide and a work book for both Maths and English. Each week, the children will be given pages to complete for their homework which should be returned to school on the following Wednesday. So far, they have been fantastic at doing this! If they have any questions, they are welcome to bring it back in and talk to their teacher about it. Thank you for your support with this.

Reporting your child absent

Please remember that if your child is not in school for any reason, you must let us know please. We have to account for each child's whereabouts in accordance with our safeguarding duties. This is why information about the cause of any absence is always required. If your child is absent you must please:

- Contact us as soon as possible on the **first** day of absence
- Phone **on each day** on which your child is absent – you must do this even if you have already telephoned us please.

If your child is absent because of an episode of either diarrhoea or vomiting (or both) then it is school policy that your child is kept at home for a full 48 hours following the last bout.

Coats

Please remember that the weather is changeable at this time of year so the children should all be prepared for the rain, and possibly snow – coats are **essential** please in school, as we go out in all weathers!

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Uniform

Please remember to write your child's name in their school uniform (including fleeces, jumpers and coats). We have a number of fleeces/coats/jumpers that get handed in without being named - it is extremely difficult to try to reunite them with their owner! Thank you.

Parents' Consultation Meetings

Parents' Consultation Meetings will take place on Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th March. We are planning on holding a mixture of both face to face and virtual meetings. Further information to follow.

School Dinner Choices

The week before and the week after half term, due to staff shortages, there is a possibility that there will only be two options on the menu.

Diary Dates

14 th Feb	Year 5 Trip Ufton Court
21 st Feb-25 th Feb	Half Term
1 st Mar	Class Photo's
9 th Mar	INSET Day
29 th -30 th Mar	Parents' Consultation Meetings
11 th -22 nd Apr	Easter Holidays
26 th Apr	Year 4 Swimming
28 th Apr	Year 5 Swimming
2 nd May	Bank Holiday
3 rd May	Year 4 Swimming
5 th May	Year 5 Swimming
9 th -12 th May	Year 6 SAT's Week
10 th May	Year 4 Swimming
12 th May	Year 5 Swimming
16 th -20 th May	Walk to School Week
17 th May	Year 4 Swimming
19 th May	Year 5 Swimming
24 th May	Year 4 Swimming
26 th May	Year 5 Swimming
30 th May-3 rd Jun	Half Term

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