



# St Michael's CE Junior School

## Message from Mrs Tyler

I hope that you all had a wonderful Easter holiday and have been able to see loved ones and make the most of some of the eased restrictions. I am very aware that, for many, it is still a very anxious time, and would like to thank everyone who is following the restrictions still in place on the school site. As more things open up elsewhere it is even more crucial that we continue to comply with the safety guidance for schools so I am very grateful to everyone for your support in this.

The children have settled quickly back into school. The Summer term is always a lovely term as we find ourselves outside more for our learning - even more essential this year. The weather this week has been lovely at times and freezing at others so please do remember always to ensure your child has appropriate clothing and, who knows, we may even get to the stage of needing sunhats soon!

This week has seen the launch across Aldershot of the 120 placards of hope which were created with local artists Susan Merrick, Candice Camacho and Lorna Rees. This was a project in collaboration with the West End centre and Rushmoor Borough Council as part of Hampshire Cultural Trust. A number of painted, but blank, placards were delivered to us and to Alderwood School and children in Attenborough and Columbus class have turned them into messages of hope from our school.

All of the children's placards with their hopes for this year have been weatherproofed and are now on display throughout Aldershot town centre for everyone to enjoy. Placards can be found in the following places:

**Union Street and Upper Union Street**  
**The top part of the High Street**  
**Princes Gardens**  
**Wellington Street**  
**A few downstairs in the Wellington Centre**  
**Municipal Gardens**

Further information about the project can be found on:

<https://www.cultureoncall.com/120-hopes-project-post/>

This also includes details of how families can get involved at home. There will be access on the website, too, to a gallery of the placards in case you can't get to see them in person. People in the town are already saying lovely things about them (and tweeting about them too) and we hope you and the children enjoy looking for them!

Enjoy your weekend, everyone.

## Children's Achievements

- Harry H in Parks has been awarded a Blue Peter Badge after sending in a poem about the inspirational young activist Malala Yousafa as well as telling them about himself and what he had been learning for World Book Day. Well done, Harry – wear your badge with pride!

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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## Gardening Volunteers

Thank you so much to everyone who has already volunteered to come and support us in tidying and preparing our grounds following our request at the end of last term. We will be in touch very soon with details – Mr Fox is delighted to have some helpers! The first stages will very much be about weeding and clearing and preparing (there is a lot of ground to cover!) so if anyone else fancies some outdoor exercise it's never too late to add your name to our list – please email [adminoffice@st-michaels-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@st-michaels-jun.hants.sch.uk) or call 01252 322933. Thank you!

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## Race to Tokyo

A quick update on our 'Travel to Tokyo' challenge. As you can see below, we are presently in Greece! We are now on our way to Atlanta, USA and have 728 kms to go. These means that we have a further 36,511 kms to reach Tokyo!

Please do continue to be active and record your exercise on the Travel to Tokyo website (<https://www.getset.co.uk/travel-tokyo>). It's quick and simple to do. Simply follow the link or google 'Travel to Tokyo'. Then enter the school name or Postcode – GU11 3SS. Record the exercise and the time and let the website do the rest. We'd really like to see you getting active as well, so please send in your photos of group exercise to the office email address: [adminoffice@st-michaels-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@st-michaels-jun.hants.sch.uk)



## Spare Trousers/Jogging Bottoms

Please can we ask that if you have any school trousers/jogging bottoms (boys or girls) that your child has grown out of, that you can donate them to the school. Your donations would be much appreciated.

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## Coats

Please remember that the weather is still changeable so the children should all be prepared for the rain – coats are **essential** please in school, as we go out in all weathers!

## PE Days

Please note that PE days are changing from next week. Please see below the new timetable:

- Year 3 - Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Year 4 - Tuesdays and Fridays
- Year 5 - Mondays and Fridays
- Year 6 - Mondays and Wednesdays

## LINK Up

We have been informed that LINK Up (our school uniform provider) are now open for business as usual. Their opening times are 9:00am to 4:00pm Monday to Friday. They have reassured us that they are not experiencing any difficulties with supplies.