



Message from Mrs Tyler

It has been lovely to see the sunshine a little more this week – I think it makes us all feel more positive when we see it, and we all need some positivity! We've certainly had some good news this week, with our netball team winning 8-1 against Alderwood, and our Dance Club winning best backing track at the Gremlin Dance Challenge yesterday. Well done to all of the children involved, and huge thanks to Mrs Bundy and Mrs Down for their hard work with the Netball Club and Dance Club respectively.

It is undoubtedly a difficult time at the moment as we wait for news and advice in the news about Coronavirus. Mrs Mathias and I are in regular contact and we are following all Public Health England advice. You should have received an email from us both today with the latest information we have. Please do help us by reminding your children about the importance of handwashing and hygiene at home too – we are reminding the children regularly.

I also need to ask for your support please in reinforcing with the children the importance of thinking about how they speak to people – whoever they may be. We have had incidences in school recently where children have been less than respectful to some of our Lunchtime Supervisors, and we have also had a couple of incidences where inappropriate racial language has been used by the children towards other children. This is **never** acceptable and we need to work together to ensure the children are well aware of how their language affects others. By working together we can ensure the children realise the importance of what we are all trying to instil – respect for others and indeed for ourselves. We are an inclusive school and we need to demonstrate tolerance and mutual respect at all times.

Within this same context, we have been developing our school's Christian Vision alongside guidance from Guildford Diocese. We have looked carefully at what is special about our school and have taken inspiration from St Michael (our namesake) together with our school values of Respect, Courage and Resilience. From this, we have created a vision for our children and the community we serve.

Our Christian vision, which will be embedded throughout our school and curriculum can now be shared with you:-

Inspired by Him, we serve the community of St Michael's by creating an inclusive learning culture where all differences are respected, where courage is shown to face and overcome adversity, and resilience is embedded in our journey to success so we can be the very best we can be.

Bible Quote – Luke 10:27

He answered, “Love the LORD our God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind” and, “Love your neighbour as yourself.”

If you have any thoughts or ideas about how we can further develop our Christian vision as we proceed on our journey to enhance our Christian Distinctiveness, please do let us know.

Have a lovely weekend, everyone!

Children's Achievements

- Daniel B in Shackleton has been competing in Blokfest, a 5 round indoor bouldering competition. He came 8th overall out of 42 climbers in his age/gender group. Great climbing, Daniel!
- Imogen M in Hawking performed in the Stagestruck Tongham production, “Family Affair” at the Princes Hall last week, following months of hard work and rehearsing. Well done, Imogen!
- Ollie T in Columbus competed in a recent swimming gala and won a Gold medal for 50m Breaststroke; Silver medals for 200m Individual Medley and 200m Breaststroke and Bronze medal for 100m Freestyle. Great work, Ollie!

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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Internet Safety Day – Wednesday 18th March 2020 - Postponed

This has been postponed – a new date will follow shortly.

Parents' Consultation Evenings

Parents' Consultation Evenings will take place on 24th and 26th March. If you have not yet booked an appointment, please come into the school office to see what appointments are still available.

Interim Reports

Teaching Staff have been busy preparing interim reports for the children ahead of Parents' Evenings on Tuesday 24th March and Thursday 26th March. These are short reports of no more than one page, designed to give a focal point for discussion at the forthcoming Parents' Evenings. The reports will be sent home with your child on Friday 20th March. Please bring your copy along with you when you visit the teachers for Parents' Evening so that they can form a basis for your discussion. This report is in addition to the Summer Term/End of Year Report.

Healthy Snacks

A reminder please that children should be bringing in Healthy Snacks for breaktime. It's really important that they receive the right sorts of energy boost for their learning. Please remember, NO nuts or food containing nut products!

Uniform

Please can we give all parents a gentle reminder about Uniform. We work hard to teach the children about the importance of our School Community and the respect with which we need to treat each other and indeed which we would like to receive – this includes with regard to our uniform and our identity as members of the St Michael's Junior School Community. The Uniform guidelines are repeated below for your reference – please don't let trainers or gimmicky hair ties spoil our pride in our school and what we represent. Thank you.

Boys' Uniform

- Wine coloured crew neck sweatshirt with school logo
- White polo shirt with or without school logo
- Maroon fleece badged with school logo
- Grey or black trousers
- Grey or black shorts
- Grey or white socks
- Sensible black school shoes (no trainers)

Girls' Uniform

- Wine coloured crew neck sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo
- White polo shirt with or without school logo
- Maroon fleece badged with school logo
- Grey pleated pinafore dress, pleated skirt, grey or black trousers
- Red checked dress
- Sensible black school shoes
- Grey or white socks
- Grey tights

Please note that the St. Michael's logo school fleeces can be worn in place of the school sweatshirt or cardigan.

Optional items for Year 6 only

- White shirt.
- School tie

Walk to School Week

Walk to School Week this year will take place from 18th to 22nd May. Throughout the week, pupils will work together to celebrate the incredible physical and mental health benefits walking brings to every individual by using colourful wallcharts and stickers. Those who walk, cycle, scoot or park and stride to school for the duration of the challenge will be recognised for their contribution.

Walk to School Week also provides a really good opportunity to remind all of the children about keeping safe when crossing the road. Please support us in this.



Victoria Day

On Saturday 13th June, Aldershot celebrates its Victoria heritage with 'Victoria Day' – one of the biggest highlights of the year for the Aldershot community!

The event celebrates Aldershot's close ties with Queen Victoria and attracts thousands of visitors to the town centre. This year's theme is 'Blossoms and Bees' and celebrate the English country garden.

The highlight of the day is the grand parade, and we will be joining together with the Infant School again this year to take part.

A letter will follow in due course giving more detail about the event.

Have your say on the future of Hampshire

Library services

Hampshire County Council is asking people who live, work or study in Hampshire to have their say on proposed changes to libraries.

The proposals set out in the consultation impact all Hampshire libraries. There are two options:

- Reduce opening hours of all Hampshire libraries by 25%; or
- Close up to 10 libraries and reduce opening hours of all remaining libraries by an average of 15%

Children and young people are welcome to take part in the consultation.

Visit www.hants.gov.uk/library-consultation to give your views. There is an easy-read version of both the information pack and the consultation itself, on the same web page, under 'Take part in the consultation'.

Fundraising - Justgiving

A member of our staff, Lucy Walker, will be walking the Jurassic Coast Challenge, a 30km walk, for the National Autistic Society in July.

Please see link below if you would like to make a donation to this worthy cause.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Lucy-Walker28>

Good luck, Lucy!

Twitter

Please follow us on @StMichaelsCEJun

Diary Dates

March

24 th Mar	9.15 – 9.30 Rocksteady Concert
24 th Mar	3.50-6.30 pm Parents' Consultation Evening
25 th Mar	9.15-9.45 am Year 5 Work Viewing
26 th Mar	5.00-7.30 pm Parents' Consultation Evening
27 th Mar	9.15-9.45 am Year 4 Work Viewing
30 th Mar	Easter Service Whole School
31 st Mar	5.30-6.30 pm Year 4 Easter Performance

April

1 st Apr	9.15-10.15 am Year 4 Easter Performance
1 st Apr	2.45-3.20 pm Year 6 Work Viewing
2 nd Apr	2.45-3.20 pm Year 3 Work Viewing
3 rd Apr	Last day of Term
4-19 th Apr	Easter Holidays
20 th Apr	First Day of Term
21 st Apr	Year 4 Swimming
28 th Apr	Year 4 Swimming

May

5 th May	Year 4 Swimming
11 th -14 th May	Year 6 SATs Week – No Swimming
19 th May	Year 4 Swimming
19 th May	2.45 pm Year 5 Work Viewing
20 th May	9.15 am Year 3 Work Viewing
21 st May	9.15 am Year 6 Work Viewing
22 nd May	9.15 am Year 4 Work Viewing
25 th -29 th May	Half Term Holidays
1 st Jun	First Day of Term

This is not an exhaustive list. More dates may be added.