



# St Michael's CE Junior School

## Message from Mrs Jones

Thank you to all those who supported our Ukraine day. The children looked great in yellow and blue and we were delighted with the number of cakes that were sent in. The collections from the children raised £328 which is a great amount. The Year 5 and 6 girls (Anna M, Hannah M, Nancy W, Imelia S-H, Ellie T and Elsa A) did a great job organising and running the cake sale; they raised £435. Thank you to those who came and supported the event and to the parents who helped organise and run the cake sale alongside their children.

## Children's Achievements

- Harry H and Sasha F in Shackleton proved undefeatable in the under 11/12's age group at Basingstoke Rugby Festival recently. They represented Aldershot and Fleet Rugby Club, winning 5/5 of their matches. Excellent result boys, well done!
- Archie H in Mandela has recently achieved his Orange Belt (Level 3) in kickboxing at the Phoenix School of Martial Arts kickboxing. Well done Archie that is a great achievement!
- Charlotte A in Mandela recently took part in a rugby festival with her Farnham based team and they each received a medal for taking part. Congratulations Charlotte – we are very proud of you!
- Izzy B in Mandela, who plays football as part of the Churt Meteors team, recently played in a football tournament that they went on to win. This was a great result Izzy, well done!

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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## Year News

### **Year 3**

We hope that you enjoyed the Easter holidays and made the most of the good weather. We would like to thank you again for your support during the parent workshop morning last term - it was lovely to see so many of you working with your children. The staff and the children had a wonderful time and the projects that the children created were impressive. We will be planning another workshop near the end of this school year. We are also looking into a possible school trip to complement our topic of Ancient Egyptians, so please keep an eye out for information about both of these events.

Year 3's topic for this term is called 'Hiero to Cairo' and will cover the Ancient Egyptians, desert biomes and rivers. If you have the opportunity to read any books, visit any museums, or watch any programmes about Egypt and the Ancient Egyptians this would be beneficial. We will be sending home a word mat this week for you to look at and discuss with your children. Thank you for your continued support.

### **Year 4**

It was lovely to see the children back in school last week and we hope that you all enjoyed your Easter break. We have had an exciting start to the term because Year 4 are having weekly swimming lessons at the Aldershot pool. It has been fantastic to watch children building their confidence in the water. We would like to give a huge thank you to the parent helpers who have supported us walking the children to and from the pool.

The Year 4 statutory 'Multiplication tables check' will be taking place in June. As well as TT Rockstars, there are links to speed times tables tests on the weekly homework. Please can you make time each week to practise these times tables. If you have any questions about the test or your child's times table targets, please speak with your class teacher.

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We have started our Anglo-Saxon and Viking topic this half-term. We have provided the children with vocabulary mats in school and we will be sending a copy of these home with this week's homework for you to look at and discuss with your children. Thank you for your continued support.

## Year 5

We hope you all enjoyed your Easter Holiday. It has been a busy start to the term for Year 5. Last week, we started our swimming lessons; the children listened hard and showed a lot of respect to the instructors.

During the next few weeks, Year 5 will have some cricket coaching too! On Friday, we had our Greek food tasting morning to end our Greek Topic – the children were very excited to try many different types of food! Using this knowledge, the children created their own Mezze platter and learned where some of the ingredients came from.

Our new topic for this term is called, 'Routes to Justice', and the children will consider what justice means to them and will investigate how change happens through particular events.

Later this term, we have organised a sleepover for Year 5 at Winchester Science Centre - there will be a meeting with you soon to discuss this in more detail. Thank you very much for your support.

## Year 6

We have had a good start to the Summer Term and we hope that you were able to enjoy the long weekend. At the end of last half term, we had an Art and DT day where the children completed their batik wall hangings. The children had carefully planned their design and transferred it onto fabric using wax and fabric paint. We then looked at sewing techniques and the children added embellishments to their design and stitched it so that a piece of dowel could be inserted and the hanging attached to the wall. The finished designs were

fantastic and we were so proud of the children and their resilience.

Next week is SATS week and the children have worked so hard this year. We hope that we will see many of the children at SATS breakfast from 8am in the mornings. Thank you for your continued support this year; please remind the children that the important thing is that they try their very best. We are so proud of them and we know you are too!

## Sport

The girls' played in the cup quarter finals and semi finals. They played really well as a team and won. This means that they are now through to the final where they play on a full sized pitch at a Aldershot football stadium.

## Weekly Timetable

We have introduced a new weekly timetable which will come out with the Weekly Information Bulletin on a Friday. There will be a list of events that will be happening in the next week - you can either print it out to have it at home or screenshot it to your phone. This will help with PE days and events that are coming up the following week.

## Healthy Snack

Please can we remind you that we encourage the children to have a healthy snack whilst they are in school - studies show that eating sugary foods affects concentration. Fruit or vegetable sticks are much better than manufactured products which contain high levels of sugar.

## Birthday Sweets/Cakes

In line with most other schools we will no longer be allowing children to give out sweets/cake on their birthday. This is because of food allergies, religious reasons and to promote our healthy eating in school. Thank you for your understanding.

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## End of Day

Following feedback at the parent forum, teachers will be outside either on the playground/path area or for Year 3 the patio area at the end of the school day. You are welcome to ask them questions or clarify anything your child has said.

## Year 4 and Year 5 Swimming

Clothing and Safety (as requested by Aldershot Pool)

- All hair tied back, swimming hats **must** be worn by all children.
- In keeping with school policy and swimming pool Health & Safety regulations NO jewellery at all, including earrings.
- Verrucas – need to wear flip flops from changing room to poolside.
- No below the knee shorts or loose fitting t-shirts. Swim rash vests can be worn.

Children should bring a small PE bag with their underwear, towel, swimwear, swimming hat and goggles (optional).

## Platinum Jubilee

A reminder that we will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May. We will be inviting the children to dress up in red, white and blue outfits. The children will be making flags to celebrate the jubilee.

## Inset day dates – 2022/2023

Inset day dates for the next academic year along with the Infant school have recently been agreed. They will be:

- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022,
- 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022,
- 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023,
- 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

## Parent Forum

Thank you to those who attended the parent forum. The feedback was really useful; we have already started to implement some of the suggestions. The next one will be on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm. Please do hold the date in your diary if you are able to.

## PTA

Thank you to the parents who came along to the PTA meeting. We had enough parents to enable us to have an AGM to set up a PTA which is great news. The AGM will be on 17<sup>th</sup> May at 9am. Everyone is welcome to attend this event. We will vote in trustees and a committee and then plan a summer fete. Please do come along if you are able to.

## Parent Governors

We are looking for a parent governor. If you are interested please let us know.

Effective governance is based on six key features: Strategic leadership that sets and champions vision, ethos and strategy. Accountability that drives up educational standards and financial performance. People with the right skills, experience, qualities and capacity. Structures that reinforce clearly defined roles and responsibilities. Compliance with statutory and contractual requirements. Evaluation to monitor and improve the quality and impact of governance.

## Sharing Food

It has been pointed out by our lunchtime supervisors, that some children are 'sharing' their packed lunches with their friends during lunchtime. This must not happen – we have a number of children within school that have severe allergies and this practice of 'sharing' could result in an emergency.

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## Jewellery

The only jewellery the school permits a child to wear is a plain small wrist watch and/or plain small studs for earrings. Pupils with earrings must remove them for PE, which includes when swimming. Other items are not permissible in school.

## 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

**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 still changeable 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!

## Diary Dates

9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs Week
16 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> May	Walk to School Week
17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Swimming
17 <sup>th</sup> May	PTA AGM - 9:00am
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 Swimming
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Swimming
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 Swimming
27 <sup>th</sup> May	Jubilee Party with Infant School
30 <sup>th</sup> May-3 <sup>rd</sup> Jun	Half Term
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Swimming
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 Winchester Science Centre Sleepover
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Aldershot Victoria Day Parade
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Forum - 6:00pm
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Swimming
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Leavers Service at Guildford Cathedral
21 <sup>st</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Bikeability
27 <sup>th</sup> Jun - 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Y6 PGL Residential
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Thinksafe
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Swimming
6 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET Day
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Swimming
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Swimming
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last Day of Term

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