



St Michael's CE Junior School

Message from Mrs Jones

I hope that you all had a lovely half term holiday. This half term is 6 weeks and 4 days long; we break up on Thursday 21st July at 3.20pm.

Children's Achievements

- Izabella S in Rowling took her IDTA Silver Award in Dance before the half term holiday and passed with Honours. Well done Izabella, we are very proud of you!
- Chloe D in Morpurgo learned and performed 3 dances for her silver dance exam recently and passed with Honours – the highest grade she could achieve! Well done Chloe, we are very proud of you!
- Zaine W-C in Attenborough plays football for the Junior Shots Spartans team and he recently represented them in the football cup final with a tremendous 6-2 victory – Zaine scoring 4 of the goals! The team each received a gold medal in recognition of their win. Zaine also received a trophy after being voted the Most Valuable Player! Well done Zaine, we are very proud of you!

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

At the end of last term, the children enjoyed a jubilee themed day in celebration of Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee. They took part in some fun activities, ate a picnic lunch together on the field and learnt the national anthem. The children liked dressing up in their red, white and blue clothes and learning many facts about our Queen.

This week, we have been practising for sports day, including individual class races. Sports day is next Wednesday and we hope to see as many of you there as possible. The children have produced some printing tiles ready for their final piece in art. We have also carried out an experiment about the digestive system, which the children enjoyed but also found to be quite "revolting".

Over the next few weeks we will be looking at the desert and rivers while continuing to learn about the Egyptians. The children will have a visit from Haslemere Museum and find out about rocks, soils and fossils. They will also be creating a class book in DT using the French that they have learnt about 'The Hungry Caterpillar'.

Year 4

We have had a lovely start to the new term: we have been investigating seed dispersal, making our own seed spinners. Over the next two weeks, we have cricket coaches from Aldershot Cricket Club in school coaching cricket with Year Four, and so far the children have loved learning cricket skills and playing cricket games.

The children were swimming last term, and we were proud of the sensible way that the Year 4 children walked to and from the pool and listened to the swimming coaches. Over the weeks, it was fantastic to see the children's confidence grow. Thank you so much to all the parents who helped with walking to and from the pool.

Last half-term, the children learnt about Anglo-Saxon life, exploring artefacts from a history box loaned from Milestones Museum. We have a Viking artefact box arriving soon and at the end of June we are taking part in a virtual visit to the JORVIK Museum.

Over the next two weeks, Year Four children will be taking a statutory on-line multiplication check. We have been practising our times tables a lot at school

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and will continue to practise over the next two weeks so that pupils are familiar with the check application. There are several sites that have multiplication checks that are identical to the government on-line check application. We recommend using this website at home <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/> in order that your child can practise answering timetables in the way that will for the on-line check in school.

Year 5

This week has been very exciting - Mandela Class welcomed Mr Clarke, and we have seen some very tired but happy children today: they really enjoyed their sleepover at Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium. Thank you to all the staff volunteers who made the trip so successful and for giving their time to ensure the children had the experience of a 'mini-residential'.

Just before half term, we celebrated the Platinum Jubilee. We were fortunate to have such wonderful weather and Year 5 really enjoyed playing games through the decades. There was much excitement! During our picnic lunch, we sat with Year 2. Year 5 were very kind and considerate towards the younger children – they will make excellent buddies.

The children have now completed their swimming lessons. During the sessions, our children were polite and we saw their confidence grow each week. We would also like to thank the parents who volunteered to walk with our classes each week too. As we have now finished swimming, our focus has moved on to athletics. We have been practising for Sports Day in our P.E. lessons this week and we are looking forward to representing our houses, and sharing Sports Day with you, next Wednesday.

Thank you for all your support and we hope you have a peaceful weekend.

Year 6

The start of this Half Term has been an exciting and busy one and we are looking forward to spending this last half term with the children as they prepare to move on to their Secondary Schools. Just before half term, we had our Jubilee celebration. It was a lovely day and the children really enjoyed trying out games from the decades the Queen has been on the throne. The lunchtime picnic was held on the field in the beautiful sunshine and the children enjoyed eating together outside.

This week, Year 6 have started swimming. The children enjoyed their first session. Thank you for making sure the children were prepared with their swimming costumes, towels and swimming hats. We have also had some visits from Secondary Schools to begin talking to the children ready for their transition. The children have been able to ask questions and find out more about their new schools.

Thank you to everyone who attended our PGL information evening. If you weren't able to attend, please let the office know and they will be able to provide you with the PowerPoint so that you have all of the up to date information. In the next couple of weeks, we will be starting to prepare for our end of year show. We will send out more information about this in due course. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Year 3 Rosen Class Parent's Evening

A reminder that Rosen Class Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 14th June and Thursday 16th June.

Sports Day

Sports Day will take place on Wednesday 15th June. A reminder please that you need to send your child in in their sports kit (whatever year group they are in) – and house colours are essential please with black shorts or tracksuit bottoms. Everyone in school will be in sports kit on that day, and we look forward to having some

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fun as a whole school. The children will be taking part in round robin games during the morning with the races being run in the afternoon. This year we are really pleased to be able to invite parents in to support from 1:00pm. We really hope that you are able to join us and that the weather is kind to us!

Jubilee Day

Our Jubilee Day on the last Friday before half term was a great occasion. The children looked brilliant dressed in red, white and blue. They had the opportunity to try out games from the decades that Queen Elizabeth II has been on the throne, they had a picnic lunch on the field, saw their flags that they had made displayed on the playground and received a Jubilee badge to help them to remember the occasion.

Year 5 Trip – Winchester Science Centre

Nearly all of the Year 5 children went on an overnight trip to Winchester Science Centre on Thursday night. This was a great opportunity for the children to spend time in the centre with no other people there and a great opportunity to experience a night away with their year group. We were very proud of the children and their behaviour on the trip.

Parent Forum

We have our next Parent Forum meeting on Monday 13th June at 5pm. Please do come along to give your views. Discussions at the previous meeting led to changes in the way we do things which are hopefully an improvement. It will be held in school.

Year 6 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).

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.

Nut Free Zone

Please can you ensure that your child does not bring anything with nuts in it into school as there are children with severe nut allergies in the school.

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:

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

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Diary Dates

11 th June	Aldershot Victoria Day Parade
13 th June	Parent Forum - 6:00pm
14 th June	Year 6 Swimming
14 th June	3:30-6:00pm Rosen Class Parents' Evening
15 th June	Sports Day
16 th June	2:00-4:30pm Rosen Class Parents' Evening
20 th June	Year 6 Leavers Service at Guildford Cathedral
21 st -24 th June	Y6 Bikeability
27 th Jun - 1 st July	Y6 PGL Residential
4 th July	Year 6 Thinksafe
5 th July	Year 6 Swimming
6 th July	INSET Day
12 th July	Year 6 Swimming
14 th July	Rocksteady Summer Concert
19 th July	Year 6 Swimming
21 st July	Last Day of Term

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