



St Michael's CE Junior School

Message from Mr Sammes

Following the letter from the Governing Body on Monday, can I offer my congratulations to Mrs Jones who has been appointed Headteacher at St Michael's from January 2022. Her experience and many qualities will be an asset to the school and I am certain she will be successful in driving the school forward in future years.

Parent consultations are taking place next week and I am hoping you have all managed to book appointments using the 'School Cloud' system. Many local schools use the same programme and has been very positive with their feedback on its ease of use.

We will be undertaking our harvest celebrations and worship next week and have been explaining the theme of giving to others and will develop this further next half term when we look to support Children in Need activities.

Many congratulations once again to the Year 6 pupils who have nominated themselves for various roles and responsibilities within the school. I look forward to seeing them develop as young leaders.

Children's Achievements

- Izzy B from Mandela has recently joined Churt Girls Football Club, and has been selected for their U10's team with the coach giving praise for her attitude and ability in training. She scored her first goal on the weekend of 25th /26th September! What a great start – well done Izzy!

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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Parents' Evening

Please remember that Parents' Evening will be taking place virtually next week – if you have not already booked a slot, please can you do so by following the link that was sent to you on an email on 4th October. See dates below:

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| Morpurgo | Monday 11 th October |
| | Thursday 14 th October |
| Attenborough | Wednesday 13 th October |
| | Thursday 14 th October |
| All other Classes | Tuesday 12 th October |
| | Thursday 14 th October |

Harvest Escape Rooms

Our thanks this week go to Vicar Alwyn who has organised a virtual Harvest Escape Room for us to do with the children on Friday 15th October. This will not only be a fun way of focussing on the importance of Harvest but also a time of reflection for us all. Harvest refers to the time during autumn when farmers traditionally brought in the crops that supplied their community through the year. Although our food today is more likely to come from the supermarket, Christians believe it is still important to remember God as creator and thank Him for the good things He provides.

Creation Fest Service – St Michael's Church

Please see attached flyer giving details of the Creation Fest Service to be held at Tice's Meadow in Badshot Lea (behind the Bird Hide by Overton Place – map attached) on Sunday 10th October starting at 3.30pm and should finish by 4.30pm. It will be behind the Bird Hide by Overton Place entrance (see map). The main aim of this event is to celebrate Harvest together but also to raise the profile of this beautiful Natural Reserve for residents from Aldershot Park Ward to enhance their wellbeing.

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Children in Need

This year our theme for Children In Need mufti, on 12th November, will be 'Be Bright, Be Seen'. We would like the children and staff to come to school in bright and fluorescent colours. This ties in with the launch for Road Safety week - 15-19th November.

Coats

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

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. We will be reinstating our lost property box in the hall next week.

Saff Vacancy

We are currently recruiting a Learning Support Worker to join our dedicated team here at St Michael's. If you are interested, or know of anybody who might be, please follow the link below to get details of the job role.

<https://hampshire.education-jobs.org.uk/Vacancy>

Diary Dates

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| 15 th October | Virtual Harvest Festival |
| 22 nd October | Mufti – to raise money for school funds (minimum donation of £1 please) |
| 25 th – 29 th October | Half term |
| 1 st November | Flu Immunisation Program |
| 3 rd November | Prospective Year 3 Parent Information Evening |
| 12 th November | Year 6 Trip to Mary Rose |
| 12 th November | Children in Need mufti – theme 'Be Bright, Be Seen' |
| 15 th -19 th November | Road Safety Week |
| 18 th November | Year 3 Trip to Butser Ancient Farm |
| 26 th November | Year 5 virtual trip – CCity Museum |
| 7 th December | Rocksteady End of Term Concert |
| 10 th December | Christmas Jumper Day |
| 16 th December | Christmas Dinner |
| 17 th December | Last day of Term |
| 20 th Dec – 3 rd Jan | Christmas Holidays |
| 4 th Jan | INSET Day - School Closed to all pupils |

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