



Message from Mrs Tyler

Dear Parents

Can anyone believe it is Harvest Festival time again? The whole school is really looking forward to our Harvest Experience at St. Michael's Church next week. Thank you to Vicar Alwyn and his team of amazing volunteers for all of his support in enabling us to have such wonderful and meaningful experiences at our Church. You should all have received a letter earlier this week asking for your support to help us to contribute to Farnborough Foodbank by bringing in goods next week to help those in the Aldershot area. Thank you to those families who have already sent things in. We shall be collecting for the whole of next week. There will be collection boxes in each class. We have reproduced the list of items urgently needed by the Foodbank in this Newsletter in the hope that this will be a helpful reminder.

It's been another busy week in school this week, with Year 5 having a wonderful day on Wednesday when the Space Dome visited – many of them had great delight in telling me what constellations they could see. Thank you to the parents who have returned their voluntary contributions for this already. It's not too late still to do so please! As you are aware, school budgets are extremely limited and we simply cannot do these events without your support, and yet they are so important to enhance the children's learning.

Year 6 had a great time yesterday when Alderwood School visited to work with them on their James Bond Maths project. The lovely sunshine meant that lots of the work could be done outside and it's always such a joy to see our wonderful grounds being used so well – we are incredibly fortunate. Year 6 continued outside in the afternoon when they had orienteering with Mr Sanders – I expect they slept well last night – I know the adults did!

Have a great weekend, everyone.

Anti Bullying and Road Safety

Today we are really pleased to have sent two school representatives (Ollie P (Columbus) and Amber G (Shackleton)) to the Anti Bullying Conference in Winchester, and two (Lucy N (Attenborough) and Edward N (Parks)) to the Junior Road Safety Conference, also in Winchester. We look forward to hearing about their day when they report back to the school.

Year 3

In Year 3, the children are really enjoying the Chance to Shine Cricket sessions and have been improving their bowling and batting skills. We have also learnt about the importance of fair play, teamwork and respect. This week the cricket coaches joined us for an exciting cricket themed Geography lesson where we learnt interesting facts about countries of the world.

Children's Achievements

Harry H (Curie class) and Ollie M (Fleming class) represented Aldershot and Fleet Rugby Club at the Guildfordians rugby tournament on Sunday 29th September. They both scored several tries each for their under 9's team. Well done, boys!

Sophia R-D (Fleming) came first in a recent Streetdance Team event. Great work, Sophia.

Stewie D (Attenborough) shaved his head to raise money for Macmillan in their 'Brave the Shave' campaign. We are so proud of you, Stewie.

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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School Crossing

Mr Farthing came to speak with the children on Monday to remind the children about how to cross the road before and after school. George has spoken to the children about waiting for him to step out into the road before they cross and not walking behind him. Please model and demonstrate this to the children and remind them of the key safety messages.



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Junior Schools Christmas Card Competition 2019

Our local MP, Leo Docherty, is running a competition for local school children across Aldershot, Farnborough, Blackwater and Hawley to create an original design for his 2019 Christmas card.

The winning entry will feature as the design of this year's card alongside the name, class and school of the winning pupil. These cards will be sent to many hundreds of local residents, community groups, and businesses across our community.

If you would like your child to take part, then they need to draw a colourful, Christmas themed picture on an A4 sheet of paper/card. Please ensure that your child's entry includes their name and age and hand it to the school office by Friday 8th November.

The school of the winning pupil will have a visit from Mr Docherty and the winning pupil will receive a prize.

Premier Sport

This week our Play Leaders started working with Coach Ashley from Premier Sport on the PlayMaker award. Our Play Leaders will be working with Coach Ashley every Wednesday and, as part of the course, they will learn leadership skills in order to organise their own small games and activities that they can use to work with the other children at school. The award aims to develop skills such as organisation, communication and team work. We have been able to fund this through the use of our PE Premium funding which has also enabled us to provide other coaches from Premier Sport during lunchtimes to support with different games and activities. We hope to use the funding this year to help develop our provision at these times to ensure successful and active playtimes for all.

Shoe Boxes

Every year we like to encourage our children to think about those less fortunate than themselves by preparing shoe boxes filled with small gifts and other items.

This year, **the Shoebox Service will be held at St Michael's Church at 3.00pm on Sunday 17th November**, and the boxes will be distributed to those

in need locally. The boxes can be made up for children of various ages, or for families or senior citizens.

Please see the attached leaflet with information about suitable items to put in the box, along with a label suitable for both a girl and boy box.

We hope that as many parents and children as possible will join us at the Shoebox Service. **If you can't come to the Church service, we are more than happy to take your shoeboxes along as long as we receive them by Friday 15th November.**

Many thanks for your support for this very worthy cause.

Weather warnings!

Please remember that the weather changes very quickly 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!

Snacks

The following snacks are available for pupils to purchase from the school kitchen during the morning break:

- Milk Shake - 50p
- Orange/Apple Juice - 40p
- Bread - 25p
- Raisins - 25p
- Fruit - 30p

Twitter

Please follow us on [@StMichaelsCEJun](https://twitter.com/StMichaelsCEJun)

Medical Form

There is a new form available in the School office if you wish to take your child to a medical appointment – we hope this will be easier for you to complete than the general absence forms.



Hair

Please can we remind you that long hair should be tied back during the school day. Please use plain headbands, clips or bobbles that complement the school uniform.

Koosa - Information for Parents

Mrs Mathias and I have been liaising about Koosa's After School Club following Parent Forum's comments earlier this term. Phil, the Manager, has agreed to increase the capacity of the walking bus from 12 to 14. He has also agreed that if there are more than 14 place requests from the Junior school they can send 3 members of staff to collect Junior children, making appropriate arrangements at the Infant School to ensure ratios are suitable there in the meantime. Hopefully this will help parents who need to use Koosa. Please contact Koosa directly if you wish to discuss this further.

Harvest Donations for Farnborough Foodbank

Items urgently needed please:

- 1litre Carton Breakfast Juice
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Chicken or Beef
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Tinned Soup
- Cerials
- Instant Packed Custard
- Sponge Puddings
- Nappies Sizes 4, 5 and 6
- Deodorant, Unisex Male or Female
- Shampoo or Shower Gel
- Toothpaste
- All purpose cleaner
- Washing-Up Liquid

Free Ecobrick Workshop

We have been asked to let you know about an Ecobrick Workshop which is being held on Saturday 9th November between 10:30am and 14:30pm at Wellesley Woodlands

Ecobricks are a powerful, grassroots solution to plastic. The Workshop is being held by Certified Global Ecobrick Alliance trainer, Lucie Mann who will introduce you to the science, principles and techniques behind ecobricking in this half-day free workshop. It is ideal for schools, community groups and local business, and will teach you:

- About plastic, its pros and cons
- About the shortcomings of recycling and industrial waste management
- The dangers of plastic when it gets into the environment
- The principles behind ecobricking
- How to Ecobrick
- Using the GoBrik App
- How to make Ecobrick modules.

The workshop will include:

- 1 hour presentation – interactive discussion, theory and science
- 2 hour of guided ecobrick making and module making workshop
- 45 minute lunch break
- 30 minute discussion of community project opportunities

Tickets are free, but they should be pre-booked as numbers are limited – information on the workshop and a ticket link can be found at: <https://wellesleywoodlands.co.uk/whats-happening/events/>



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FREE ECOBRICKS WORKSHOP
SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER - ROWHILL FIELD CENTRE



JOIN LUCIE MANN, CERTIFIED GLOBAL ECOBRICK ALLIANCE TRAINER, FROM 10:30AM-2:30PM

- UNDERSTAND THE SCIENCE & PRINCIPLES OF ECOBRICKING
 - MAKE AND LOG AN ECOBRICK,
 - BUILD YOUR FIRST ECOBRICK FURNITURE MODULE
- BRING A 500ML PLASTIC BOTTLE & UNRECYCLABLE PLASTIC

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO BOOK A PLACE VISIT WWW.WELLESLEYWOODLANDS.CO.UK



Professional Sports Coaching

Active Kidz Halloween Holiday Camp

Matt Sanders has asked us to let you know that he is running a Halloween Holiday Camp here at St Michael's CE Junior School during the half term holidays. Exciting activities include:

- Pie the Coach
- Spooky Fun & Games
- Adventure Time
- King & Queen Camp Challenges
- Halloween Arts & Crafts

9.45am – 4:15pm £24.00 per day
8.30am – 5.30pm £28.00 per day

Book online now at www.msportactive.co.uk or contact Matt on 07470 441646

Shots Foundation Camp – October Half Term

Shots have asked us to let you know about their half term camp which is being held at Alderwood Senior School, Tongham Road, Aldershot GU12 4AS.

28th October 2019 to 1st November 2019
10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Ages 5 – 12 years
Girls & Boys

- £16 per day
- Bring your own kit, drink and lunch
- Delivered by FA Coaches
- Develop your football skills
- Players who impress may be invited to an Academy Trial

To Book Please visit <https://www.theshots.co.uk> Foundation / Book Foundation Event

Diary Dates

14 th Oct	Please bring Harvest goods into school this week
15 th Oct	Year Groups - Harvest Workshop visit to St Michael's Church
18 th Oct	Prospective Y3 Parent Tours
21 st -25 th Oct	Year 6 – PGL Residential
22 nd Oct	Prospective Y3 Parent Information Evening – Parents Only
24 th Oct	Year 4 – Chichester Harbour Visit
25 th Oct	Year 5 – Chichester Harbour Visit
25 th Oct	Last Day of Term
28 th Oct	
-1 st Nov	Half Term Holidays
4 th Nov	Children back to school
4 th -8 th Nov	Remembrance Week
11 th Nov	Year 6 Height and Weight Measurement
12 th Nov	Year 6 – Guildford Flames
14 th Nov	Parents' Forum
15 th Nov	Children in Need Day – Details to follow
19 th Nov	Year 6 – Magistrates Visiting

Respect – Courage - Resilience



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21 st Nov	Road Safety Week
21 st Nov	Year 6 – Magistrates Visiting
10 th Dec	Aldershot Schools Christmas Concert
11 th Dec	Years 3 and 5 Christmas Production rehearsal for Grandparents and rest of school
11 th Dec	Years 3 and 5 Christmas Production
17 th Dec	Year 6 Carol Concert
18 th Dec	Christmas Experience – St Michael's Church
20 th Dec	Last day of Term
6 th Jan	INSET Day
7 th Jan	Children back to school