



St Michael's CE Junior School

Message from Mrs Ellis-Davies

It's only two weeks since half term and yet the time has flown by. This is always such a lovely half term to be in a school as we begin the countdown to Christmas - but there's certainly a lot to fit in between now and then!

I hope your children have been able to share some of their news about our Remembrance Day this week. The children have really focussed on their learning, leading to some amazingly beautiful outcomes, which they are all very proud of. In Year 3, the children have enjoyed writing poetry, exploring the history of Remembrance Day and have created striking poppy collages. Year 4 have also created their own poetry, inspired by the poem 'In Flanders Field' by John McCrae, and have enjoyed looking at the military influences in our local community. Children in Year 5 have enjoyed creating their own Remembrance Art using chalks and have also written some very poignant poems. Our Year 6 children have enjoyed their Art learning, creating stunning stain glass windows, and have written some very thoughtful diary entries using an array of stimuli.

In addition, Vicar Alwyn has led our Remembrance Worship this week, supporting the children with their reflections, which many have wanted to share. I have felt incredibly humbled by the amount of children who have been to see me, wanting to share their pride in family members who have served in the Armed Forces.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.



Children's Achievements

- Congratulations to Talia M in Columbus, who took part in the Aspects of Dance festival recently. She performed in the under 11's classical ballet group and the under 18's classical ballet group. Both groups achieved first place in the competition. Fantastic, well done Talia!



- Heather B in Attenborough, will be performing, as part of the British Academy of Performing Arts Junior, in the production of Annie at the Camberley Theatre on Saturday 13th November at 2:30pm. This is a huge achievement as Heather has had to learn not only dance routines, but also had to learn to sing with a London accent! Well done Heather and good luck for Saturday!

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.

[\(adminoffice@st-michaels-jun.hants.sch.uk\)](mailto:adminoffice@st-michaels-jun.hants.sch.uk)

Homework

All homework, including weekly spellings which is added on a Thursday, is now loaded onto Google Classroom. The children all have their login details located on the inside cover of their Reading Diary.

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Road Safety Week - 15th-19th November

During Road Safety Week we will be discussing the key road safety messages with the children and the importance of being seen when crossing the road now the afternoons and evenings are getting darker. Our Junior Road Safety Officers will be asking the children to take part in their competition to design a T-shirt and the week finishes with our 'Be Bright, Be Seen' mufti on Friday 19th November (Children In Need Day).

School Crossing Patrol

Unfortunately there will be no School Crossing Patrol during the period of Tuesday 16th November to Monday 22nd November (inclusive dates). Please remember to take extra care when dropping off and picking up at school.

Mufti Day – 22nd October 2021

Can we just say a HUGE thank you to everyone who came in in their mufti and donated to school funds on the last day of term – you raised a magnificent sum of £258!!

Message from Seb A and The School Council:

We are collecting character stickers to donate to the Children's Ward at Frimley Park Hospital. They would particularly like Disney, Marvel, dinosaurs and other animal stickers, so if you have any of these you would like to donate, please bring these to school and give them to a member of the School Council in your class. This is voluntary, but we would be grateful if you could help us in supporting the children that are cared for at Frimley Park.

Thank you.

Christmas Carol Concert – Virtual

Sadly, again due to the current situation with regard to COVID 19 and restrictions still having to be implemented, we are unable to hold a Christmas

production in school this year. We will however be holding a virtual Christmas Carol Concert. Details of this will follow later in the term.

Absence Reporting

Regular attendance at school is important for continuity of learning. However during the course of a school career there are likely to be occasions when absence is unavoidable and acceptable. Each absence is classed as authorised or unauthorised. Absences are coded as authorised where reasons are considered valid and unauthorised where no explanation or unacceptable reasons are given.

If your child is unable to attend school through illness you should inform us by telephone or email on **every day of absence**.

There are two ways you can report absence:

- By telephone – 01252 322933 and then choose option 1
- By email – adminoffice@st-michaels-jun.hants.sch.uk

Is your child too poorly for school or nursery?

The following information has been created by Hampshire County Council, with the NHS and local authority partners through the Healthier Together initiative, which aims to improve the health of children and young people.

It is always a worry when a child becomes unwell, but it is not always obvious how to care for them and whether you should keep them at home. You can now find handy NHS guidance in one place online that will help you identify a possible condition, so you can decide whether to send your child to school or nursery.

On the website is a list of common childhood illnesses and conditions from conjunctivitis to head lice, as well as symptoms such as a high temperature and a sore throat and what these might mean. There is advice

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about what to do and when a child should return to education after being treated.

For relevant advice, please visit the “Should your child go to school/nursery today?” website at:

<https://what0-18.nhs.uk/parentscarers/child-unwell-ok-go-nurseryschool-1>

It would be useful for you to bookmark this website so it is easy to find if ever your child becomes unwell. If you are unsure about a child's wellbeing, please talk to your local pharmacist, call the NHS helpline on 111, or contact your GP.

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.**

The lost property box has now been reinstated and is located in the area near the kitchen, just off the hall.

Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust 'all age' 24/7 Mental Health Triage Service

Please see attached, for your information, a flyer that we have been asked to share with you with regard to the Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust “all age” 24/7 Mental Health Triage Service.

The mental health triage team are a group of mental health professionals who help and support you with your mental health should you need it. The team

supports every one of all ages, as long as you live in Hampshire or the Isle of Wight (including Portsmouth and Southampton), you can talk to the team by calling 111 or go online at 111.nhs.uk, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Diary Dates

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| 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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