



St. Michael's C.E. Primary School
learning together through love, friendship, forgiveness and faith

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents, Carers,

This morning brings a much welcomed respite from the challenges imposed by the cold weather conditions, last week.

A huge 'well done' to all those families who braved the cold and snow on Thursday to attend school. The staff travelled from as far away as Basingstoke to ensure the school stayed open and our working parents, particularly, were not compromised.

Deciding to close the school is always a very difficult call. We study a range of weather forecasts to allow us to give parents and carers as much notice as possible of any disruption to family working routines. I hope the following answers any future queries:

SEVERE WEATHER EMERGENCY PLAN

The Head Teacher and Chair of Governors endeavour to keep the school from closure due to severe weather conditions. However, there will be the rare occasion when we will need to make the decision to close. The emergency procedure outlined by RBWM will be followed and parents will be informed via the school website, www.st-michaelsprimary.co.uk/website and parent mail text messages and email if available.

The school closure will also be reported on the RBWM website www.rbwm.org.uk, local radio stations and the website www.bbc.co.uk/local/berkshire.

The school website will be updated regularly with news for parents. Where possible the school will open with a skeleton staff and will offer learning experiences to any pupil who can attend. This will not be the full curriculum entitlement but will enable children to be safe and supervised throughout the school day from 8.40am-3.15pm.

- Teaching and non-teaching staff who are able to travel to school will be asked to support the pupils.
- Pupils will be taught in mixed age groups to ensure they can be adequately supervised. They may be in larger groups than normal if staffing levels are very low.
- Parents who want to keep their children at home will be able to do so and their absence will be authorised whilst the severe weather continues.

- Children who do attend school will be asked to bring a packed lunch in case the catering staff are not able to be on site.
- Emergency contact numbers will be checked as children are dropped at school and where parents have made arrangements to share responsibility with other parents, the school must be informed.
- Children should have warm clothing and strong footwear for the day.
- In the event that the weather conditions deteriorate suddenly during the school day, the Head Teacher will assess the risk and if necessary parents will be contacted and asked to make arrangements for their child to be collected early. This will be to ensure the safety of all pupils and staff on site and travelling to and from school.
- There will not be any after school clubs available when the emergency plans are in operation.
- Staff will not be expected to stay on site beyond 3.30pm.

Many thanks for your understanding.

SIAMS Inspection

Last week the School had a SIAMS Inspection and we are currently awaiting the results. As always the children of St Michael's shone. The Inspector commented on our children's behaviour and attitudes to learning.

You should feel very proud—we are!

Lorna Anderton

Head Teacher

AWARDS



The following children were awarded a certificate for being “Resourceful”

Year 6 Jessica B & Beatriz F

Year 5 Whole Class

Year 4 Maddie T & Samuel F

Year 3 Bella S & Haroon I

Year 2 Jessica P & Daniel T

Year 1 Oliver Q & Jessica O

Reception Whole Class



Attendance Year 2—100%



Housepoint Awards

Winning House Green House



Golden Tickets

Year 6 Oliver H & Amy W

Year 5 Olli H & Azure C

Year 4 Amelia S & Francis J

Year 3 Alex C & Abigail S

Year 2 Charlie K & Hannah H

Year 1 Jack P & Matilda P

Reception Bethan B & Oz S



Golden Spoon

Key Stage 1 Owl Class for having good manners

Key Stage 2 Dove Class for being kind and thoughtful

Well-being Ambassadors



On Tuesday 22nd January six Year 5 children joined four other schools in Maidenhead to take part and learn more about mental health and emotional well-being.

We played games, did craft activities and took part in role plays.

We are now Well-being Ambassadors—this means if anyone is worried or upset about anything we are here to help.

We may hold an event in the near future to share many of our ideas.

Our identification is a yellow smiley face badge on our school jumpers/cardigans. Please look out for us if you would like to talk.

By Bella & Sofia Year 5

HELP A HEDGEHOG

A very big thank you for all your donations so far for the Harper Asprey Wildlife Rescue Charity

There is still time to donate....

Please send your donation of £1, cat/dog food or a towel to one your child's class teachers, Mrs Leatherby, the office, or to Sofia, Luca or Olivia (their mum), by Friday 15 February, along with your choice of hedgehog name (enclosed with your donation), if you have one (donations are still welcome without name suggestions!).

For more information about hedgehogs, visit

<https://www.gracethehedgehog.co.uk/about-hedgehogs>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

SOFIA & LUCA



SPORTS NEWS



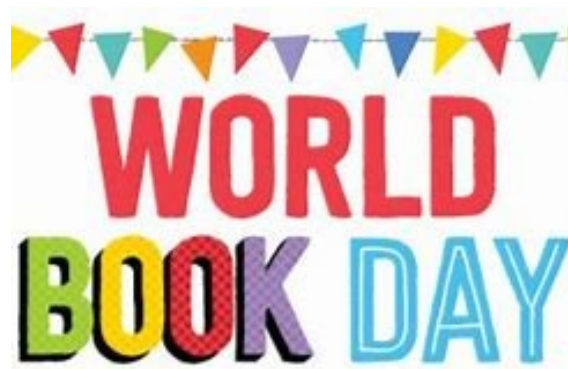
On Tuesday 29th January, six Year 6 children took part in a football festival at Charters School against other local primary schools. The team played fantastically, demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and were unbeaten in every game.



WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 7th March

More details to follow soon!



COMIC RELIEF RED NOSE DAY



Friday 15th March

Non uniform day

Wear something red and donate £1

PTA News



CURRENT PTA FUNDRAISING TOTAL 2018/19



Year 5 Cake Sale—

£55.85

New Years Day—

£385

Christmas Fayre—

£2291

Victorian Fayre—

£257

Current

Total

£2988.85



School Summer Fayre

Saturday 6th July

12pm—2.30pm

*(If you have an idea for a stall
or are able to help please speak
to your class representative)*



Year 4 and 5 Brass Event – Saturday 9th February

Over the recent weeks your child has been learning to play **pbone** with **Mr Lowe** through **Berkshire Maestros**. They have been doing fantastically well and have learnt so much in such a short amount of time due to their enthusiasm and hard work.

As part of this project we offer all students the opportunity to join us for a **Big Play Day** at your local music centre on the morning of **Saturday 9th February** between **8:45 and 10:30**. This is the chance for your child to join a band for an hour or so, playing fun pieces in a large group.

We would love to invite you to come and listen to a short performance of their work at the end of the session. We think you will be surprised and delighted at what they can achieve.

Your local music centre is **Bracknell**, where we will be playing **Star Wars, In the Hall of the Mountain King** and **Baby Shark**.

The cost of the event is just £3 per child which you can pay online. Please do sign up before the event, so we can know you are coming!

We hope your child will be able to join us and discover the fun they can have being part of a band.

For more details and to sign up online please visit
http://www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk/big_play_days.html

If you require any further information or would like to ask any questions, please feel free to contact your child's brass teacher using the following email -
marklowe@berkshiremaestros.org.uk

We look forward to seeing you soon.

NOTICES

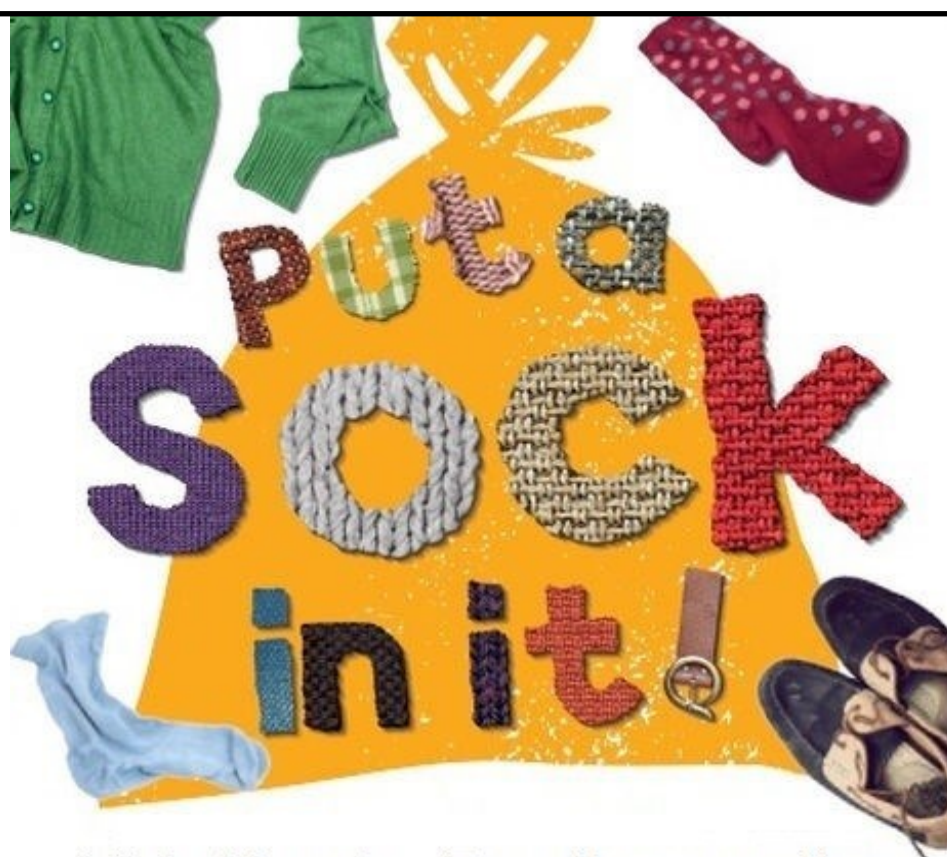
Tuesday 5th February

Chinese New Year

Stir Fried Beef in Oyster Sauce

Or

Pepper & Black Bean Chow Mein



18th March - Textile recycling

YES - Reusable clean and dry clothes, reusable paired shoes and footwear, handbags, belts & accessories, soft toys and bed linen.

NO - Mats, duvets, curtains, bric-a-brac, dirty clothing.

65p a KILO-Lets fill up those bags!



Important Dates	
FEBRUARY	
Tuesday 5th	Change of Menu—Chinese New Year
Wednesday 6th	ISing POP Concert—St Michael's Church 3pm
Saturday 9th	Years 4 & 5 Music with Maestros BIG PLAY DAY
Monday 11th	Year 6 leave for France
Monday 11th	Year 4 Road Safety
Wednesday 13th	Year 3 Class Assembly 9.05am
Friday 15th	Year 4 Cake Sale
Friday 18th	Half Term—school finishes 3.15pm
Monday 25th	Children return to school
Wednesday 27th	Year 2 Class Assembly 9.05am
MARCH	
Wednesday 6th	Reception Class Assembly 9.05am
Thursday 7th	World Book Day (<i>more information to follow soon</i>)
Monday 11th	Parent / Teacher Conferences 1.20—4pm
Tuesday 12th	Parent / Teacher Conferences 1.20—5pm
Wednesday 13th	Year 6 Class Assembly 9.05am
Friday 15th	Comic Relief Red Nose Day—Non uniform Wear something red and donate £1
Monday 18th	Year 5 leave for PGL Trip
Monday 18th	Textile recycling day
Friday 22nd	Non uniform day—donate an Easter Egg or Easter gift for Bingo night Hampers



Added as new or amended this week

Important Dates <i>continued</i>	
MARCH	
Saturday 23rd	BINGO Night 5pm—7pm
Tuesday 26th	Year 5 Class Assembly 9.05am
Friday 29th	Year 3 cake sale
APRIL	
Friday 5th	END OF TERM—School finishes at 2pm



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Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme



We are pleased to announce St.Michael's School has been successful in applying for the Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme.

Please help us to gain the most tokens by selecting the St.Michael's box at four local Tesco Supermarkets.

Voting will take place from Tuesday 1st January 2019 to Thursday 28th February 2019.

Stores taking part

ASCOT HIGH ST EXP SL5 7HP Express

Bracknell RG12 9TZ Superstores

Bracknell North RG42 3JP Superstores

FOREST PK BRCKNLL EXP RG12 0XQ Express

To check the location of any of the above stores, please go to the tesco website:

<http://www.tesco.com/store-locator/uk/>





St Michael's & All Angels Church



FAMILY SERVICE

Every Sunday—9.15am

A short, fun, vibrant service with singing, stories and drama.

10th February—Bad Brothers

17th February—The Reboot

24th February—The Promise



LOOKING AHEAD

6th March—Ash Wednesday (look out for service details)

31st March—Mothering Sunday 10am

21st April—Easter Day celebrations 10am



CHURCH CHOIR

Join us for a good sing!

St Michael's Junior Choir—6pm every Thursday

St Michael's Adult Choir—7pm every Thursday



TODDLER GROUP

Baby & Toddler group open to all parents and carers

Every Wednesday

10am term time, St Michael's Church Hall