



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

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents, Carers,

Spring is definitely on the way!



The weather has been kind to us this week and the children have all enjoyed break times and PE lessons outside, warmed by sunshine. Let's hope this fine spell holds for the PTA Easter Egg Hunt, in the last week of term. All children will take part. The PTA are asking for a voluntary donation of £3 to cover the cost of this much awaited event.

Can you help?

I feel it is fair to say that we have all been affected in some way during this pandemic; some, in our community, have experienced changes in employment and a loss in income. The future is looking promising and we all have high hopes for a return to life pre-Covid times, economic growth and financial stability.

Unfortunately, there are families in Sunninghill and in our school community whose lives and livelihoods have been affected by the pandemic. Since the first lockdown in March 2020, due to the generosity of the village and local church communities, we have been able to discreetly help some of our families at St Michael's, with regular supplies of fresh fruit, vegetables, dried goods and dairy products, during this financially challenging time.

Mrs Elaine Finch, through her association with local charities, such as the Hope Trust, has been working closely with the school for many years to support local families in need of pastoral and financial help. In May 2020, Elaine pioneered the provision of weekly, nutritious food hampers, to our school families. Elaine is best placed to explain the rationale and vision behind her work.

I am a Trustee of a local charity that at Christmas helps those in our Parish who are in financial need. Our Parish State schools have been an important part of helping us to identify some of those families who are struggling. This can include those on low incomes but who fail to qualify for free school meals or any other assistance. Being involved with the charity and local State schools has formed my thinking.

My idea, **which is completely independent of the aforementioned charity**, is to work with the schools in our Parish to identify those children whose families are struggling and to discreetly offer help. The aim is to try and ensure these children get **fresh and nutritious food** by giving the family a weekly delivery until their personal difficulties improve.

The first school I have started working with is St Michaels in Sunninghill. The Head Teacher, Lorna Anderton, welcomed my idea, which is very much in line with her thinking. We are working together to help some of their most needy families. We began at the end of May 2020. The budget is £20-25 per family per week, which provides 250gms butter, 550gms cheddar cheese, a dozen eggs and a box of good quality fresh fruit and vegetables. This can be increased for larger families or adapted for food allergies or intolerances. The response has been rewarding and, at times, deeply moving.

So, to that end I am raising money to finance the initiative. **Obviously security of income is important and monthly donations by standing order give us this.** However, this commitment does not suit everyone and **one off donations** are most welcome too! **All monies are held in an account specially set up for the purpose and are open to scrutiny.** We intend in due course to get charity status.

If this local project appeals to you and you would like to help, then the bank details are as follows:

Acc Name: Mrs Elaine Finch - Sort Code: 30-90-24 [TSB] - Acc Number: 00014176

Reference: Please put your name, this helps us identify who the donations come from.

NB: Recently the banks have bought in a new verification system but at the moment TSB is not a member, so depending on which bank you are sending money from you may be told that our above account cannot be verified. I am assured by the banks, that as long as you enter the correct Sort Code and Acc. No, [and they are printed correctly here] the funds will get to us safely. I always acknowledge safe receipt of fund. This does not happen with every Standing Order that is set up, and hopefully the situation will be resolved shortly.

If you feel you may be able to support our school community, please contact Elaine Finch directly. We are in this together. We all have a vested interest in ensuring every child and their family feel supported, valued and are able to flourish.

Thank you for caring.

Important Local Authority Advice

While restrictions and advice for social distancing and the mixing of households remain, in the interest of keeping our school open, I would politely direct you to information from RBWM:



Protect others by keeping to the rules

Protect your friends and loved ones by not having:

- Sleepovers
- Group gatherings
- Playdates
- Visitors in your home

REMEMBER

 **HANDS**  **FACE**  **SPACE**

Warmest regards

L Anderton

Headteacher





AWARDS



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

Year 6 Cailon & Jax

Year 5 Florence & Noah

Year 4 Jai & Damanjit

Year 3 Gemma & Nifemi

Year 2 Aymaan & Oz

Year 1 Purdi & Kavi

Reception Blu & Ronnie

CONFIRMATION SERVICE

Dear Parents and Carers,

In recent years we have been able to offer our year 6s the opportunity to get confirmed and own their faith for themselves. This has been particularly important for many as they move up to secondary school, with the option of taking communion at Ranelagh.

We aren't able to run our usual youth groups this year, which have usually brought people through to this point but are able to offer a confirmation service with Bishop Olivia on 23rd May at St Peter's Cranbourne.

If this is something any of the Year 6s would be interested in, or interested in finding out more please provide contact details then we can arrange appropriate confirmation preparation (online or in person).

I do need to know sooner rather than later, so by the end of next week (26th March). Sorry it's a bit rushed – I'm happy to talk to parents or children about what's involved if that would be of interest.

Many thanks
Rev Stephen Johnson
Vicar of Sunninghill and South Ascot

INTRODUCING THE ST MICHAEL'S PTA WEBSITE

www.PTA-Events.com/StMichaelsSunninghill

The PTA received countless requests from parents who wanted a way to pay online for our events and fundraising activities. Now we have the solution!

No more searching for coins, or wondering if money sent in your child's book bag has been received. Through our new PTA website you sign up and pay online, securely.

Thank you for supporting our efforts to raise money for St Michael's, foster community building, and generally help the efforts of the school.

EVENTS

Support PTA fundraisers. We're going cashless!

UNIFORMS

Choose from items/sizes we have and pay online securely.

SPONSORS

Access a directory of our community partners.

**Don't delay—
register today!**

PTA NOTICES

DEADLINE FOR PIZZA ORDERRS—TODAY, 19th March



**Place your order
on the PTA
website TONIGHT**

*Orders to be
collected at school
pick up on Friday
afternoon,
26th March*

SCHOOL PIZZA EVENT FRIDAY 26TH MARCH

We've teamed up with Doughies for a fun family night in.
Order your pizza making kits and you'll receive everything you
need to make artisan Margherita pizzas in your home oven.

Time for a clear out!



**BRING IN YOUR
UNWANTED CLOTHES**
Tuesday 30th March

Drop off your unwanted
clothes for recycling
BEFORE 9AM on the
morning of 30th March.
Please bag shoes and
handbags separately.

No Single shoes, Mats, Carpets, Duvets,
Pillows, Blankets, Bedlinen, Curtains or
Bric-a-Brac

Late bags cannot be accepted.

Funds raised will go straight
back into the school!

WANTED

St.Michael's logo
uniform.

Our 2nd Hand
Uniform shop is in
need of all School
logo uniform and
PE kits.

Please drop any
items at the
School office.

*Thank-you for
your support.*

ST MICHAEL'S PTA INVITES YOU TO JOIN THE

EASTER EGG HUNT

Complete the hunt to win an egg!

£3 per child.

All proceeds go directly to St Michael's PTA.

Please register and pay via our NEW PTA website:

www.pta-events.co.uk/stmichaelssunninghill



This event will take place during school on
Wednesday the 31st of March in class bubbles.

Longacres Garden Centres



**GROW
YOUR OWN**

**Nominate your child's
school & they could**

WIN

**a Zest 4 Leisure planter,
Westland peat free compost &
Suttons tomato seeds!**

Full terms & conditions on our blog
longacres.co.uk



Nomination must be submitted by 23:59 on 18/04/21 and we will announce the winner on the 19/04/21. Only one winner will be chosen per store (Bagshot, Bybrook Barn, Chelmsford & Shepperton) We will contact the winning schools privately after the competition has ended. Judges decision is final. Duplicate entries may be disregarded and your first entry will be the only to count.

Important Dates

MARCH

Friday 19th March	Deadline for placing pizza orders on PTA website—TONIGHT
Friday 26th March	Collect pizza Orders at end of school day
Tuesday 30th March	Clothes recycling—drop off before 9am
Wednesday 31st March	Easter Egg Hunt

APRIL

Thursday 1st April	Term ends
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SPRING HOLIDAY—Friday 2nd April to Friday 16th April

Monday 19th April	Inset Day
Tuesday 20th April	Children return to School

MAY

Monday 3rd May	Bank Holiday
Friday 28th May	Term ends

MAY HOLIDAY— Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June

JUNE

Monday 7th June	Children return to school
Thursday 24th June	KS1 & KS2 Sports Day 9am-11.45am School Field
Monday 28th June	KS1 & KS2 Sports Day (<i>back up day in case of rain</i>)
Tuesday 29th June	Reception Sports Day—Astroturf
Wednesday 30th June	Reception Sports Day (<i>back up day in case of rain</i>)

JULY

Friday 23rd July	Term Ends
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Added as new or revised



**BA SPORTS
CHARTERS
LEISURE CENTRE
EASTER CAMP
6th - 16th April**

**10% Sibling
Discount
10% Weekly
Discount**

8am-6pm

£35

9:30-3:30pm

£25

**9:30-5pm
&**

**8-3:30pm
£30**

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