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Friday 1st March 2024

Dear Families,

Dydd Dewi Sant Hapus and Welcome back to Term 4! The children have really impressed me over the last two weeks with their attitude to learning and their behaviours. We have had several prospective parents looking round and Governors visiting who have also commented on how calm and purposeful the classrooms were as well as how hard working, engaged and polite the children were.

Year 6 have particularly impressed me with their approach this week. Following the introduction of a change to lunchtime that they did not agree with, a group came to my office yesterday breaktime to discuss their complaints and were challenged to come back later in the day with a proposal. By lunchtime they had drawn up a variation to the original idea, discussed how it was going to be implemented and could offer solutions to the challenges I gave them. Their plan has now been realised and will be rolled out from Monday!

Parents Evening and Interim Reports

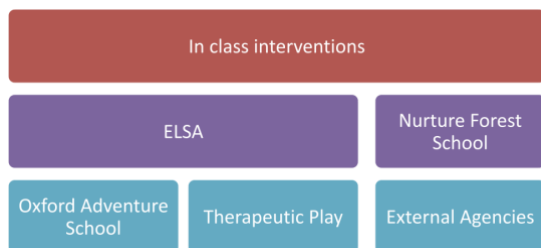
Parents Evenings will be held online w/c 18th March. You will be sent invitations to these in the coming weeks. Interim reports will also be sent out. Feedback was generally positive, and parents said they felt they helped shaped a more meaningful conversation during the meetings.

Where parents didn't find them as useful this was around the lack of a personal comment or clarity around what the end of year expectations are. The aim of the interim report is to give parents an indication of where their child is at the moment, whether that is working towards, working, or exceeding the end of year expectations. These expectations were shared in September, but we will resend them with the interim reports. The 1:1 meeting takes the place of the personal comments.

Homework

Huge thanks to those of you who completed the feedback questionnaire on homework. We are currently discussing with staff what homework will look like in practice and aim to have some kind of tiered approach ready to launch after Easter.

Additional Provision



We all need a little support at times. We pride ourselves on having provision that supports the social and emotional well being of children in our care. This is a tiered approach that always starts with in class support.

Please do take a look at our website for more information on each provision.

<https://www.stmichaelssteventon.co.uk/page/?title=Additional+Provision&pid=86>

If you think that your child would benefit from any of these, please talk to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Staffing

Easter sees a slight change in staffing.

Mr Protherorugh, our Year 6 teacher, will be leaving us at Easter to pursue a really exciting new challenge in the Secondary sector. We know that his incredible knowledge of Year 6 will be invaluable. We wish him all the very best in his new adventure.

As such, Mrs Hyland will be teaching Year 6 until the end of term and in turn, on a Tuesday, Mr Paynter will be covering Year 5 on a Tuesday and Mrs Drabble will be covering Year 4. I am very grateful to our wonderfully flexible staff team for taking on these additional days to ensure that the transitions for all children are smooth.

Miss Bosley in the office will also be leaving us at Easter to start a brilliantly exciting new role in the NHS working with new parents. We know she will be wonderful and wish her all the very best.



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Ox-Trail

Our Mini Ox has arrived! It is currently causing much hilarity and a little confusion as it finds its way around school. We are running a competition to design our Ox which will join a mini herd in either Didcot or Abingdon during the Summer. Entries are £1 and can be collected from the school office.

The closing date is Monday 11th March at 3:30pm.

Forest Project

2,000 trees have arrived at Radley College for the Forest Community Art Project. Please see the attached information and go along to see.



World Book Day – Reminder

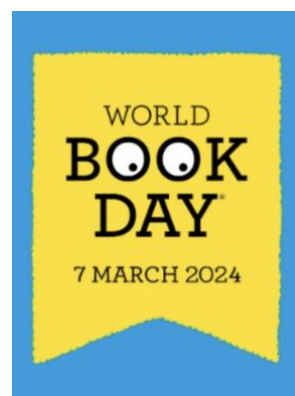
This year World Book Day is being celebrated on **7th March** but as you know at St. Michael's we love books so much we like to make a whole week of it!

This year we are inviting you to come in during that week to share books with your children. This will happen at 2.45-3.10pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. On the Wednesday it will happen from 8.30-9.00am. Family members are welcome to come to one session or all five!

On the 7th children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character or in pyjamas/comfy loungewear. Please contact Mrs Satchwell if you need any support with this.

This term the children in school have been choosing some books that they would like to update their book corner and we are going to set up a wish list at Mostly Books. If you would like to purchase a book for the school the details of how to do so will be shared next week.

If you have any questions, please ask your child's class teacher or Mrs Satchwell.



Jamathon!

After a resounding success last time, (raising over £1000!) we will be raising funds for School with another Jamathon! This event has now been marked as an annual fundraiser for the school.

BODYJAM: The cardio workout where you are free to enjoy the sensation of dance. BODYJAM covers a variety of dance styles and global music. During the 2 hours, you will dance four routines that will be introduced by layering up each move to create epic routines to sensational music. Thanks to the incredible tunes and your feedback, we'd love to bring back BODYJAM release 104 "I Miss The Old Jam" and 106 "Westside Story".

We are requesting a minimum £10 donation on the door. Follow the link to sign up!



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Diary Dates

Saturday 2nd March – Jamathon 10:30 – 12:30

W/C 4th March – World Book Week

W/C 18th March – Parents Consultations

Friday 15th March – Non uniform day for Red Nose Day

Friday 15th March - Open Classrooms 3:00pm

Friday 15th March – SSA Pub Quiz and Pizza at the Village Hall

Thursday 28th March – Easter Service, 9:30am St Michael's Church

Thursday 28th March – Finish for Easter 1pm

Thursday 28th March – SSA Easter Egg Hunt



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Monday 15th April – Start of the Summer Term 8:45am

Safeguarding

If you are worried about your own child or another child in the community, please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate people:

Immediate danger

If you think a child is in immediate danger, call the police on **999**.

Immediate concern

If you have a concern about a child, please call MASH on **0345 050 7666**.

If you are a parent or carer

If you feel you are harming your child or are close to doing so please contact us on one of the following numbers:

- Office hours (8.30am – 5pm, Monday to Thursday, 8.30am – 4pm, Friday): Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub: **0345 050 7666**
- Outside office hours: Emergency Duty Team: **0800 833 408**

If you have any concerns or require any support, please do speak to us. We have access to lots of different types of support ranging from the Community Larder and parenting support right through to Social Care.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if we can support with anything.

Kind Regards

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FOREST

A collaborative exhibition of
artworks by local schools

Barker Gym

Radley College

OX14 2HR

12 - 16 March 2024

Visiting Times:

Tuesday - Friday, 1:30pm - 4:30pm

Saturday, 10:00am - 3:00pm

Speaker: Saturday, 16 March, 11:00am

Join us for a talk about the
wonders of the trees around us.



School Group Visits



We would love to welcome your school group.

Please make an appointment by contacting

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