

St. Michael's C of E Infant School Newsletter

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A Celebration of Our Military Children

Mrs Westmorland, who leads our Little Troopers club for our children from military families, put together a very special celebratory tea party in April. April is the month of celebrating the military child and this event helped to provide the children with a recognition of how much we value them. The dandelion is used to symbolise the military child; while its seeds are blown far and wide by the wind, it will plant and blossom wherever it lands. My husband was in the armed forces when my children were young and both of my boys grew up with their Dad away for at least 6 months of the year. I know how challenging it can be for military children and thank Mrs Westmorland (who is also a military wife) for enabling this special celebration to take place.

Please see the back page of our newsletter for lots of exciting PE events that have been organised by our PE leader Mrs Tarsey for this term.

Have a lovely wee

Dot Patton



Sports Morning

Our school Sports morning will be held on **Thursday 27th June** on the Junior school field. We welcome you to come and cheer your child on. The sports morning starts at **9:30am**. This is always a lovely morning and Mrs Tarsey and Mr Sanders will be organising the events.

Please note that all parents will be asked to sit on the far side of the field (on the bank) and we would ask that you do not come over to the children because it can be upsetting for them when you go again. Thank you for your support.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Edie in Year 2 who took part in both the Guildford and Farnborough dance festivals in the Easter holidays. Edie received 2 gold medals for her solos and a further gold medal for her group dance. Well done Edie!

Diary Dates

Tuesday 7th May – chick eggs arrive
Wednesday 8th – Fraser Portraits – Class photos
Wednesday 15th – 3:30pm Year 1 Maths Information Session
Wednesday 22nd– Year R trip to Wellington Country Park
Monday 27th – Friday 31st May - Half Term
Monday 10th June – Duck eggs arrive
Wednesday 12th– 6:30pm St. Michael's Junior School Information Evening
Friday 14th - FOSM Summer Fayre
Tuesday 18th – Year 2 Wisley Trip
Friday 21st – Year 1 Milestones
Thursday 27th - Sports morning
Friday 28th – INSET DAY
Monday 1st July - Berkshire Birds of Prey visit to Year 1
Wednesday 3rd July – 9:30 – 11:00am Year 2 Transition morning at the Juniors
Wednesday 10th – 6:15 – 7:30 Year 2 Leavers' Disco
Tuesday 23rd – 2:15 Year 2 Leavers' Assembly
Tuesday 23rd - Last Day of Term

Maths Workshop for Year 1 Parents - 3:30pm on 15th May

We would like to invite Year 1 parents to a Maths information session. The information sessions will take place in the year group classrooms and we will offer a creche facility for children who attend the school only. If you would like your child to attend the creche then we would ask that you book them in before Monday 13th May. The creche will be offered free of charge and, as there are only limited spaces, we are asking that you do not send your child if you have not booked them a space.

Collective Worship

This week in Collective Worship we have been learning about perseverance and have listened to the story of the hare and the tortoise! Perseverance is one of our school values. We have been learning a beautiful song called Resilience in Me. I know some of the children have been practising this song at home and would like to thank them for their enthusiasm.



Medicines in school

As hay fever season approaches, your child may need to keep an anti-histamine medicine in school. Whilst we can administer these medicines, it must be a new, sealed bottle please. There is a form to complete and the medicines would be kept in the school office. It would be the parents' responsibility to update the office of any changes.

We can also administer antibiotics but these must be sent into school in the boxes with the advice leaflet too please and there must be a readable prescription label either on the box or bottle.

Move More

Being **physically active** is an **integral** part of life at St Michael's Infant School. Children are naturally full of energy and we aim to take this and develop it to give them a **life-long love** of being physical and living a **healthy lifestyle**.

We believe that physical education is more than just a few hours a week of taught lessons. Being physical and healthy impacts on many areas of the academic curriculum and on school life in general. By developing good physical wellbeing, we find that our children are more focused for learning with increased **stamina**, **perseverance** and **resilience**. It also has a **positive impact** on their **mental** and **emotional health**.

-Mrs Tarsey



A child needs to move their body to prepare their brain for learning

Upcoming opportunities happening in school:

Walk to School Week- Monday 20th – Friday 24th May

We are taking part in this National Challenge to discover **The Magic of Walking**. This year's challenge encourages children to travel actively to school every day of the week. Meeting various magical beings along the way, they will learn about the important reasons to walk or wheel and its benefits for individuals, communities and the planet!

Skip2bFit - Wednesday 5th & Thursday 6th June

All Classes (Year R, 1 & 2) will have a fun workshop using counting skipping ropes to motivate children to be active. We then continue this in school

Chance 2 Shine Cricket - Friday 5th July

Children in Year 1 and 2 will take part in an engagement session for cricket. This opportunity will inspire our children to learn and play a new sport with a fun and active session.



60 minutes physical activity every day



Bottle skittles

- Use empty plastic bottles as skittles. Set them up approx. 5m away.
- Use a pair of socks rolled into a ball and try to hit as many skittles as possible down.

Mouse Trap

- Turn a basket upside down. Tilt the basket as you keep it lifted at one end by placing it on top of the bottle.
- Using your ball or rolled up socks, try to hit the bottle so that the basket drops to the floor.

Alphabet Walk

- Head out for a walk. On the way, try to spot something beginning with the letter 'A', the Z the letter 'B' and so on until you get to 'Z'.

Add it on

- Choose your favourite song
- One person shows everyone else a dance move. The others copy the move. The next person shows everyone a dance move. Everyone does the first move and then adds on the next move and so on.

More information to follow