

## **St Michael's Missive No 26 (Trinity 2017/18) – school and community news**

### **A MESSAGE FROM MRS OWEN**

Dear Families,

Welcome back for the summer term, it's good to see that the weather is finally fitting in with the season and the grass has dried out sufficiently for the children to be able to play on the field. Please make sure that your children have suitable protection from the sun including sun hats and sun cream, as a lot of the outdoor area is not in shade during the school day. The children can also have water bottles in the classroom.

Next week Year 5 will be travelling to Woodlands in the Wye Valley for a week of adventure. We hope they have a great time and look forward to hearing all their news when they get back, including at their class assembly on Friday 4 May.

Other events this half term include the PTA Film Night on 27 April and Discos on 18 May. Year 1 parents are invited to a phonics evening on 2 May, Reception's class assembly is on 11 May and the children will be dancing for the May Queen and King on 24 May. All summer term dates will be available on the school website's calendar.

I would also like to remind those parents who choose to stay in the playground after school finishes, that children should not play on the field or the trim trail and must be carefully supervised at all times.

Best wishes,

Rosalind Owen

### **CLASS NEWS**

#### **Reception Year**

Please could we have some parent volunteers to set up the art work for all classes for art week in the hall on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of May. Please let Judith know if you are able to help.

This term the reception children are lucky enough to have a sports coach teaching them gymnastics, these sessions will take place on Mondays, so please ensure your child has their PE kit with them.

Miss Smith would like some parent volunteers to read to the children for 10 minutes at the end of the day on Friday afternoons. You can volunteer once or more regularly. If you think this is something you would like to do please speak to Miss Smith.

#### **Year 6**

There is a Science fair at The Cherwell that the school would like to invite Year 6 pupils to if they'd like to go on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April. It's from 2pm until 4:30pm, so they can go straight from school if they want to visit it.

#### **All Year Groups**

##### **Shoesday-whole school**

On Tuesday, 22 May 2018 thousands of children and grown-ups around the country will be wearing their happy shoes. WHY?

They all want the right to walk to school safely, with fewer traffic jams and less toxic fumes in the air. They will be taking part in our event; Happy Shoesday which encourages more children to walk to school and raises vital funds for our work.

More information to come

-The living streets

I would like to give you some notice that to coincide with Shoesday we will be collecting for UNICEF shoesSHARE. We will be collecting unwanted shoes that will then be dropped off at Clarks shoe shop. Your shoes will help to change children's lives by buying educational equipment such as the 'School in a Box'.

<https://www.clarks.co.uk/unicef>

Miss Smith

Love Determination Responsibility Respect Kindness Friendship Honesty

## HOCKEY AND CHOIR CLUBS

This **Friday** there will be a taster session for the **hockey club**, 3.15 – 4.15pm, for years 3-6.

On **Monday**, there will be a taster session for the **choir**, 3.15 – 4pm, for years 2-6.

Please encourage your children to come along to either or both clubs and have a go. Parents are also welcome to join the choir.

## PTA NEWS

The next **PTA meeting** is on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 8pm. Items on the agenda include the Disco and the Summer Fete. Please come along, everyone is welcome.

Film club is next Friday – please book tickets by Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> so that the PTA can buy the snacks and drinks on Thursday.

We need at least another 2 volunteers to help them run film club next week. Please could you come forward as soon as possible so we know that we can run it safely. This will involve making sandwiches, giving out drinks and snacks to children and chaperoning the children during the film. Ideally you need to be available from 2-5.15pm. Please email the PTA email address to let us know. [stmichaelsoxfordpta@gmail.com](mailto:stmichaelsoxfordpta@gmail.com)

We also need volunteers to help organise and run the school disco and thirdly to help sell tea and cakes after the May Day Dancing. We are looking to see how many people can help out at each of these events to confirm whether or not they will go ahead.

Families can sign up here -

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090D4CA5A62FA4FB6-summer2](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090D4CA5A62FA4FB6-summer2)

There will be a separate sign up sheet for the Summer Fair/Football Tournament on 23 June.



**Friday 27th April**  
**3:30pm - 5:15pm**

**£2.50**  
**per child (includes snacks)**

**Book tickets on Parentmail,**  
**by Wednesday 25th April**

## LIBRARY NEWS



### BookTrust's writing competition!

**Write a story of 500 words or fewer!**

(That's the limit, not the aim, so it's absolutely fine to send in something with fewer words than that.)

**It can be about absolutely ANYTHING and can be set anywhere you like:**

in space, the jungle, at school, underwater, in a shop, etc.

**The only rule: YOU are the main character, and you have to use your REAL FIRST NAME.**

So, if your name is Sam, you can write a story about Sam finding a mouse in his sock.

If you want to illustrate your story, or do it as a comic strip, that's fine too. In fact, we'd love you to illustrate your own cover, or maybe have a go at illustrating the main character – YOU!

#### **WHAT DO YOU WIN?**

**Five winners** will get the chance to see their entry turned into an actual, properly printed one-off book by an actual, real life publisher – with their name on the cover and everything!

**Please hand entries in to Mrs Pope to post by 17 May!**

## COMMUNITY NEWS



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 20 April	Sharing Assembly
Monday 23 April	Year 5 depart for Woodlands – coach leaves at 8.45am
Friday 27 April	PTA Film Club 3.30-5.15pm
<i>25 May – 4 June</i>	<i>Half term</i>
Monday 4 June	Back to school

Parents have been asking about the start date for the 2018/19 academic year. We return to school on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> September. Term dates will be added to the website soon.

## BUNNY NEWS

Libby in Reception has found a bunny rabbit. I have seen a photograph and he/she is delightful. Libby would love to keep it, but her cat and dog have vetoed the idea. If you have lost a bunny (he isn't very big and has a wild hair do, he is a mixture of colours, rather like a tortoiseshell cat) please call Libby's mum on 07787 957028.

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