

# St. Michael's C of E Primary School Newsletter

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## Year Three's very busy week!

Year Three have been at The Bishop's Stortford College for their session with an author as part of the Festival of Literature, about town; visiting the Rhodes Centre the castle gardens and park, St. Michael's Church **and** shopping at the Tourist Information Centre! (See below).

Welcome back Mrs Mann!



Year 3 at the top of the Castle in town.

Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic trip this week when they explored the history of our town and visited the church to learn about religious symbols. The day started at the Town Museum at the Rhodes Centre and following a walk along the river they climbed the castle before visiting the Tourist Information Office and finally stopping off at the church. The enthusiasm of the children was noted by everyone they met and they all agreed that exploring close to home is a great idea. The museum is particularly interesting and is the perfect place to visit over the Easter break as it has many hands-on activities as well as lively and fascinating displays; it also has the advantage of having free entrance. Louie-Jack commented that "it's the best place I've ever been" which is certainly a glowing recommendation. Thanks are due to Rev. Emily who was able to answer all the children's questions about the different symbols in the church after a symbol hunt, mainly centering on the kneelers, proved particularly productive!

## School Council News...

School Council have chosen to support Bishop's Stortford Food Bank this year and launched



their 'campaign' this week in assembly. They have decided on two main areas of support - make and collect 'hygiene packs' and to raise money to help with the running costs of the Food Bank van (approx £100pcm). Please help us by collecting the following toiletries:-shower gel, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, hand gel, tissues, face wipes and put in a zip lock food bag.



These items need to be travel size but can also be hotel/magazine freebies and refilled small bottles. It would be good to have one bag per family! They are also holding a competition to design a Baked Bean tin label - 50p per entry. The money will be collected in an empty Baked Bean tin - which class will fill theirs up the quickest? **The closing date for this is 12.4.16.**



School Council will also be running a stall at the Summer Fayre.

Please get behind the children in supporting our local community.

### More good deeds!

Just to update you on Sport Relief – the grand total raised in the end was £337.35! Brilliant – well done everyone 😊

### Class Assemblies

We have arranged class assemblies for the Summer Term, as listed below:

	Date	Time
Rec	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> July	2.30pm
Year 1	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> July	2.45pm
Year 2	Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> June	2.45pm
Year 3	Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> June	2.45pm
Year 4	Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> May	2.45pm
Year 5	Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> May	2.45pm
Year 6	Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> July	2.30pm

Please note that the remaining important summer events/dates will be sent out after Easter.

### Football Semi-Final Match

Our football team won their semi-final match on Monday against Thorley Hill. They now play in the final at Little Hallingbury School on Wed 13<sup>th</sup> April – good luck!

### Congratulations....!



A number of boys from St. Michael's were involved in a swimming gala last weekend. As you can see from the photo, Alex and Daniel in Year Three came away with HUGE trophies and medals – well done boys 😊

### St Michael's Win Quiz Club Area Heat!



St Michael's were victorious at the Quiz Club National Inter-School Quiz Championship, winning the area heat, which was hosted by Thorn Grove Primary School on Wednesday afternoon.

This year two teams were sent to the competition: Team A (Ruby Wood, Cara Lewis, Ben Warren and Alex Warren) and Team Alpha (James Ashbrook, Annabelle Baker, Herbie MacLeod and Holly McFarlane).

After forty tricky questions, testing the pupils on Maths, Geography, History, Science, Art and General Knowledge, Team A won with an overall score of 1,475 points, beating St

Luke's Catholic Primary School who achieved 1260 points. Team Alpha were always challenging the other teams and performed really strongly throughout the quiz and by the end of the contest had amassed a respectable 1,215 points, placing them fourth overall.

Team A now move onto the semi-final round of the competition which will take place in the first half of the Summer term. Look out for further details!

It was great to see so many parents come to support the children and giving both teams lots of encouragement – thank you for your support!



A massive congratulations to both teams for all their hard work over the last term and to the other pupils who participated in the weekly lunchtime Quiz Club sessions. All the pupils certainly shone on the day and made St. Michael's very proud.

### *A message from SPACE!*

*Following our very successful Science Week - thank you Mr Hays- we were amazed and very excited to learn that Tim Peake had 'liked' a tweet from the Johnson family about what we were up to at St. Michael's school!*

### **Nabikabala latest...**

Mrs Ann Forbes, one of our school governors is currently in Uganda. She has taken most of the money from the "silver coins" fundraising to continue with the hall building and construction of the roof.

She is also personally delivering some lovely letters from years 4, 5, and 6 to the children of Nabikabala and an Easter card for the staff.

Thank you again for the red bags of silver (and gold) coins. **The new total is a brilliant £483.40.**

Further donations (in the red bags or otherwise) are always much appreciated and we will have an estimated total cost for the roof when Mrs Forbes returns.

### *Easter Service*

Thank you to Mrs Wilson, Mrs Fox and Mrs Webb for leading the lovely Easter service at St. Michael's Church today. It was great to see lots of parents join us.

Thanks also to The Rev. Williams for his words on 'touching wood' and how this action or saying began in the Middle Ages, when people found wood they thought had come from the cross Jesus died on.

Mrs Ranger and Mrs Halliwell have also worked hard during Songs and Worship to teach the children the songs for today. Thank you.

### *Summer Term*

We begin the Summer Term on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April.



"Thank you Jesus, thank you Lord,  
For the gift of life you brought,  
You died, you rose, you saved us all,  
Thank you Jesus for the power of the cross."

(Words from the song 'At the Cross' shared in church today).

Have a lovely Easter break.  
Mrs Dale ☺