

FRIENDS OF ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2024



We can't believe we're already several weeks through a new year!
Welcome to all the new Reception families!

Thank you for all of your support last year. We ran lots of events, particularly in the last term and raised lots of money and had lots of fun.

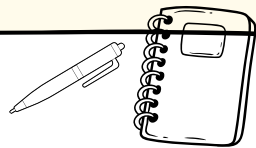
We were sad to say goodbye to the previous Year 2 class and their families. The 3 Friends committee positions are all currently filled by previous Year 2 mums so we're now accepting applications for Treasurer and Secretary. Kate and Suzie will stay on until the AGM in October but we do need people to fill these positions for us to be able to continue to run the Friends. Laura will remain as Chair, with Henry starting in Reception this year. Please contact her if you're interested in taking on a formal role (07717725874 if you can't catch her in person).

The Friends AGM will be on Tuesday 15th October at 8pm in
The Running Horses pub.

Louise (Sadie, yr2) has kindly agreed to take over the Uniform Hub from Lorna who has done it for many years while both her children went through St Michael's. Becca (Theo, yr2) has also generously agreed to continue in charge of our Craft Workshops this year - read on for more details about these!

Even if you don't fancy a formal role, we'd love to have you join the Friends as a helper. We're a small school and we appreciate every half hour you can spare us. Particularly the new yearR families, if you think you could help out, even a little bit, please join our Friends Whatsapp group.

SECRETARY



The perfect person to do this role is organised and full of ideas of events and fundraising.

You'll be asked to take notes at meetings (approx 2 a year).

The Secretary is also one of the two Trustees of the Friends of St Michael's charity (along with the Chair).

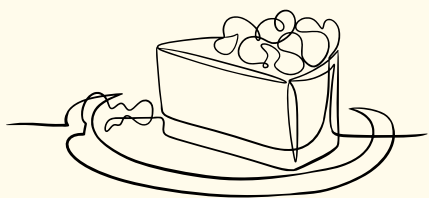
TREASURER



The perfect person to do this role is good with numbers and familiar with accounts.

You'll be asked to keep track of our incomings and outgoings and to prepare and file a simple set of accounts once a year.

Traditionally the Treasurer of the Friends is also Treasurer of the Playground committee.



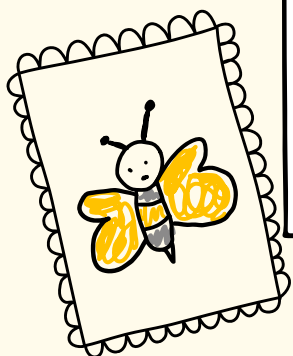
BAKE SALE



After some hugely successful Bake Sales last year, we'll be kicking off our events this year with a year 2 bake sale on **Friday 4th October** at pick up. We will also have your children's 'Take 1 Picture' artwork for sale for £6 each!

We'll hope to have it in the playground if the weather is dry but if not, we'll be in the hall.

Please bring cash if you can but we'll be able to take card payments as well (although the terminal is currently AWOL!).



CRAFT WORKSHOPS



Save the dates:

Sunday 6th October: Harvest Festival Crafting at the church, followed by a family service.

Sunday 1st December: Christingle Crafting at the school.

These workshops are always great fun so please do come along if you can. No need to book!



BAG2SCHOOLS

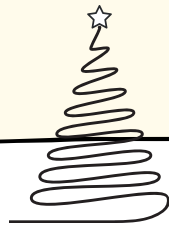


Last year Louise organised a charity clothes recycling collection which raised an amazing £162.80!

We'll be arranging another one for Easter time so please think of us if you're doing a spring clean. Thank you!

100 CLUB

Mrs Stewart has offered to run the 100 club again this year. It was good fun so please see her to find out the details and buy your number.



CHRISTMAS TREES

Every year the Friends buy in and sell real Christmas Trees to school families and the local community. Madga has run this for many years but her girls have now moved on from St Michael's so we need to find someone to work with her this year to take over this.

It's a great opportunity to raise vital funds for school in exchange for a short period of activity in Nov/Dec - you can then chill for the rest of the year!

If you love Christmas and think you can help, let Laura know!

SUMMER BBQ

Thank you to everyone who helped make the summer BBQ a success at the end of last year. It was so nice to see so many of the new Reception families there.



MEXICAN BINGO NIGHT!



We're running a joint Parent's Social with the Nursery on **Saturday 19th October.**

There'll be bingo and tortilla chips and hopefully a lot of fun. If you fancy helping out, please let Laura or Verity (Nursery) know.

7.30-11pm, Mickleham Village Hall. Tickets are £10 and include burrito, tortillas & dip

MICKLEHAM VILLAGE FAIR



On Saturday 6th July, the Friends ran two stalls at the Mickleham Village Fair: Face Painting and Hook-a-duck. Many school families came along, despite the rain.

A huge thank you to Bunty (Ophelia, former yr2) and her sister for being amazing face painters!



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YEAR 2 LEAVERS PICNIC



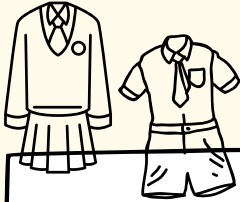
On the last day of term we organised a school-wide picnic to say goodbye to our Year 2s and celebrate together before the holidays. It was so lovely to see so many people come along and a great way to end the year.

It was a boiling hot day but yr2 loved their new hoodies!



HOT CHOCOLATE CAFE

In past years we've run Hot Chocolate Cafe some weeks at pick up during the Autumn/Winter term. If you'd be free to help us do this again this year, please let the Friends know.



SECOND HAND UNIFORM

If your child has uniform that they've grown out of, please consider donating it to our Uniform Hub. Whether they're leaving the school or just growing, we'll gratefully accept all clean, good-condition St Michael's uniform items. Please leave them with Ms Bullard in the school office whenever you're finished with them. Thank you.

Thank you to our Friends volunteers who ran a brilliant Uniform Sale last week. We raised over £50! which is fantastic.



A HUGE THANK YOU!

The Friends is obviously a collective of wonderful people. When our class of 2024 headed off to bigger schools, we said goodbye to some particular people who have contributed a huge amount to the Friends over the years: Kate, Suzie, Amy, Liz, Magda, Wendy, Helga & Lorna.

In formal roles or not, these wonderful Mummies have turned up and helped out with their time, wisdom and expertise. They've counted coins, baked cakes, sold Christmas trees, hunted eggs, made tea and created fun times and happy memories for your kids, enriching their time at school.

Thank you to each and every one of them!

