



St. Michael's Church of England Primary School



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Dear Parents

As we approach Christmas, our children are continuing to work hard whilst also rehearsing for their Christmas performances.

Christmas Service 6.00pm – Thursday 8 December – St. Michael's Church

As mentioned in previous newsletters, this year our junior children will participate in a Christmas Service reflecting our Church School status and encouraging children to remember the reasons we celebrate Christmas. Staff will be at the church from 5.30pm and pupils should arrive no later than at 5.45pm, ready for a prompt start at 6.00pm, so please allow time for parking. We look forward to welcoming you to this service which should last approximately 45 minutes and we anticipate a large congregation. I know childcare is sometimes difficult, however, if you are able to arrange appropriate care for younger siblings it would be appreciated – they will have had the opportunity to see the rehearsal during the day. Children should wear school uniform and a modest party/Christmas/winter hat of any description!

This academic year, our annual Junior musical production will take place in the Summer term 2017 – further details will be forwarded nearer the time.

Infant Nativity 2.00pm – Wednesday 14 December

Parents and carers are welcome to attend our Infant Nativity which will take place in the school hall. Class teachers will be in touch in the very near future to inform you if any costumes are required.

Christmas Raffle

As also mentioned earlier this term, we will be holding a raffle this Christmas to help raise funds to develop our playgrounds. Tickets will be on sale at both our infant and junior Christmas events, or the school office, from Wednesday 7 December. Prizes will include hampers containing a range of produce and we would greatly appreciate any donations to enable us to offer as many great prizes as possible. If you are happy to donate, please leave any items at our school office. We welcome your support with this and the lucky winners will be announced on Wednesday 14 December.

Christmas Lunch and Parties – Thursday 15 December

Please log in to www.lunchshop.co.uk to order your child's Christmas school lunch. For those of you less familiar with the system, instructions are on the front page of our website under 'Upcoming Events' (left hand side); please contact the office if you require assistance. This will be a **non-uniform** day, as Christmas lunch will be followed by our Christmas party afternoon when children will engage in various fun and festive activities!

Upfront Theatre Trip – Friday 9 December

Our Infant classes are off to the Upfront Puppet Theatre on Friday 9 December to see a production of Pinocchio; please return permission slips and payments as soon as possible.

Super Choice Afternoon – Monday 5 December

Children across the school have had the opportunity to choose a “super choice” activity for Monday afternoon. Activities include: Fun with Food, Christmas Grotto, Film Making, Lego Challenge, ICT Challenge and Serious Colouring. Pupils will be informed on Friday 2 December which of their chosen activities they will be doing and any resources/clothing they may need to bring. At the moment we are a little short of volunteer helpers, so if you are able to come along and help for the afternoon, please let us know! You can contact us via email, the website, or by calling 01228 711544.

Open Evenings

It was great that the vast majority of you were able to attend our open evenings last week; these evenings are so important, enabling us to review your child’s performance and attitude to learning, as well as providing an opportunity to meet you.

Mrs Johnston’s Class 4 rearranged appointments will now be on **Tuesday 6 December**. We will send out the appointment times this week via text, however, please contact us to arrange an alternative time if your reallocated time is inconvenient.

Finally, a reminder that our term ends on **Friday 16 December at 1.30pm**. Pupils return to school for the Spring term on Thursday 5 January 2017.

Yours sincerely



Mr C. Marsh
Headteacher