

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents, Carers,

Frosted windscreens and glistening pavements serve as a chilly reminder that winter is here, while clear skies pledge sunny playtimes enjoyed with friends. Although crisp, the weather has been kind to us over the past few weeks and the children have really benefitted from the many opportunities provided to play, exercise and learn outside.

This week, the weather has allowed us to complete the whole school challenge to walk/run a mile in aid of Children in Need.



Thank you to all our families, neighbours and the community for sponsoring our children and allowing them to experience the joy and rewards of giving, to other, less fortunate children.

The children's response and enthusiasm has been overwhelming. All the adults in school are so proud of their efforts and determination.

We will let you know how much the children raise as soon as possible. Meanwhile, thank you again for your generosity and support with this challenge.

Christmas at St Michael's

No one can be more disappointed than me, about the need to restrict parent involvement in all of the traditional festive events at school. However, thanks to the kindness of parent volunteers, you will be able to download the reception, year 1 and year 2 plays, to enjoy in the comfort of your own homes, throughout the holidays.

The link to the films will be provided to parents only, with the understanding that no clips from the films will appear on social media and access to the drop box link is restricted to parents alone. In the interest of safeguarding, it is critical that the privacy of our children is maintained at all times.

Tree Trimming - December 1st 2.15pm

Weather permitting (snow is allowed!), Tree Trimming will take place on the playground at 2.15pm.



To ensure safe distancing and reduce the risk of infection, arrangements are as follows:

- One parent per family is invited to join us on the playground.
- Parents, will wear face coverings and stand at a safe distance from each other and the children/staff.
- Once the assembly is finished, parents must remain at a safe distance, while the children return to their classrooms.
- Children will be dismissed as usual, by their class teachers, as soon as they have collected their items to go home.
- Photos are permitted, but these must remain for the safe use of families only.
 No child from St Michael's must appear on any social media platforms, without the written permission of the parents/ carers.



Please dress for the weather and ensure your child/children are well wrapped up. Scarves, gloves and hats may be necessary. With the help of our amazing PTA, we are hoping to offer families warming refreshments and festive pastries, to keep out the chill.

Christmas Lunch

The children and staff will sit down together to enjoy our 'Christmas



Lunch', pull crackers and tell terrible jokes, on Thursday December 9th. The cost of the meal is £2.50. This cost applies only to those children who are in KS2, who are not entitled to a free school meal. Children in reception, years 1 and 2 are covered, as usual, under the government's meals for infant's programme.

The End of the Day

I need to politely remind parents that pupils and siblings must not use the Adventure Playground, at the beginning or end of the school day, when there is no member of staff supervising the children. As previously requested, for safety reasons, we need parents and pupils to leave the playground as soon as possible, after the children have been dismissed.

Finally, I would like to comment on the children's polite greetings as they come through gate 2 in the mornings. It really is so uplifting to be on the receiving end of such delightful manners and brilliant smiles. What a wonderful way to start the day!

Warmest wishes

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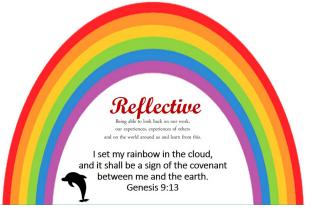
Headteacher



The following children were awarded a



certificate for being



Year 6 Whole Class

Year 5 Zara T & Ollie

Year 4 Isabella & Jude

Year 3 Ammar & Isaac

Year 2 Hugo & Emilia

Year 1 Oliver & Lochie

Reception Caiden & AJ

Housepoint Awards

Winning House Yellow

NOTICES

School Dinners

We are pleased to let you know that from January, Caterlink will be the new catering company for St Michael's school.

Caterlink is the company appointed by the RBWM for all schools who want to buy into the school catering service.

The RBWM are very confident that they have a highly qualified and experienced caterer in place to ensure that pupils in our school have access to tasty and nutritious meals all year round. The Menu development is completed in collaboration between the RBWM and the caterer, based on the national food standards and forms a significant of the part arrangement. The spring term menu is attached for your information.

To help us for a smooth transition we would like to ask all parents to ensure their children have a dinner money balance, enough to take them to 17th December (last day of term).

Please top up your child dinner money for the January 2022 start no earlier than 1st January 2022.

An Allergy and intolerance form will be sent to all parents as well which will need to be returned, accompanied with supporting evidence where applicable no later than 28/11/21.

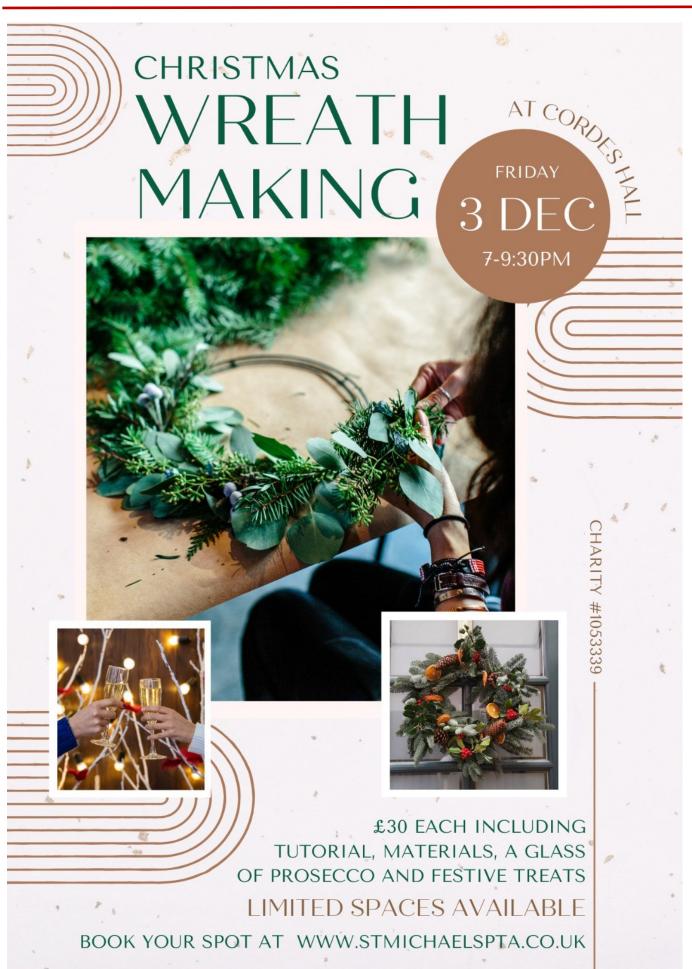




PIZZA & COOKIE EVENT THURSDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

We've teamed up with Doughies for a fun family night in. Order your pizza & cookie making kits and you'll receive everything you need to make artisan margherita pizzas (regular or vegan), and warm gooey cookies in your home oven.







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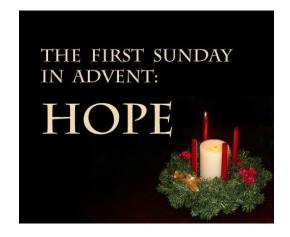


9.15am St Michael's Informal Service (Every Sunday)

Join us for our informal, child-friendly, 30 minute service. With lots of interaction, music and space for reflection.

Sunday 21st November—Operation
Christmas Child Shoebox Celebration
Sunday 9.15am. Come along to drop off
your shoebox at this service or drop
boxes between 10am-4pm until 22nd
November.





Sunday 28th November—Advent Sunday Join us for special services at our usual times to mark the start of the Advent Season.

Contacts

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Important Dates	
NOVEMBER	
Friday 19th November	Deadline for ordering PTA Doughie's Pizza kit
Thursday 25th November	Year 3 Class Assembly
Friday 26th November	Deadline for booking PTA Santa's grotto slot
DECEMBER	
Wednesday 1st December	Tree Trimming
Wednesday 1st December	Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 7th December	Year 2 Christmas Play
Thursday 9th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 9th December	Community Carol Singing in the Playground
Tuesday 14th December	Reception & Year 1 Christmas Play
Thursday 16th December	Christmas Assembly—St Michael's Church
Friday 17th December	Term ends 2pm
Christmas Holiday—Monday 20th December to Monday 3rd January	
JANUARY	
Tuesday 4th January	INSET DAY
Wednesday 5th January	Children return to school