



**St. Michael's C.E. Primary School**  
*Learning together through love, friendship, forgiveness and*

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# NEWSLETTER

1<sup>st</sup> December 2017

Dear Parents, Carers,

Thank you to the PTA and all the families involved in making our recent Christmas Fayre such an overwhelming success. On the day, the footfall through the school was impressive with so many members of our local community taking the time to visit and support the school; this is testament to the importance of St Michael's and the high profile of the school within the village.

Christmas has definitely arrived at school! It was so uplifting to welcome so many families and friends to the 'Tree Trimming Assemblies'. The children have really enjoyed making their decorations and they will have some wonderful keepsakes to remind them of the joyful Christmases spent at St Michael's.

## Keeping Warm

Just a reminder to send the children into school with coats; the cold weather is forecast to continue and although many of our children appear oblivious to the drop in temperature, they do need a coat in school. Hats are definitely essential for those children who feel the cold, or who are recovering from ear infections and colds.



## Carols in the Playground

December 14<sup>th</sup> 2017 5pm-6pm

All being well with the weather, we would like to invite all our families and the local community to join us in the playground to

sing carols and enjoy some festive cheer, provided by the PTA. We look forward to welcoming as many families and friends as possible.

## Mrs Leatherby's Christmas Shopping Offer

Worried about finding time before the hustle and bustle of the Christmas break to do some last minute shopping? Mrs Leatherby has the perfect solution! From December 4<sup>th</sup> until the 15<sup>th</sup>, children can be booked into 'Christmas Cosy Club' and enjoy a range of activities and fun for only £4. The club will run from 3.15 to 4.15. See Mrs Leatherby for more details.



## One off- Christmas Extravaganza!

For those parents who need even more last minute shopping time, Mrs Leatherby is running a special 'Christmas Club' on Monday December 18<sup>th</sup> until 5.30pm. The children can

choose to take part in a range of Xmas fun, including arts and craft, and enjoy a sumptuous tea. The cost for this one off offer is £10 per child.

Kindest regards

Mrs Anderton - Headteacher

## This Week's Awards

**Well done to Dove Class**

**For 98.7% attendance!**

In accordance with other Royal Borough schools we aim for 96.5%.

The following children received certificates for being **'Respectful'**

Year 6: Jake / Aman

Year 5: Whole class

Year 4: Whole class

Year 3: Sophia / Lola

Year 2: Ralph / Layla

Year 1: Hannah / Charlie

Reception: Imogen / Archer

## **The Golden Tickets went to:**

Year 6: Marli / Joe

Year 5: Josh / Jack P

Year 4: Holly / Ollie

Year 3: Lola K / Dexter

Year 2: Steven / Luke W

Year 1: Luca / Charlie K

Reception: Oliver Q / Shaheer

**HOUSE POINTS WINNER: Red**

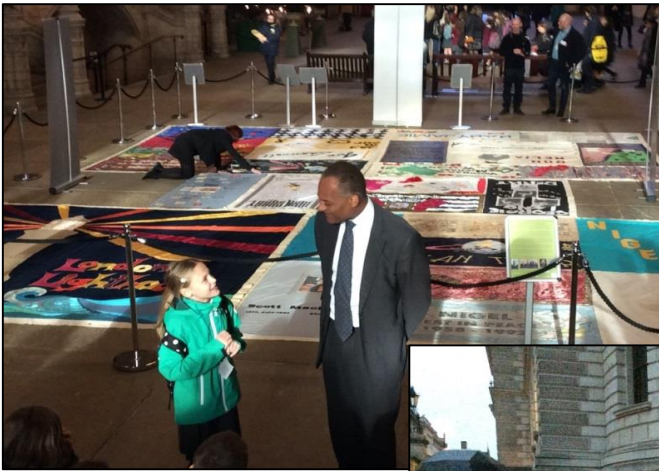




## Year 6 and Year 5 Trip to Houses of Parliament and the Churchill War Rooms

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November, Year 5 and 6 visited the Houses of Parliament and Churchill's War Rooms in London. It was an early start as we set off at 8am and headed straight to the Houses of Parliament. We were able to enter the building through the Queen's entrance and then we visited the Robing Chamber, the House of Lords and the House of Commons. We learnt about how laws are passed, the role of the Queen and the role of MPs. We learnt lots of interesting facts and all agreed that the House of Lords and Commons look a lot smaller than they do on television! Finally, we were able to meet Adam Afriyie, our local MP. We heard all about his job and he answered all of our questions, giving us an even better insight into the role of an MP and what it is like to work in the Houses of Parliament.

Report by Lola Martin



We went to see the Churchill war rooms and were given little phones to narrate information as we walked around the rooms where we saw where people worked and slept during the war. We found the trip very informative and discovered lots of additional facts that we did not know before.

Report by Rhianne Teeder







# The Making of Our Tree Trimming Decorations



## Reception

Made jingly, sparkly  
decorations







# Year 1

Made festive felt owls





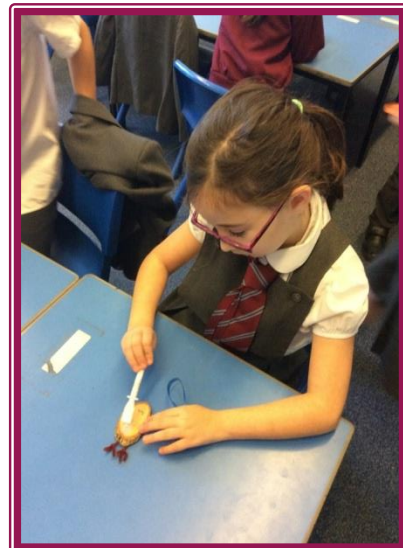


## Year 2

Made painted wooden decorations







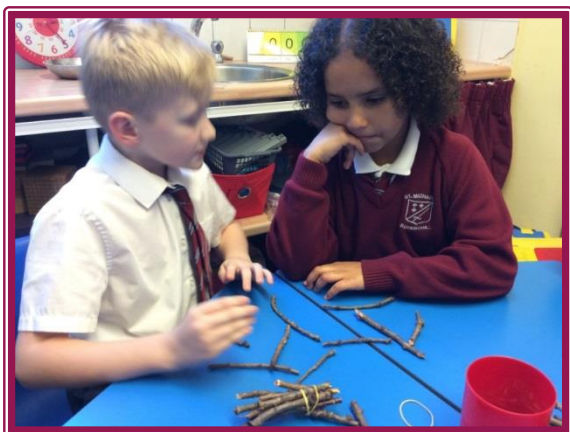
**Year 3**  
Made slab wood reindeer  
and robins



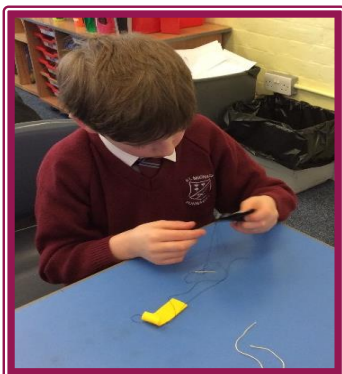




**Year 4**  
Made festive twig trees







## Year 5

Made felt penguins







## Year 6

Made felt snowmen







St. Michael's has signed up for the Primary Geography Quality Mark, which is an accredited tool to promote and develop lively and effective learning in geography. As part of

this, we would like to create a display in school which celebrates all of the places the children have visited. If you have a photo or a postcard from a country you have visited, please bring it into school to put onto our display.



Find us on  
**Facebook**

We have now set up a new Facebook page.  
Why not 'Like' and 'Follow' our page to keep in touch.



Swap your school uniform jumper and shirt for a Christmas jumper and raise money for Save the Children. Donate £1 on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December and wear your festive jumper.

### Love Shopping?

Help raise funds for our school every time you shop. Click on the below picture to find out how.



We are pleased to announce that we raised £202.90 this year for the Poppy Appeal.



Thank you to everyone who supported this great cause and wore their poppies with pride.



**Our 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform stocks are low!**

We desperately need excellent quality clothing that we can resell and make more money for the school. Please contact Kirsten Hossack at [kirstenstahley@hotmail.com](mailto:kirstenstahley@hotmail.com) if you have any to hand in. Thank you for your support.

**A big thank you to all those who supported the Christmas Fair last weekend. We raised £3,800!  
A fantastic achievement**







Important Dates to Remember	
DECEMBER	
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Flu Vaccinations in School 10am Choir to Coworth Park
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 Reception Nativity to Parents
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	Years 3 and 4 Xmas Production 5pm
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	Choir at St Michael's Church Carol Concert
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	iSing Pop in School
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Xmas Play Cordes Hall 2pm
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Xmas Play Cordes Hall 5pm
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	Carols in the playground 5pm
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas iSing Pop Concert St Michael's Church 5pm Swap your school jumper/shirt for a Christmas Jumper - £1 for Save the Children
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	Class Christmas Parties
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	Church Service 9. 30am
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	Years 1-6 School Panto PM (Reception pupils to be collected at 1pm)
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	TERM ENDS
JANUARY	
Weds 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Inset Day
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	First day back to school
FEBRUARY	
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	End of term 3:15pm

