



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

# NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents, Carers,

## Strictly Christmas

I am really pleased to confirm Scott Couldwell will be coming into school, as planned, for the week beginning



November 30<sup>th</sup>, to safely lead rehearsals across the school for this much awaited production. Talking of productions, I know many of you will have watched 'Jingle Jangle: A Christmas Journey' rated PG, on Netflix. Mrs Barrow's son Miles has a lead part, has worked closely with Scott and lead a dance workshop for us during the previous lockdown. Just a little name dropping, but Miles and Scott are inspiring performers and we feel really privileged to welcome them into St Michael's to work with our children.

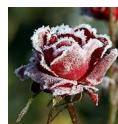
Judging by the last production, 'Strictly Christmas at St Michael's' promises to be a jam packed showcase of talent! Each year group will be filmed and DVDs made available for a small charge. All proceeds to the PTA.

Class teachers will be in touch about any costume or prop requirements.

## Tree Trimming Assemblies

The children are busy preparing stunning decorations to trim the trees during assemblies, currently planned for December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please keep an eye open on 'Class Pages', for photos capturing this special, much loved, St Michael's tradition.

L. Anderton  
Headteacher



# AWARDS



The following children were awarded a certificate for being “REFLECTIVE”

**Year 6** Whole Class

**Year 5** Olivia & Alfie

**Year 4** Nancy & Harry B

**Year 3** Evie & Callum

**Year 2** Jesse & Darcey

**Year 1** Lilian & Talia

**Reception** Whole Class



**Housepoints**

**GREEN** House

**WILSON JONES**  
*Simply Fresh*

# Christmas Lunch

**Roast Turkey**  
**Or**  
**Roasted Vegetable Puff Cracker**

**Pigs in Blankets, Roast Potatoes, Glazed Parsnips, Carrots, Garden Peas, Brussel Sprouts, Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy**

**Xmas Pud or Mince Pie with Custard**  
**or Christmas Tree Brownie**

**Wednesday**  
**9th**  
**December**



## NOTICES



Please remember to use **easyfundraising** when you do your Christmas shopping. Over 4300 shops and online sites will donate to St Michael's School at no extra cost to you—so you can raise donations when you buy gifts, decorations, your festive food shopping or anything else!

### RBWM Council Notice

During the National Lockdown all skate parks have been closed by RBWM Council as per Government guidelines.



# PARENT NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2020

*Welcome to our parent newsletter. This issue, we are sharing details of a very exciting event that your school can get involved in, and information about what Berkshire Maestros offers in your school and for your children*

## INSTRUMENT LESSONS

Earlier this term, you may have received a flyer from us all about the musical instrument and singing lessons we currently offer in your school.

Thank you to everyone who has responded to this - we are delighted (and also a little overwhelmed!) that there are so many children keen to try a new instrument. If you haven't booked an instrument taster session, but would like to, please [click here](#).

We are busy organising tasters for everyone who has requested one - in the current circumstances this is taking a little longer for some instruments, but please bear with us and we will be in touch as soon as we have matched your child with their perfect teacher.

If you need to get in touch with us in the meantime, please email us and we will be happy to help.

If your child is interested in trying an instrument that isn't currently on offer at your school, we may be able to offer lessons at your local music centre instead. Our music centres also host all our ensembles, which are a great opportunity for group music making at all levels.

The email address for all enquiries is [admin@berkshiremaestros.org.uk](mailto:admin@berkshiremaestros.org.uk)

## PLAY YOUR HEART OUT - LIVE EVENT



On Friday 11 December, our *Play Your Heart Out* event will be live on YouTube, from 10am to 9pm (11 whole hours of music and entertainment, including some surprises!)

We are hoping to involve as many schools and pupils as possible, with a mix of live and pre-recorded songs, interviews and fun, to celebrate the amazing things your children have achieved in music despite the extra challenges of this year.

*Play Your Heart Out* will be accessible to everyone – so friends and relatives from all over the world will be able to watch, and you can watch your children perform at school from the comfort of your home.

We will be fundraising on the day, to bring live music into schools in Berkshire – we need funds to put together a live band that will tour schools and bring the magic of live music to thousands of children, some of whom may have never heard instruments played live.

We hope you will be inspired to support us – by watching, inviting friends and family, and pledging whatever you can afford (we appreciate finances may be tight this year, but every pound really does make a difference).

Follow us on social media #BerkshirePYHO for sneak peeks and more...

## SUPPORT FOR UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

Do you have a Sixth Former applying to study music at university? We are offering a course of one-to-one zoom sessions which will include mock interviews alongside detailed feedback and interview coaching, at a cost of just £60.

The programme will be bespoke to the student's needs but will encompass harmonic analysis, discussion of musicology, aural tests, and questions on the candidate's personal statement. This mini course of two 1-hour sessions should give candidates the skills, knowledge, and experience to build confidence so that the interview itself is seen as a positive opportunity.

For more information, email [JosephCowie@berkshiremaestros.org.uk](mailto:JosephCowie@berkshiremaestros.org.uk)

Important Dates	
DECEMBER	
Friday 4th December	Deadline for payment for Elfridges Christmas Present Room
Monday 7th December	PTA 'Elfridges' Christmas Present Room ( <i>forms sent home</i> )
Wednesday 9th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 11th December	Christmas Jumper day—Save the Children Charity
Friday 18th December	Term ends
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY—Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January</b>	
JANUARY	
Monday 4th January	Inset Day
Tuesday 5th January	Children return to School
FEBRUARY	
Friday 12th February	Inset Day
<b>HALF TERM —Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February</b>	
Monday 22 February	Inset Day
Tuesday 23rd February	Children return to school
APRIL	
Thursday 1st April	Term ends
<b>SPRING HOLIDAY—Friday 2nd April to Friday 16th April</b>	
Monday 19th April	Children return to school
MAY	
Monday 3rd May	Bank Holiday
Friday 28th May	Term ends
<b>MAY HOLIDAY— Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June</b>	
JUNE	
Monday 7th June	Children return to school
JULY	
Friday 23rd July	Term Ends



Added or updated this week