



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

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents Carers,

Thanks to the huge efforts and support within our whole school community, we have made it the end of term without closing any 'bubbles' and, most importantly, have provided as much normality in school as possible for our children. Working together, we have managed to keep the school open throughout this term and have provided valuable continuity for our children's learning and well-being.



Despite the potential for Covid to cast a shadow on festivities in school, the staff and children have risen to the challenge and made this a Christmas to remember in so many ways.

Celebrations began with rehearsals for 'Strictly Christmas'. The toe tapping and twirling was sensational and all of this has been captured on film and made available via class representatives. Please see the latest letter about live streaming and the restrictions- available from the school office or lurking in a book bag!

Lee Thompson our cook and the lunch time supervisors organised a wonderful Christmas lunch, complete with crackers and all the traditional trimmings.

Robin Class delighted us all with their performance of the Nativity; thanks to the technical expertise of Phillip Curtiss and Mr Cole, reception parents and carers are able to enjoy watching the video at home.

A highlight for me, is reading our youngest children 'The Story of St Nicholas' and sharing in the excitement and moments of awe and wonder when they discover the treats left by Santa in their shoes!

The teachers organised fun filled parties; in the case of year 5, this seemed to last for most of the day! Thank you to the PTA for providing so many delicious treats.

Collective Worship is a key feature of life at St Michael's and we are really thankful to Reverend Stephen Johnson and his family for providing us with a series of videos covering events in the Christian calendar from Advent and leading up to Christmas Day. Many of the children and staff have really enjoyed contributing to these, in some small way.

While we have managed to compensate for and overcome many of the restrictions, invariably imposed by Covid, the not being able to hold a school Christmas service in Church, with parents, has been, for many, the saddest consequence. So, we are all really looking forward to joining Year 6, in the playground this Friday, as they lead us in worship to celebrate the joy of the season.

It has become something of a tradition for me to write a poem and share it with the children in church at Christmas. I was asked by staff and

L. Anderton

Headteacher



Covid Has Threatened to Spoil Our Christmas

Covid has threatened to spoil our Christmas, it's a most unwelcome guest,
It forced us to cancel our service in church; our parents are quite distressed.

C could shadow our celebrations with sadness, but this is the season of joy,
Where the birth of the baby Jesus, shines a light over each girl and boy.

So, we are celebrating His birthday, in true St Michael's Style,
Pulling out all the stops this year, by going the extra mile.

We kicked off the party with 'Strictly', searched out our dancing shoes,
Scott inspired some fancy footwork, to showcase our very best moves.

The twirls were a sensation, steps tapped with such style and flair,
Bruno would award a well- deserved 'ten', to each and every pair!

Cook excelled herself as always, with a magnificent Christmas dinner,
With brownies and mince pies to choose for dessert, it was hard to decide on a winner!

Crackers were pulled, jokes eagerly shared, amidst hoots of laughter and cheer,
Children swayed and staff sang along, to Mr Buble's CD of the year.

Our decorated Christmas trees, took pride of place in the hall,
Ornaments crafted by every child, with lights strung by Mr Paul.

Robins told the story of Christmas, in their unique and carefree way
Capturing our love for the season and a baby boy born in the hay.

Teachers organized 'bubble' parties, with games and plenty to eat
While children struggled to make a choice from so many festive treats.
Eagle Class led our school in worship, as they retold the Christmas story.
We sang modern and traditional carols, to praise a baby born in glory.

The kings spoke of a baby in Bethlehem, who promised peace on Earth,
And now more than ever we appreciate, the importance of His birth.

As the star shone over a stable that night, with a message of hope from above,
So the light in the hearts of our children, renew our faith in the power of His love.

Yes, our Christmas has been different, but Covid can't last forever,
And we have proved beyond all doubt, the benefits of working together!

Merry Christmas!

Lorna Anderton

AWARDS



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

Year 6	Jamie & Maisy
Year 5	Gabriela & Hadi
Year 4	Nancy & Eliza
Year 3	Luke & Lilah
Year 2	Adam & Daisy C
Year 1	Primrose & William
Reception	Sienna & George



Housepoints

Green House



Paddington Bear Award

Year 6	Alicia
Year 6	Ozzy
Year 6	Cru
Year 6	Maddie

THANK YOU!

On behalf of all the staff and governors at St Michael's, I would like to take this opportunity to say a genuine heart felt thank you to all our parents and carers for your support and encouraging messages during this difficult time.

We wish all our families a very happy, restful, safe and peaceful Christmas and look forward to welcoming the children back to school, on Tuesday January 5th 2021.

Warmest wishes

L Anderton

MARY AND JOSEPH'S JOURNEY



Please log on to the school website to watch the latest in a series of videos from Reverend Stephen Johnson.

This week—Mary and Joseph's journey.

Also a Little Seekers episode can be found on Youtube or via the Church website—www.ssaparish.org/little-seekers

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Thank-you for all your donations and for wearing such festive jumpers. The school was full of sparkle and bright colours on the day. We raised £142.10 for Save the Children Charity.



RBWM MESSAGE

Message from Clive Haines RBWM

Playdates during the Christmas holidays

Remember - don't let your children visit their friend's house to play – or vice versa – during the school holidays. Class bubbles don't apply out of school. Children can only mix with their own households, in line with the local tier restrictions, and those under the national Christmas bubble announced by central Government. Don't give COVID-19 this Christmas.

Clive Haines

Schools Leadership Development Manager

WE WISH IT COULD BE CHRISTMAS EVERY DAY!



SMARTIE TUBE FUNDRAISER



**You raised
£487.26!**



Thank you!

Thank you to all the children who took part in the Smartie Tube fundraiser. They were all so festive and creative. Well done! Above is just a small selection of the fabulous creations.

The winners were drawn at random by Mrs. Stevenson from the school office.

Reception—Emily

Year 1—Valentina

Year 2—Nina-Grae

Year 3—Owen

Year 4—Monty

Year 5—Molly

Year 6—Lola

Bonus prize—Lucy Year 2

All the winners received a Lindt Chocolate Santa, kindly donated by Waitrose Bagshot.

Thank-you to everyone who participated and hunted out their change!

A huge thank you to Emma Read (PTA Treasurer) who fought for many hours through glue, sellotape and glitter to count the coins!

Strictly Christmas Show



Download your link TODAY to watch
the dazzling show!

ONLY £2

Payments to the PTA

The downloadable link is available from your
class reps for a short time only.

*For more information see the letter that went
home this week or speak to your class reps.*

CURRENT
PTA FUNDRAISING
TOTAL 2020/21



Artis Studios—£125

*Smarties Challenge—
£487.26*

*Elfridges—
£441.64*

*Christmas Cards/mugs
& tea towels—£816.66*

*Scarecrow Trail &
Scarecrow Hair Mufti
Day— £2000*

*Christmas Puddings—
£357*

*2nd Hand Uniform—
£59*

**Current
Total**

£4531

*Thank
You!*

The School would like to say a huge thank you to the PTA for their amazing efforts and event creativity. Thank you also to parents and carers for your support so far this academic year.

Together we have raised £4531!



If you have any fundraising ideas or would like to help / support in any way please email stmichaelscofepta@hotmail.com or contact your class representatives.



Don't forget to help raise funds by using **Easyfundraising** whenever you shop!

Thank you



Important Dates	
DECEMBER	
Friday 18th December	Term ends
<i>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY—Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January</i>	
JANUARY	
Monday 4th January	Inset Day
Tuesday 5th January	Children return to School
FEBRUARY	
Friday 12th February	Inset Day
<i>HALF TERM —Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February</i>	
Monday 22 February	Inset Day
Tuesday 23rd February	Children return to school
APRIL	
Thursday 1st April	Term ends
<i>SPRING HOLIDAY—Friday 2nd April to Friday 16th April</i>	
Monday 19th April	Children return to school
MAY	
Monday 3rd May	Bank Holiday
Friday 28th May	Term ends
<i>MAY HOLIDAY— Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June</i>	
JUNE	
Monday 7th June	Children return to school
JULY	
Friday 23rd July	Term Ends