



St Michael's CE Junior School

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MESSAGE FROM MRS JONES

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are about to start the four week season of Advent and celebrate Christmas, a very special time of the year. The children will learn about Advent in both worship and in class and each week, they will look at a particular theme: hope, peace, joy and love.

From Monday 2nd December, children can bring in Christmas cards to give out to other children in the school. Children can post their cards in the post box by the hall. We are reminding children that all cards must have the child's first name, last name and class on it so that our Year 6 children who deliver the cards know where to take them.

On Friday 20th December, we will be holding our Lantern Carol Concert after school. Children will make a paper lantern in school and will be given a battery tea light to put inside. All children and parents/family members/friends are invited to join us on the playground as the children sing the carols they have learnt in school and listen to some short readings from the Bible. It would be great to see as many of you there as possible, to support the children and to celebrate the start of Christmas together. We will be finished by 4.00pm and children can walk home with their lanterns.

Unfortunately, over the last two weeks, I have noticed an increase in the use of racist and homophobic language within school. When we have investigated this, it seems that a lot of it comes from children watching clips online where this language is used. TikTok at the moment is in the news for having clips of 'games' that use homophobic language. Please do check what your children are watching and ensure that you are talking to them about the words they use. All classes have been spoken to about the words that are being used and have been told that it is not acceptable to use them.

Finally, now the weather seems to have become wintery, could I remind parents and carers that children need to be in school by 8.45am, so please leave time to de-ice cars etc. and the children will need to wear their coats!

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

BEATITUDES

In Collective Worship we had the last of our Worships on The Beatitudes, (the words from The Bible that Jesus used on the Sermon on the Mount). We looked at rewards and how important it is to use what is given to you to get the reward of success. We looked at the line from Beatitudes 'Rejoice and be glad, you have a great reward waiting for you in heaven'.

In Celebration Worship, the children were encouraged to reflect on what they had done well this week, to recognise this and say well done to themselves. We celebrated children who have shown the school values with certificates.



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RAGS 2 RICHES COLLECTION

Monday 2nd December 2024

We have signed up again to the Rags2Riches recycling scheme, to raise money for the school and to help others around the world benefit from our good quality unwanted clothes and shoes. Donated clothes and accessories are sent to Europe, Africa and even further away to be sold at market stalls as affordable items for those in real need of clothing.

Clean and reusable items that can be donated include any adults, children's and babies clothing such as jackets, jumpers, hoodies, trousers, skirts, scarves, gloves, belts, handbags, paired shoes and other footwear. Please help us to help others and raise much needed funds for our school. Our last collection in May raised £33.60 for the school so thank you for your continuing support.

**PLEASE BRING BAGS OF CLOTHES FOR THE RAGS 2 RICHES COLLECTION TO THE SCHOOL
BY MONDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2024.**

CHRISTMAS FILM NIGHT

Tuesday 3rd December 2024



St Michael's Junior School PTFA will be hosting a Christmas Film Night, showing the Christmas film 'Elf'.

This will take place on Tuesday 3rd December, from 3.30-5.00pm.

Tickets cost £5.00 per child and includes a snack bag.

Tickets must be paid for in advance and are available to purchase online via your child's Scopay account or cash to the School Office.

Ticket sales close at midnight on Sunday 1st December - tickets will not be sold after this date. If you have not bought a ticket for your child after this date, they will not be able to attend.

If your child is attending, they will go straight from their class to the hall & will need collecting outside the School Office at 5.00pm.

We hope that this will be a lovely opportunity for children to enjoy a Christmas film straight after school with friends while tucking into some tasty popcorn!

SECOND HAND BOOK SALE

Thursday 5th December 2024

We will be holding a second hand book sale on Thursday 5th December, on the school playground from 3.30pm.

Thank you for all your donations - please remember to bring cash with you for the sale.



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SCHOOL SPORTING EVENTS

Y6 SELECTED GIRL'S FOOTBALL MATCH

St Michael's Junior School Girl's Football team played against St Peter's last night and won 5-1. There were many girls in the team who had not played before and played amazingly. The goal scorers were: Srishti who scored 2 goals, Mia who scored 2 goals and Chloe who score 1 goal. Well done girls!

Aimee N, Girl's Football Captain

Y6 SELECTED BOY'S FOOTBALL MATCH

St Michael's Junior School Boy's Football team also played against St Peter's last night and won their match 4-0. The team played well and the boys were very respectful of the other team. The goal scorers were: Ted, Dexter, Yanis and Rohan who all scored 1 goal each. Man of the match was won by Joshua. Congratulations boys!

Ted D, Boy's Football Captain

CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

The PTFA have generously paid for a pantomime production to be held in the school hall at 1:30pm on Wednesday 11th December. This event is for all children.

If you DO NOT wish for your child to watch the performance, please can you inform the School Office.

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YEAR 3

YEAR 3 PARENT EVENT: SPANISH LESSON

A big thank you to all the parents and carers who took part in the Year 3 Spanish lesson last week. The children had a great time and we hope you all did too! Thank you to Mrs Porter for organising such a great parent event.

YEAR 3 BREAD TASTING

Year 3 will be bread tasting and subsequently making sandwiches. These lessons will start in the week beginning Monday 2nd December. Any allergies or dietary requirements for your child that have already been made known to the school have been recorded and adjusted for accordingly. If there is anything else you need to let us know about, or any questions about these lessons, please talk to your child's class teacher.

YEAR 4

YEAR 4 SWIMMING

Swimming continues for Year 4 every Thursday morning until Thursday 19th December.

Children need to bring a small PE bag with their underwear, towel, swimwear and swimming hat in every Thursday.

YEAR 5

YEAR 5 PARENT EVENT: ASTRONOMY - THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2024

Year 5 parents / carers are invited to join their child at an Astronomy evening on Thursday 5th December 2024. This event will take place on the school playground and in the hall from 5.00-6.30pm. If the weather is not suitable for stargazing, we will let you know.

YEAR 5 SEACITY MUSEUM: FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2024

Year 5 will visit the SeaCity Museum Southampton as part of this term's work on Titanic. The children will be taking part in various activities related to Titanic.

The visit will take place on Friday 6th December, leaving school at 9.00 am, travelling by coach and returning to school by 3.20 pm. The children will need to be in school for registration by 8.35 am to enable a prompt departure.

The children are required to wear their school uniform and bring a waterproof coat with them. They will need a packed lunch and water bottle (in a small named bag that the child can carry). The school can provide a packed lunch at a cost of £3.20.



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DIARY DATES 2024

All diary dates for future events are now available on our school website – this will be updated regularly as and when events are added/updated.

2nd December	Rags 2 Riches Collection		
	Christmas Card Postbox open		
3rd December	PTFA Christmas Film Night (<i>Ticket only</i>)	School Hall	3.30-5.00pm
5th December	Year 4 SWIMMING LESSONS	Aldershot Pool	9.30-11.00am
	Second Hand Book Sale	Playground	3.30pm
	Year 5 PARENT EVENT - Astronomy	Playground	5.00-6.00pm
6th December	Year 5 TRIP - SeaCity Museum		9.00-3.20pm
10th December	ROCKSTEADY Concert	School Hall	9.45-10.15am
11th December	Pantomime	School Hall	1.30-2.30pm
12th December	Year 4 SWIMMING LESSONS	Aldershot Pool	9.30-11.00am
	Y3 & Y5 Christmas Experience at Church (<i>Children only</i>)	Church	Morning
	Y4 & Y6 Christmas Experience at Church (<i>Children only</i>)	Church	Morning
19th December	Year 4 SWIMMING LESSONS	Aldershot Pool	9.30-11.00am
20th December	LAST DAY OF TERM		
	Christmas Clothes Day		
	Christmas Lunch		
	Christmas Carol Concert after school	Playground	3.30-4.00pm
23rd December - 3rd January 2025	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS - SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN		
6th January 2025	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN		
7th January 2025	FIRST DAY BACK OF SCHOOL		



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ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH EVENTS



Advent FOMO
 FOMO- our fun Family service. Meet God play board games, great connection & community
Sun 1st Dec
10am

Carol Service
Celebrate the season with timeless carols, inspiring readings, and Christmas warmth
Sun 15th Dec
6pm

Longest Night
Find peace in the quiet. Join us for The Longest Night- a reflective, gentle service offering comfort for those struggling in this season
Sat 21st Dec
6pm

Christingle 
Light up Christmas with Christingle Service! The family favourite filled with joy and hope
Sun 22nd Dec
10am

Christmas Eve
Tue 24th Dec

Crib Service 4 pm
Midnight Mass
11.30pm

Christmas Day 
Celebrate Christmas with us! An informal service to give thanks, share joy, and bring your gifts.
Wed 25th Dec
10am

OTHER INFORMATION

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