



St Michael's CE Junior School

Newsletter – Issue 7 13.12.2024

MESSAGE FROM MRS JONES

This is the last newsletter before we break up for the Christmas Holiday. As we look back on the term, there have been so many wonderful learning opportunities for the children and so many successes along the way. We are proud of how well the children have done this term.

Next week we welcome back Mrs Bundy, our Deputy Headteacher, who has returned from maternity leave. We thank Mrs Ellis- Davies who has been acting Deputy Headteacher whilst Mrs Bundy has been off.

On Wednesday this week, the PTFA funded a pantomime for the children to enjoy in school. It was lovely to see the children participating so well in the pantomime and hear about how much they had enjoyed it afterwards. A big thank you to the PTFA for funding this and for their fundraising efforts this term for the school.

On Thursday, St Michael's Church held a Christmas Experience for all the children. Members of the church community led 6 'stations' which the children went around to learn about the Nativity story. The children were so well behaved and respectful of the adults leading the sessions. Thank you to parents who came and helped us walk the children to and from church.

On the last day of term, Friday 20th December, it is Christmas clothing day, where the children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers and other festive clothes to school. We also have our Christmas lunch served at school that day - a reminder that this lunch has been ordered already so children will not be offered the usual Friday menu.

To finish the day and end the term, we will be holding our Carol service with lanterns on Friday. This will be held straight after school at 3.30pm on the playground. Please do come along and support this if you can as the children will be singing the songs we have been learning, including 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' with actions, which the children have loved and is unmissable!

I wish everyone a lovely holiday, with lots of fun and enjoyment with your families. We look forward to seeing the children back at school on Tuesday 7th January 2025. Have a very Happy Christmas.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

ADVENT

We have continued to look at the season of Advent. We have an advent wreath and lit our second candle this week. The children learnt that the first candle of Advent represents hope, the second faith, third is joy and the fourth is peace.

We then looked at Jesus being the light of the world and the middle candle showing this. Next week we will read the story of the Nativity and look at the meaning behind Christmas.



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SCHOOL CLUBS

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January - April 2025

	SCHOOL RUN CLUBS				EXTERNAL PROVIDER: AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS	
	LUNCH CLUBS		AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS			
MONDAY	GIRL'S FOOTBALL CLUB Year 5/6 12.30-1.00pm Mr Edwards			DRAMA CLUB All Years 3.30-4.20pm Miss Bourne & Mr Andrews	DT CLUB All Years 3.30-4.20pm Mrs Skelly-Regis	MSPORT ACTIVE Girl's Football Club All Years 3.20-4.20pm www.msportactive.co.uk
TUESDAY	CHOIR All Years 12.30-1.00pm Mrs Down					MSPORT ACTIVE Football Club Boys & Girls Y5/6 3.20-4.20pm www.msportactive.co.uk
WEDNESDAY	UKULELE CLUB Year 3/4 12.30-1.00pm Mr Wilson	SEWING CLUB Year 5/6 12.30-1.00pm Mrs Porter	HOMEWORK CLUB All Years 12.30-1.00pm Mrs McCabe			MSPORT ACTIVE Football Club Boys & Girls Y3/4 3.20-4.20pm www.msportactive.co.uk
THURSDAY	ORIGAMI CLUB All Years 12.30-1.00pm Mrs Johnson			COMPUTER CLUB All Years 3.30-4.20pm Miss Monnery	NETBALL CLUB Year 5/6 3.30-4.20pm Mrs Jones & Mrs Bundy	
FRIDAY						HOLLY KING PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY After School Club 3.20- 4.30pm Junior/Inter Performers 7-14 Years 4.30-6.30pm hkpaacademy.co.uk holly@hkpaacademy.co.uk

We are pleased to advise that Spring Term school lunch time and after school clubs will be available to book online today from 4.00pm. If your child would like to join a club, please log on to your Scopay account and sign your child up for their chosen club. If you are unable to sign up online, please pop in or contact the School Office and we can sign up your child for their chosen club.

Places are offered on a first come first served basis and you will only be able to sign up for a club if there are spaces available. Therefore, if you are able to sign up online then this guarantees your child a place on that particular club. Numbers for most clubs are limited for health and safety reasons

All clubs will start the week commencing Monday 13th January 2025 and finish the week commencing Monday 31st March 2025.

Please can we remind you that all school clubs are run by school staff in their own time and we want the children to have fun and enjoy themselves. We therefore expect a high standard of behaviour from all children attending school clubs as well as continued commitment. If at any time your child is unable to attend, please inform the club teacher or the school office as soon as possible. Please note that if your child does not attend their chosen club on two occasions without letting the teacher or school office know beforehand, their place will be withdrawn.

Please see the attached list for club provider information. Clubs highlighted in orange and green are school run clubs and clubs highlighted in yellow are provided by an external company. Clubs run by an external company must be booked through the company and not the school.

All after school run clubs are dismissed through main reception at 4.20pm. Please can all parents wait on the playground.



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SCHOOL INFORMATION

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Late school photography orders - still time for Christmas

As Christmas is just round the corner Fraser Portraits would like you to know that there is still time to order your school photographs in time to give as gifts to loved ones. If you no longer have your proof card please call our office on 01202 692433, or email sales@fraserportraits.com and they will be happy to help.

Please place your print orders by Monday 16th December for delivery to home addresses. Digital downloads are instant. All at Fraser Portraits would like to wish you a very Happy Christmas!

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

If you think your child **may** need Calpol or other medication during the school day, this must be provided by parents, together with a completed 'Request for Administration of Medication in School' form and details of any medicine already administered that day. All medication must be in its original packaging.

Calpol kept by the school is for emergency use only, ie. if a child unexpectedly becomes unwell during the day. School should not be relied on to provide this.

We thank you for your co-operation.

PAYMENTS FOR TRIPS ETC

Whilst payment for school trips and workshops is voluntary, we cannot continue to run these without your financial support. We would therefore like to remind parents and carers to check their SCOPay accounts to make sure there are no outstanding balances. Any contribution is appreciated if you feel unable to pay the full amount.

Thank you.

LOST PROPERTY

All lost property will be at the front of the school on Thursday 19th December. Any items that are not claimed by the end of term will be donated to charity or disposed of.

Thank you.

FUNDRAISING - THE LITTLE RECYCLERS

A big thank you to all of you who donated clothes for our clothing recycling scheme. We are pleased to announce that we raised £101.70 for the school. We would like to remind you that we will accept clothing donations at any time and please look out for a new date in the spring term for more fundraising!

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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.

19th December	Year 4 SWIMMING LESSONS	Aldershot Pool	9.30-11.00am
20th December	LAST DAY OF TERM		
	Christmas Clothes Day		
	Christmas Lunch (<i>pre-ordered only</i>)		
	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		

OTHER INFORMATION

Scarlett's Smiles
SPOTLIGHT UK
Creating positive memories

Discounted Family Fun upto half price off

Ninja Warrior Flip Out Donutting
Atmosphere Trampoline Park Cinema trips





High Score Arcade Bowling
Clip N Climb Basingstoke Aquadrome

Days Out including Chessington, Legoland 4 Kingdoms and more

AND MORE...

For discounted family fun activities sign up for our gold membership - one off yearly price of £7.50 for up to half price off fun activities

www.spotlightuk.org or email activities@spotlightuk.org

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