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 Clubs 3.15pm - 4.30pm
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 Pre-School: 8am - 4.30pm



CHRISTMAS FLYER



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 20 December 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another action-packed school term full of learning for the children, so I'm sure we're all glad to be breaking up for the Christmas holidays for a bit of a rest! By the time you read this, I hope you will have enjoyed our Christmas Carol Service; a lovely way to get that 'Christmas feeling'. Please remember that the school is closed on Monday 6th January for staff training. I wish you all a very merry Christmas!

Mr R Stead



All the children made personalised Christmas hats and crowns to wear at their Sharing Lunch this week. Thank you to the parents for all the party food donations; the children had a great time devouring it all!



Milverton has Talent! Our pupils entertained us with all manner of performances—singing, dancing, gym displays and magic! Bella ended the show with a rousing festive performance of 'All I Want for Christmas is You', which had the whole audience swaying and clapping. Well done to you all!



Diary Dates

Monday 6th January 2020
 Inset Day

Tuesday 7th January
 School opens to pupils

Wednesday 8th January
 Class 6 Forest School

Monday 13th January
 Class 4 start swimming

Monday 27th January
 Science Day

Tuesday 28th January
 Class 5 & 6 Trip to Bristol Museum
 More information to follow

Wednesday 29th January
 Class 1 Kingsmead Sports Festival

Monday 17th to Friday 21st February
 Half Term Break

Friday 13th to Monday 16th March
 Class 6 Isle of Wight Residential

FOREST SCHOOL WEDS 8TH JAN CLASS 6

House Points	Weekly Total	Half Term
London Plane	426	1509
Cork Oak	329	1351
Blue Cedar	366	1467
Horse Chestnut	447	1544



Well done to Horse Chestnut for breaking Blue Cedar's recent monopoly of the House Point Cup!

OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



Pre-school	Betsy for being so caring towards others.
Class R	All of Class R for a great first term at school.
Class 1	All of Class 1 for their fantastic enthusiasm this term. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas break.
Class 2	Lena for great ICT skills. Lena typed up a lovely festive poem and changed the font and size independently with great success.
Class 3	Brodie for focussing well on his quest work. Will for excellent work in reading comprehension. All of Class 3 for all your hard work in singing at both St. Andrew's Church and St Michael's Church this week. It is a real joy to teach you all - well done!
Class 4	Toby for his enthusiasm and positive attitude to all learning. Redvers for his hard work and determination in writing this week. Kian for his dedication to reading. Well done on reading a super total of 51 books!
Class 5	Kitty for her excellent writing.
Class 6	Gwyneth for her well written piece about what it feels like to be a sprout!



Class 3 have been very busy over the past week singing in the community. Last Friday we went to perform to the Milverton Friday Club and were greeted by no other than Father Christmas!! On Wednesday evening, we represented Milverton School at the Kingsmead School Carol Concert. It was a lively musical evening, with a variety of performances from other local primary schools and the jazz and rock bands from Kingsmead, to name but a few. Class 3 performed 'Mary Had a Baby' and our all time favourite, 'Love Shone Down'. I was immensely proud of them - they sang like angels! Thank you to all the parents who braved the wind and rain to support the children, and well done Class 3 - you worked incredibly hard for both performances.

Mrs Calnon



This week, Class R were lucky enough to escape the rain at their winter-themed Forest School session. We began by hunting for Santa's little elf helpers and their hats that had been lost in the school grounds. Luckily, we returned them all to work so the presents should be ready for Christmas Day! We enjoyed making pine cone decorations, bird watching, playing in the mud kitchen, taking part in the blindfold trail and by far the favourite activity of the day was the rope swing! Thank you again to Mr Wedderkopp for a fantastic morning.

Mrs Smith



On Monday, Pre-school held a stay and play Christmas messy play for the Pre-school children and their parents. We had a lot of fun painting, making decorations, decorating biscuits, playing with gloop and generally just getting messy! Thank you to all who came and joined in with the fun.

Charlotte

Screen time can be a source of tension for families. We all use screens for entertainment, information and to connect with others, so how can we prevent this time from becoming unhealthy? Childnet has produced this excellent guidance for parents and carers to 'help children get off to a good start using digital devices'. They say, the most important tips are:

1. Use digital devices together with your child
2. Think through the rules you want to set for media and technology use at home
3. Learn more about services, content, technology and age ratings

Teach children good internet habits early on – you are their most important role model!

Get the full guide for free at:

www.bit.ly/ChildnetScreenTimeAdvice

Eco Committee News

A big THANK YOU to Mr Maben and his team of helpers for the fantastic work they have done this term on clearing the pond area and helping to prepare our new wildflower area. We are really looking forward to seeing these areas develop in the new year.

Thank you very much to everyone who has supported the Eco Committee in collecting Eco Bricks and bottle tops over the last year. Local recycling facilities have greatly increased during this time, so from the New Year we will no longer be collecting Eco Bricks, which were designed to prevent hard to recycle plastics going to landfill. We will, however, be continuing to collect MILK BOTTLE TOPS only. For more information on how to recycle plastics locally, please visit: <http://www.compassdisability.org.uk/index.php?page=cash-not-trash>

Mrs Smith

To everyone who has supported us so far this year, THANK YOU!!

Together we have raised an amazing £2,484.36 for our school.



Wishing you all a very happy and restful Christmas.

Milverton School Association (MSA)



What an amazing few weeks we have had in the world of awesome chess! Where do I begin...

3rd Somerset Chess Grand Prix

On Sunday 8th December, the 3rd Somerset Chess Grand Prix was held at High Ham Primary School. 14 of our children attended and, for some, it was their first Grand Prix event. This was a smaller and tougher event than normal, but despite this everyone had fun! Well done to Adri who won the U9 section and Finley who came in 2nd place. Rory and Rufus won Runners-up medals in what was a very competitive U7/8 section, well done boys!

Delancey UK Schools Chess Challenge

For the last 4 weeks we have been running a tournament during chess club which we completed yesterday. Congratulations to our age group champions! U11 Champion – Amarra, U10 Champion – Ben, U9 Champion – Daniel, U8 Champion – Rufus, U7 Champion – Teddy. All the age groups were very closely contested. Attendance at this tournament has granted you all qualification to the Mega Finals which will be held at Millfield School.

U11 and U9 Somerset County Team

Huge congratulations to Amarra and George for having been selected to represent Somerset in the U11 County Team. Similarly, we have Adri, Daniel, Archie, Finley and Philippa all selected for the U9 county team. The children will be travelling to Wales on the 11th January to compete in a county Jamboree against up to 10 other counties! I cannot stress how impressive this is, to have 7 children selected for the county team! It shows just how hard the children have been working.

National Primary Schools Chess Championship

Exciting news! After discussion with Mr Stead we have decided to enter the NPSCC which is a knockout style national league, the first heat is not until March but I will communicate all the details closer to the event.

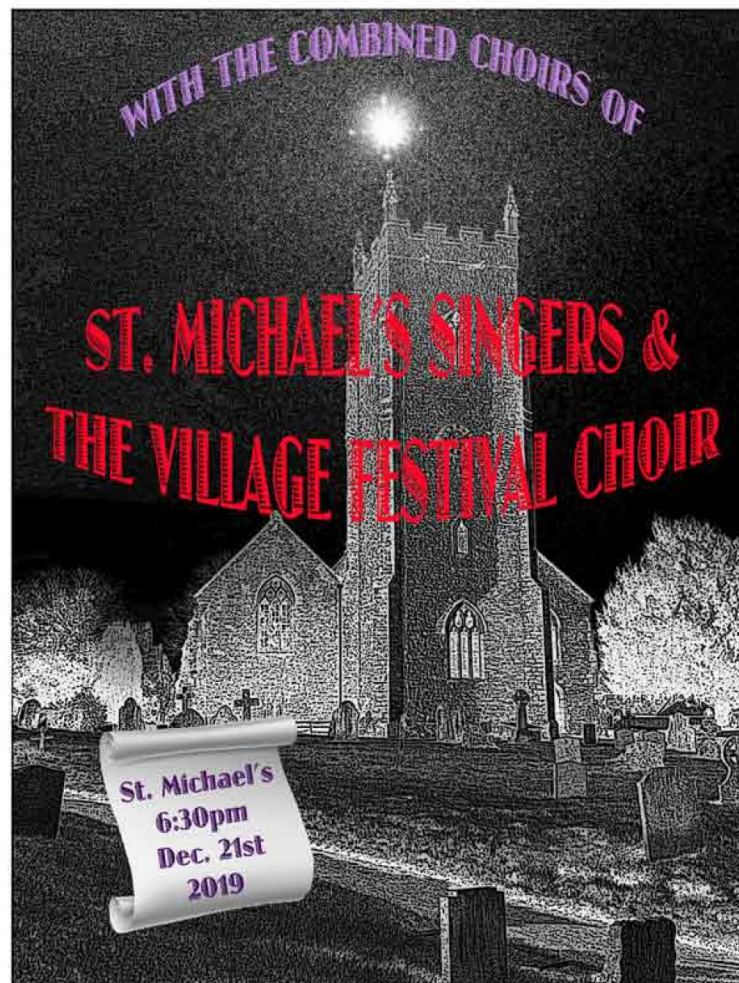
Upcoming Events

Wales and West Jamboree, 12th Jan 2020
SJC Grand Prix #4, 2nd Feb 2020 at St Johns School, Frome.
NPSCC County U11 Heats, March 2020
NPSCC County U9 Heats, March 2020
Millfield Delancey Megafinal, May 2020

Remember to log into
<https://www.chesskid.com/> and practice
over the Christmas break!

Hope you all have a very merry Christmas,
Jamie Beviss

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