



Parking

In common with other schools, parking around the local area at drop off and pick up times can be very challenging for parents and local residents.

As we approach the Christmas play season, please can we ask parents once again to park considerately when they come to school events. It is never acceptable to block a driveway, park on a pavement or hatching or obstruct views on a junction. We have told local residents to record details of/photograph offending vehicles and report them directly to www.rushmoor.gov.uk. We would also encourage parents who are concerned about parking to use the same method to report issues. It's much more effective to inform the council than to let the school know.



New playground equipment

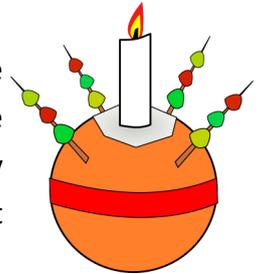
Children have been excited to see our new playground train which has been delivered today. This will be installed, together with a replacement for our trimtrail, over the next couple of weeks. We hope that disruption will be kept to a minimum, but we'll keep parents informed if anything changes.

A reminder that parents must ensure that children and younger siblings are kept away from the building works before and after school please.

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Christingle Service

Rev. Alywn is hoping to see lots of our families at the Christingle Service on Sunday 9th December at 4.00 pm at St Michael's Church.



This is a lovely family service where children receive a Christingle orange. Each element of a Christingle has a special meaning and helps to tell the Christian story:

- The orange represents the world
- The red ribbon (or tape) symbolises the love and blood of Christ
- The sweets and dried fruit represent all of God's creations
- The lit candle represents Jesus's light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you!

We are very grateful to the Friends of St Michael's PTA for their donations to the school received today. We have received £200 per class for extras to be chosen within each class, and £5,000 which we'll be using towards the costs of our new playground equipment.

Thank you to our generous parents who have supported school events and made these donations possible.

Christmas performances

We'd like to remind everyone once again about the times and dates of the Christmas performances as below.



Please can we ask parents to make a note of the performances for their child, or check our website for more information if in doubt. **Please do not telephone the school office to find out about the plays. All of the information you need is available on our website, and if you do telephone, school office staff have been told to refer parents back to the website.**

Main performances

Year R: Tues 11th Dec 9.30 & Thurs 13th Dec 9.30

Year 1: Weds 12th Dec 9.30 & Thurs 13th Dec 2.00

Year 2: Weds 12th Dec 2.00 & Fri 14th Dec 9.30

We don't issue tickets, as parents and family members can just turn up on the day. **We won't allow any babies or pre-school aged children to the main performances**, so if you are unable to come because you have a baby or a young child, you'll need to apply for a ticket for the dress rehearsal.

Dress rehearsals

Please note that **dress rehearsal tickets are only for a parent with young children** who isn't able to find a babysitter for the main performance. Ticket request forms are now available from the school office.

The dress rehearsals are:

YR: Mon 10th Dec 9.30

Y2: Mon 10th Dec 2.00

Y1: Tues 11th Dec 2.00

Important reminders for main performances

- **Please arrive on time as we won't be able to let in any latecomers.** If grandparents or other relatives are coming along please make sure that they are aware of this too. Visitors with a disabled badge may be able to use the drive, please contact the school office if this applies to you.
- It can take us a while to set up the hall for the plays, and it becomes very congested if we let everyone inside to wait in the library. We therefore ask parents arriving very early to wait on the bottom playground and we'll open the main door when we are ready.
- Parents are welcome to take photographs during the plays, but these should be for personal use only and not to be posted on social media.
- There will be a retiring collection at the end of each performance so please bring some change along with you.