



St. Michael's Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents,

As we start December, there is a buzz of excitement and energy around school. Our classes are well under way in learning songs and the retelling of the Nativity. Within school, we continue to deliver a full action packed curriculum with daily English and Maths lessons.

Wheelchair Basketball

On Wednesday 7 December, all pupils will take part in a class game of wheelchair basketball. The session is being run by Nat, who has represented Great Britain in several competitions in the past. It was an event funded by our HSA last year and is back by popular request from our pupils.

Reindeer Run

On Friday 9 December at 1.15pm we will be taking part in Jigsaw's Reindeer Run to help raise money for local children in Cumbria's Hospice. Our children will take part in a reindeer run along the river bank and around our new running track on Friday 2pm. Any donations and sponsorship forms will be greatly received. Our pupils are bringing their own sponsorship home today.

Junior Keswick Theatre Trip

Thank you to all contributions received towards The Theatre by The Lake show on Monday 12 December. Our pupils are looking forward to seeing The Borrowers. Please note that the coaches will set off a bit earlier that day. (8.45am) to ensure that we are on time for the start of the performance.

Festive Performances

On Tuesday 13 December our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils will be performing 'Don't Be Afraid' at 2pm and 6pm in the school hall.

On Monday 19 December, our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils will be performing 'Stable Manners' at 2pm and 6pm in the school hall.

For each performance - afternoon and evening, there will be two spaces allocated for each family. I hope this invitation gives you the chance to offer a viewing to those grandparents or extended family members who have missed out in previous years. On the entrance, we will ask for a donation to help fund licensing fees, costumes and enhancement to our acoustics in the hall for future performances. Please note this will be a voluntary contribution to the wider enhancements for our pupils and school.

Christingle Service

The Christingle service for our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils will be on Thursday 15 December at St Michael's church. There will be a donation to The Children's Society.

School Photos

Pre ordered school photos should be delivered to school in the near future. As the deadline for school delivery has passed, please note that photos can still be ordered for home delivery, at an additional cost.



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Team/House Update

Our pupils and classes have voted. The overwhelming majority was for our teams to be named after mountains. Our staff team and pupils are now being asked to share any Wainwright photos of themselves at the top of a fell, so that we can vote for our four favourite Wainwright fells.

HSA Crazy Christmas Hair Day

On Wednesday 14 December, our HSA are organising a 'Crazy Hair Day' for all of our pupils in school. We appreciate times are challenging for many families and whilst a donation to take part in the competition (ideally £1!) would go towards the cost of class parties, we understand if this is too big an ask. For one day only, pupils can wear gel, spray dye and be the most adventurous with their hairstyle as they can possibly be. Pupils should wear their uniform but could include festive hats in their hairstyle! Prizes will be awarded for the most creative in each class. Thank you to our HSA in organising this, all donations will go towards our Christmas parties.

Live Music

On Wednesday 14 December, Miss Wright and her band are going to perform live to our school as a special Christmas treat. St Michael's School Nursery will be joining us to enjoy the live band too.

Christmas Dinner and Class parties

Our school Christmas dinner will be on Friday 16 December. This will be followed by class parties and games to celebrate Christmas. Pupils do not need to wear their school uniform to school that day.

Tuesday 20 December

On the last day of term, we will finish at the earlier time of 1.30pm. In the meantime, if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind Regards

Lorna Smith