



St. Michael's Church of England Primary School

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Tuesday 20 December 2022

Dear Parents,

Firstly, a huge thank you to all of our families for your support at our infant, lower junior nativities and our Christingle service. Our children sang beautifully, performed with energy and loved taking part in the festivities. It was a real treat to see them blossom with confidence to the full audiences. A huge well done to each of our pupils – we are all immensely proud of them.

READING CHALLENGE

This holiday we are asking all of our pupils to read anytime, anywhere, anything over the holidays. Can our pupils enjoy reading comics, stories, fiction, Christmas cracker jokes, menus, recipes? Please send a photo of your pupil reading in the most creative or unusual places, with a brief detail of what they have been reading to admin@st-michaels.cumbria.sch.uk. Alternatively, you can post details on your child's Seesaw account. More information is attached with this newsletter about the reading challenge.

INSET

Staff will return to school on Tuesday 3 January for training. Our training will focus on assessment and how we use the assessments we administer to inform our teaching and learning, so that our pupils receive the best education. Further details of the day will be shared with all parents in due course. Texts messages with your child's attendance figures for this term will also be sent out at the start of term.

MRS ROBERTS

Today we said our final farewells to Mrs Roberts, after 10 years of service to St Michael's school. Mrs Roberts has worked across most age groups, with individual pupils, as a phonics leader and has also supported many sporting events whilst working at our school. We thank Mrs Roberts for her energy, commitment and hard work whilst being part of the team at St Michaels and wish her good luck and the very best wishes in her new post.

REINDEER RUN

The grand total raised in our Reindeer Run for Jigsaw, Carlisle is £1,618.80. A huge thank you for all families who took part and contributed – this is an incredibly generous donation. Many pupils who need the additional care will benefit from your kind donations. Thank you.

CHRISTINGLE COLLECTION

On the evening of Thursday 15 December, our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils sang beautifully at St Michaels' church as part of our Christingle service. There was a collection plate and £102.04 was raised for The Children's Society. Thank you. (The Children's Society send us the candles each year to help run this event).

Finally, may I say how much of a pleasure it has been to lead our school team this term and ensure that our pupils are accessing a truly engaging, purposeful, individual and continuous curriculum, with so many additional learning experiences, visits and visitors involved. Our school website includes further pictures and details of the exciting learning on offer here at St Michaels.

May I wish you and your loved ones a very happy and peaceful Christmas. I hope you enjoy some special family times together and I look forward to welcoming you back to school on Wednesday 4 January.

Kind Regards
Lorna Smith



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