



St. Michael's Church of England Primary School

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Friday 20th December 2024

Dear Parents,

As we finish for the end of the autumn term, I write firstly to express my heartfelt thanks for your continued support and encouragement for our pupils and for the many experiences we try to offer our children at St Michael's. It always feels so special to be part of this school community when we really celebrate the love, peace and joy that God's love offers us all particularly at this time of year. I also have a few updates for you.

KS1 Performance

Our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils were all stars at their infant nativity. They sang, narrated and performed their lines with great confidence to two packed performances – with standing room only. We are incredibly proud of them – well done!

Theatre Trip KS2

Our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 pupils thoroughly enjoyed the theatrical performance of 'The Jungle Book' Many thanks to all parents who were able to support us financially with this trip and to our HSA who funded the buses.

Year 6 Carol Singing

Our Year 6 pupils sang carols to local residents who are perhaps housebound, sang at Parragon Vets and around the village. Mr Newton helped to direct this community event, - thank you. To spread festive cheer, our pupils also delivered handmade cards with some chocolates inside. They were a real credit to our school and thoroughly enjoyed taking part.

Reindeer Run

Our pupils loved running along the river path and around our trail today with their reindeer antlers on. This was to raise money for Jigsaw – our local children's hospice. Our older pupils paired with their younger reading buddies to run and encourage them on their way. It was a great community event, supported by many parents to marshal the route and to serve drinks and biscuits to all classes on their return. Thank you so much to everyone involved. I'm delighted to say that as a school community we have raised £1,363.50 for this great cause.

Reception and Year 1/Year 2 Theatre Trip

Our Reception, Year 1 and year 2 pupils travelled to The Theatre by the Lake in Keswick to see the performance of Tinsel. The children really enjoyed the performance. Thank you for financial contributions to make this happen and also for the HSA for funding the buses.

Year 3/4 Nativity

Our Year 3 and 4 children performed 'Stable Manners to two very full audiences'. They shared their beautiful singing, acting and the Christmas message with great confidence and energy. Well done!



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Christmas Dinner

On Wednesday this week, Christine and her kitchen team cooked the most delicious Christmas dinner for our pupils, staff, governors and school helpers. The Year 6 pupils enjoyed serving the school pupils in two sittings. We all enjoyed the food, crackers and festive jokes. It was a real school celebration.

Christingle Service

Our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils shared the true meaning of Christmas at a very special service in St Michael's church this week. They sang beautifully and read from The Bible. Ben joined us and shared the significance of 'the Christingle'. Thank you to all of our pupils who filled the candle boxes with coins, in aid of The Children's Society. We are very much a school with a big heart and your generosity is felt and appreciated by so many, less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you.

Return to School

School will re-open for pupils Tuesday 7th January at normal time 8.55am.

Finally, may I wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas and may we all feel God's love and peace at this time.

Kind regards

Lorna Smith

Mrs L Smith