



# St. Michael's Church of England Primary School

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Our school values: *Respect · Kindness · Challenge · Forgiveness · Perseverance*

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Dear Parents

As we come to the end of this term, I write with a few updates and a huge thank you for supporting the many events and learning experiences this term.

## *Nativity performances*

Our children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 performed 'The Bossy King' with great confidence and energy. Our Year 3 and 4 children retold the story of Jesus' birth through 'It's a Miracle'. The children worked so hard to learn many lines and songs – well done! All of our pupils were a delight to watch and entertained their audience suitably.

## *Christingle*

Our Year 5 and 6 shared a Christingle service in church on Monday. Mrs Bedford had been working with our children to help them learn solo, duets and harmonies. The children really did 'let their light shine' and shared much love, peace and joy with all in the congregation.

## *Wheelchair basketball*

All pupils had a great day taking part in small team games and enjoyed learning to manoeuvre the chair and pass. All staff had a match after school too as part of our team building and I think it's fair to say we found it more tricky than our children! Thank you to the HSA for giving our children this experience.

## *Reindeer Run*

We had a fantastic day on Monday running along the track behind school to raise money for Jigsaw. A huge thank you to the parents and family members who helped make this possible. Mr Miller led the warm up sessions and running in the afternoon for the older children for their second run. He inspired many with a talk about triathlons and how becoming fit starts with a run like this. Our school community have been amazing in their fundraising and so far a grand total of £2586.41 has been raised. We have posted some photos on the website if you would like to take a look.

## *Christmas Party/ Dinner/ Santa*

Yesterday our children enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner, with party jokes. A big highlight was being served by our Year 6 children. Thank you to our kitchen staff for the lunch – it was thoroughly enjoyed by our pupils and staff. Afterwards, our pupils played party games and had a surprise visit from Santa. These experiences are again supported by our HSA – thank you.

## *INSET/Return to School*

Looking towards next term, children return to school on Wednesday 5 January. There will be a training day in school on Tuesday 4 for all staff. It has been a very positive term here at St Michael's and all staff have worked so hard to continue developing our curriculum in order to make learning as engaging and purposeful for our children. I do hope they have a rest this holiday too and can recharge their batteries ready for the New Year. We have some exciting things planned, including the launch of our new website and a shared curriculum learning evening for all parents. More details will follow in the new year.

## New Parent Governors

We are pleased to welcome Tara Telford and Emma Davenport to our governing body. Rachel Hogarth has also been re-elected and will continue as our co-chair. The two new parent governors will begin their role on 18 January.

## Thank you

The staff and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and our pupils for the kind messages, cards and gifts in the run up to Christmas - being part of St Michael's school family is very special. We hope that you have a very Happy Christmas and enjoy some special family time over this festive season.

Best Wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lorna Smith". The script is cursive and elegant.

Mrs L Smith  
Acting Headteacher