



St. Michael's Church of England Primary School

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Friday 24th November,

Dear Parents,

HSA Success

Firstly, I'd like to thank our dedicated HSA for their energy and commitment. Mrs Dalton and the team of parents have worked tirelessly for some time to coordinate and arrange last night's 'makers fayre'. It was a super school community event, with a lovely atmosphere – a fab start to our Christmas festive season.

Our Year six pupils also thrived as a stall holder. They made friendship bracelets, paper stars and hot chocolate reindeers. Liam has also worked on creating fantastic coat hook shelves. They really were entrepreneurs for The Bright Stars Project – Well done!

The latest news is that the HSA have raised £620. However, a few other mini 'pop up' events are planned before the end of term including; to sell mince pies and mulled wine at nativities and a one-off chocolate tuck shop (to use up the spare selection boxes) – so the final profit may be more! We are very lucky to have such dedicated and committed parents that make this event so special for our children and families – thank you.

KS2 Theatre by The Lake

On Tuesday our junior classes will travel to Keswick to see the theatre performance of 'The Little Princess'. Please can pupils be in school for 8.45am prompt as we hope to set off by 9 o'clock. All pupils will either need their own packed lunch brought from home or one pre-ordered from our school kitchen that day.

Wheelchair Basketball

On Monday this week all of our pupils took part in mini games of wheelchair basketball. It was a great experience and at times very competitive. Lots of fun was had by all of our children.

Governor Monitoring Meeting

On Wednesday night our whole staff team and governors met to share the outcomes of St Michael's curriculum within school. I led the initial presentation sharing our school strengths in teaching and learning and the areas we want to develop in order to improve standards further. Miss Mawson then provided updates on attendance, safeguarding training and our new draft behaviour policy. Staff then met in working groups to share outcomes in each subject area throughout school. We are grateful to have a proactive and supportive governing board who offer challenge and give freely of their own time. We are proud that our pupils access a broad, balanced and rich education. We try in every way possible to make our children's learning Engaging, Purposeful, Individual and Continuous. We are very grateful for your support at home to follow up class-based learning and for your contributions to ensure we can continue to access trips and extended learning opportunities.

Curriculum Newsletters/Quiz Me Questions

Just a reminder that each half term we create a curriculum newsletter to keep you informed about your child's learning. Quiz me Questions are also produced to help you ask your child about their learning. Research has shown that when children can talk about and explain their learning it helps them to 'know more and remember more'. These documents are on our website and will be emailed to you too. If you have any questions about what your child is learning in school, please contact the school office and arrange to meet with your child's class teacher.



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Uniform

A gentle reminder that all pupils need to wear plain, black footwear this can include trainer/shoes. Bright logos or colourful branded trainer shoes are not part of our uniform. It is also best that our pupils do not wear jewellery to school as this can be a danger when running and playing in the playground. Thank you for your continued support to help our pupils wear their uniform smartly and with pride.

Individual and Family Photos

A reminder that in order to receive free delivery to school of your child/ren's photograph you must order online from Tempest by Wednesday 29th November. Photographs can still be ordered after this date, but will be to your home address only and will incur a small delivery charge.

We have a busy and active Advent planed for our children and hope to welcome as many families as possible to the planned events in the run up to Christmas. As always, if I can help you with anything or you want to just talk something over with me, please do not hesitate to contact the school office to make an appointment.

Kind Regards

Lorna Smith

Mrs Smith