



# St. Michael's Church of England Primary School

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

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents,

We have had a busy and engaging week in school with our pupils enjoying many additional curricular opportunities to enhance their learning.

## *Artist in Residence*

Abby Kilfedder has been in school yesterday and today, working with all of our pupils. Our children have been glazing their tiles and they have gone off to be fired in the kiln again. In the new year we hope to create some tiled wall art for the front of the school.

## *KS1 Performance*

Our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils were all stars at their infant nativity – A King is Born. 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! Mince pies and mulled wine was served by Mrs Dalton and our HSA. Kind donations were made and the money will contribute to additional props and clothing for future shows.

## *Theatre Trip KS2*

Our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 pupils thoroughly enjoyed the theatrical performance of 'A Little Princess' 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 have travelled in style around the village – courtesy of Oscar's go-kart and 'Santa' trailer. Our pupils sang carols to local residents who are perhaps housebound, sang at Parragon Vets and around the village. To spread festive cheer, our pupils also delivered handmade crackers 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 hot chocolate 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 £1,354.95 for this great cause.

Next week continues to be busy in school, with many exciting opportunities planned for our pupils including –

## *RECEPTION and Year 1/Year 2 Theatre Trips*

Our Reception pupils will travel to The Theatre by the Lake in Keswick on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December to see the performance of Wolf. Our Year 1 and 2 pupils will travel to the show on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. On the days of their class trip, pupils will need to be in school at 8.30am. The coach will depart at 8.45am prompt as the show starts at 10am. Pupils will return to school in time for their school dinner.



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## Year 5/6 Christingle

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils are singing and sharing some bible readings at our Christingle service on Tuesday night at 6pm in St Michael's church. All are welcome to join us.

## Behaviour Consultation Meeting In school

On Tuesday at 2.30pm, myself and Miss Mawson would like to remind you that we are available to hear your thoughts and views on our school behaviour and procedure policy. The new edition is available on our website under Key Information, Policies. We already have had some good feedback from our school staff team and our pupils that will soon be reflected in our policy. If you cannot make the meeting, any written thoughts can be emailed to the school office marked for my attention via [admin@st-michaels.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-michaels.cumbria.sch.uk)

## Year 3/4 Nativity

Our Year 3 and 4 children are busy rehearsing their performance of 'Bethlehem The Musical'. They will share their beautiful singing and the Christmas message on Thursday at 2pm and then again in the evening at 6pm. Pupils will need to return to school from 5.30pm to get ready for the evening performance. Mulled wine and mince pies will be offered at both performances.

## Christmas dinner/Class party

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December is Christmas dinner day. Our pupils can wear their own clothes, Christmas jumper, party clothes to school or whatever they feel comfortable in to school on this day. We will be joined by our school governors, Steve and many helpers and volunteers.

## Craft Day

Our pupils will have a day of Christmas crafts on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. We hope our pupils will enjoy making and creating on this day.

## Last Day of Term

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December is the last day of term and school will finish at 1.30pm. Please note that there will be no after school club service on that day.

## School Support

As always, I am available if you have any queries or worries going into this festive period. I am aware of the financial hardship facing many people – please get in touch if I can offer support via foodbanks or other local charities. All referrals that I can make on your behalf would be in the strictest confidence. Please contact our school office, if I can help at all and our staff will be able to make you an appointment.

Finally, as we enjoy Advent as a school community, may I wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Kind Regards

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