

# St. Michael's C of E Infant School Newsletter

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11<sup>th</sup> December 2023

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## The Nativity and Christmas Fayre

Year 1 have performed their nativity three times and each time I saw them perform I was very proud of all of them. The children love singing in our school and sang with gusto and enthusiasm. They had learnt their words and were able to confidently say them in front of an audience. Thank you to all of our staff for enabling the performances to take place. Thank you to you all for being a brilliant audience and clapping and cheering too. We are now looking forward to seeing YR and Y2 in their performances this week.

We also had our fantastic Christmas fayre and FOSM raised an incredible £1222.15! Thank you to all of FOSM for organising this event and also to those of you who volunteered on a stall. Thank you also to the staff that were able to support the event and to our Father Christmas and Elf!

I hope you have a lovely break and we look forward to seeing you all on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January.**

*Dot Patton*

### Drop off and Pick up at the end of the day

The area outside the Year 1 classrooms is extremely busy during the end of the school day. Parents are waiting to collect children and other parents can be moving past to go to the bottom gate. Please could you ensure that you come to your child's classroom door to collect and once you have collected, you move on quickly from this area so that we can keep the area safe for everyone. Thank you for your support.

### Treating one another with respect

At this time of year, we are particularly reminded of the importance of treating one another with love and respect. Please remember that if you are worried about something regarding a child's behaviour, to make an appointment with us and we will try and meet with you as soon as we can. We will deal with any issues in a way that is sensitive and respectful to all members of our school community and would hope that all parents and carers are able to do the same.

### **Diary Dates 2023-2024**

**Tuesday 12th** at 9:30am Ducks and Toucans and 2:00pm Foxes

**Wednesday 13th** – 2:00pm Church Service

**Thursday 14th** at 9:30am Parrots and Penguins and 2:00pm Squirrels

**Thursday 14th** – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

**Friday 15th** – Last day of the Autumn Term

**Wednesday 3rd January** – First day of the Spring Term.

**Tuesday 16th** – Year 2 Florence Nightingale workshop

**Monday 5th & Thursday 8th February** - Parents' evenings 3:30 – 6:30

### Christmas Church Service

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2:00pm we will be singing songs from our Nativity at St Michael's Church in Aldershot. Families are invited to join us.

If you would like to come along, please do not enter the **church until we have got the children in and settled in a seat**. Seating will be fairly limited, but there is plenty of room to stand near the back of the Church.

### Collective Worship

In Collective Worship, we have been thinking advent and what it means to look forward to something.

### Nativity Performances

Whilst it is always lovely to see so many children take part in the nativities, please remember that if your child has a temperature or is not well enough to last the day, do not send them in just to take part in the play. **A reminder also that younger siblings are not permitted as they can be a distraction for the performers.**

### Change of time for classroom doors closing in the morning and late arrivals

As you know we extended our school day by 10 minutes in September. From January 3<sup>rd</sup> classroom doors will close at **8:45am** and any arrivals after this time will be recorded as late and must sign in at the school office.

Arriving late can be very unsettling for the children as their learning starts early on in the morning and a child that arrives late can miss out on important sessions of phonics, maths, reading and English. Not only can it be disruptive for the children in class but the latecomers can also feel embarrassed about coming in when the rest of the class is already working.

### **Reminder about PE kits**

Please remember that from the first week back after the holidays, children will be able to come to school in their PE kit on PE days. School jumpers and cardigans should be worn over a yellow top or polo shirt. Track suit bottoms can be worn but must be navy blue or black. Trainers or school shoes (which will then be changed into trainers) can also be worn on these days. This is to help us save some time in our already pressurised weekly timetable. Thank you for your support!

### **FOSM NEWS**

#### **Easy Fundraising**

Friends of St Michael's Infant School (FOSM) are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online! Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

You can find our easyfundraising page at

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-st-michaels-infant-school/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=pmc&utm\\_content=gs-email1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-st-michaels-infant-school/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1)