



ST. MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a busy start to the new term, with lots more planned between now and Christmas.

HALLOWE'EN DISCO/PARADE



We are very grateful to the Parent Council who organised the discos again this year. The children all looked fantastic in their costumes and had a spook-tacular time!! Many thanks to all parents and grandparents who attended our Hallowe'en Parade, it was fantastic to see the hall so full.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Our annual Christmas Fayre preparations are in full flow. This event is always a hugely successful fundraiser for the school and will take place on Monday 28th November at 7.00 p.m.

We would be very grateful for any donations for the raffle and also any unwanted gifts/toiletries/bottles for our tombola stall. Also if you are able to help on the night with raffle ticket sales or

tea/coffees please contact the school office.

Santa has contacted Mrs Greechan to say he will be with us again this year despite his busy schedule!!

TOMBOLA



CONGRATULATIONS

We were all delighted to hear of the safe arrival of Mrs Stevenson's baby boy, Harry. Both mum and baby are doing well.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all parents and carers who attended our recent Workshops on Reconciliation and Curriculum Rationale. Your support is greatly appreciated and we hope that you enjoyed your time with us.

AUCHENGEICH DONATION

We would also like to sincerely thank the Auchengeich Miners Club for their kind donation towards school funds. Thank you for your generosity.



NEW ENTRANT INFORMATION AFTERNOON

If your child is due to start school next August please come along to our Open Afternoon on Tues 22nd Nov at 1.30 p.m. There will be presentations from staff and pupils, an opportunity to tour the school and a chance to meet up with other parents. **Please pass this information on to anyone who may be interested. Thank you.**

NATIVITY PLAYS



The children in Primaries 1 to 3 will be performing "Hosanna Rock" as our nativity performance, on Wednesday 7th December at 7.00 pm and Thursday 8th December at 1.30pm. The Nursery will be performing "Whoops a Daisy Angel" on Wednesday 14th December at 1.30p.m. Further details will be issued separately.

CHOIR AT CHRISTMAS

Our choir will once again be out and about during the festive season. They will be appearing as part of The Coffee Shop's Christmas Lunches on:



Thurs 8th, Fri 9th, Thurs 15th & Fri 16th December at 12.00 noon

The choir will also be carol singing at Tesco, Craigmarloch during the morning of Monday 19th December.

SCHOOL CORRESPONDENCE



In an effort to cut costs for the school, from Monday 14th November, all future correspondence including letters and newsletters will be e-mailed to all parents. Many thanks for your co-operation in passing on your details to the school and we hope that you will find this new system most beneficial, it will certainly reduce the crumpled letters in the bottom of school bags!

There is also a "parents app" available for download to your smartphone/tablet which we will also be using for correspondence. This will have no cost to yourself or the school. The app is called 'xpressions' and the log in will require the same e-mail address that you have provided to the school. We would advise you to download this as soon as possible.

ONLINE PAYMENTS

North Lanarkshire Council has recently introduced an on-line payment system which makes it easier for parents to top up their child's lunch card for use in the dinner hall. Letters detailing your child's reference number and how to register on-line were sent out last month. Please, if you have not already done so, make sure that you register your child's account on-line as soon as possible. In the future this on-line system will also be used for payments to trips, etc.

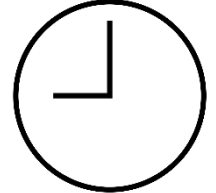
ST ANDREW'S DAY BALLOON RACE



Please support the school and help raise money for the charity Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Scotland. Balloons cost £3 each or 4 for £10 and can be purchased online at rabr.co/sbhscotland or by calling SBH Scotland on 03455 211 600. Alternatively, children can bring their donation to school and we will arrange for the balloons to be purchased. Full information is also available on the notice board in the foyer.

LATECOMINGS

Please ensure that your child enters the school by their appropriate line and door and that they are in line by 8.55 a.m. We have an increasing number of children coming late. This has an impact on their learning and that of the class. Also in arriving late it may be after the dinner orders are submitted for the day resulting in a restricted choice for lunch.



PUPILS HEALTH & WELLBEING



Could I remind you all that the children are not permitted in the staff car park. Recently a number of pupils have been running through it before/after school. For safety reasons it is important that the pupils enter and exit the grounds through the pupil gates.

Please also remember to check your child's hair on a regular basis and treat appropriately where necessary.

STAFF HEALTH & WELLBEING

In line with North Lanarkshire Council Policy, I would ask that all staff within St. Michael's Primary School and Nursery Class are treated with respect at all times. Harassment or any form of abuse is unacceptable in our place of work.

As always should you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to contact myself or the relevant member of staff. I would ask that you do not approach a child or parent in the yard regarding any issues but inform the school office, where we will do our utmost to resolve any concerns.

Finally, I would like to extend my gratitude to all, for the cards, prayers and messages I have received following the death of my father. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Karen Greechan
Head Teacher

COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 21st Nov	In-service Day - Staff only
Tues 22nd Nov	New entrant information afternoon at 1.30 p.m.
Fri 25th Nov	Parent Council Coffee Morning at 10.00 a.m.
W/B 28th Nov	Last week of After School Clubs
Mon 28th Nov	Christmas Fayre at 7.00 p.m.
Weds 7th Dec	Infant Nativity at 7.00 p.m.
Thurs 8th Dec	Infant Nativity at 1.30 p.m.
Tues 13th Dec	Whole School at Pantomime
Weds 14th Dec	Nursery Nativity at 1.30 p.m.
Thurs 15th Dec	Joint Carol Service, Moodiesburn Church at 1.30 p.m.
Mon 19th Dec	Christmas Party for P.7
Tues 20th Dec	School Christmas Lunch
Tues 20th Dec	Christmas Party for P.5 & P.6
Weds 21st Dec	Christmas Party for P.3 & P.4
Thurs 22nd Dec	Christmas Party for P.1 & P.2
Fri 23rd Dec	School closes at 2.30 p.m.
Mon 9th Jan	School re-opens to all pupils