



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.

THANK YOU



Many thanks to all parents and carers who attended our recent Macmillan Coffee Morning. We were delighted to be able to donate £480.83 to this great cause.

HALLOWE'EN DISCO/PARADE



Many thanks to all our parents and grandparents who attended our Hallowe'en Parade, it was fantastic to see the hall so full. There were some great costumes on show at our Hallowe'en discos and the children had a fabulous time. Many thanks to our Parent Council for organising the discos again this year.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Our hugely successful Christmas Fayre will take place on **Monday 4th Dec at 7.00 p.m.** This event is always a fantastic fundraiser for the school and we look forward to welcoming some new and exciting stall holders this year. This is a great opportunity to start your Christmas shopping and support the school at the same time.

We would be very grateful for any donations for the raffle and also any unwanted gifts/toiletries/bottles for our popular 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!!

PARENT COUNCIL COFFEE MORNING

Our Christmas Coffee Morning will take place on Friday 1st December at 10.00 a.m. The Parent Council would be most grateful for any raffle/home baking donations and if you are able to help on the day please leave your name at the school office. We look forward to welcoming you.



PARENT COUNCIL OFFICE BEARERS

The elected Officer Bearers of our Parent Council are:

Chairperson - Mrs Nicola Smock
Vice Chairperson - Mrs Brenda O'Brien
Secretary - Mrs Amanda Hudson
Treasurer - Mrs Nicola Jane Grigor

Our next meeting is on Monday 5th February and all our parents/carers are very welcome to attend.

SCHOOL GROUNDS



I would like to remind all our parents/carers that **no dogs** should be brought into the school yard.

Please also remember that access to the school and nursery should always be made via the school pathways. No children or adults should enter the staff car park. For safety reasons it is important that the pupils enter and exit the grounds through the pupil gates. Please ensure all carers dropping off or collecting your child is aware of this, thank you.

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

PANTOMIME

We are very excited about our trip to 'Jack & the Beanstalk' at Motherwell Theatre on Tuesday 5th December. Consent Forms will be issued closer to the date.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM BEFORE THE DAY.

SUPPORT AT ST. MICHAEL'S



We would encourage all parents/carers to take advantage of two support groups we have running within the school.

'Drop In' Support takes place on Wednesday's from 9.00 - 10.30 a.m. This provides access to support and information on any subject which is impacting on your family.

'Stay and Play' is our Toddler Group for babies and toddlers on Friday's from 9.00 - 10.30 a.m. in our Playroom. This is a chance to meet other parents and have a tea/coffee while the children enjoy a Bookbug session.

Both groups are supported by Lanarkshire Attachment & Nurture Service and Barnardo's Scotland.


Please encourage anyone who may benefit from these sessions to come along.

SCHOOL CORRESPONDENCE

We have now been using our online messaging service for a full year! All correspondence will continue to be sent via e-mail or text message. Please keep your contact details up to date with the school office.

You can also follow school updates on Twitter @StMichaelsPNS

NATIVITY PLAYS

 The children in Primaries 1 to 3 will be performing "Born in a Barn" as our nativity performance, on Tuesday 12th December at 6.30 pm and Wednesday 13th December at 1.30pm. The Nursery will be performing "A Present for the Baby" on Friday 15th 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 7th, Fri 8th, Thurs 14th & Fri 15th December at 1.00 p.m.

The choir will also be carol singing at Tesco, Craigmarloch on Tuesday 19th December at 1.00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH/ONLINE PAYMENTS

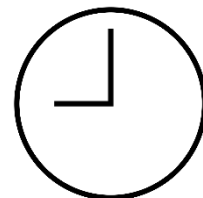
The School Christmas Lunch will be on Tuesday 19th December. Please look out for a separate e-mail requesting your child's choices. **Please ensure you reply to this e-mail or a lunch will not be ordered for your child.** This is also an ideal opportunity to register online to top-up your child's lunch card, avoiding any cash being taken to school. All trips will now have to be paid online in the future.

P.6 TRIP TO KILBOWIE 2018

Our P.6 children will be heading to Oban from 23rd - 27th April 2018. I would urge you to register for online payments and begin your payments as soon as possible in order to secure a place for your child. The total cost of the trip is £130. If you are in receipt of free school meals and/or a clothing grant the payment is £44.

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.





FESTIVE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 20 th Nov	In-service Day - Staff only
W/B 27 th Nov	Last week of After School Clubs
Fri 1 st Dec	Parent Council Coffee Morning at 10.00 a.m.
Mon 4 th Dec	Christmas Fayre at 7.00 p.m.
Tues 5 th Dec	Whole School at Pantomime
Tues 12 th Dec	Infant Nativity at 6.30 p.m.
Weds 13 th Dec	Infant Nativity at 1.30 p.m.
Fri 15 th Dec	Nursery Nativity at 1.30 p.m.
Mon 18 th Dec	Joint Carol Service, Moodiesburn Church at 1.30 p.m.
Tues 19 th Dec	School Christmas Lunch
Weds 20 th Dec	Christmas Party for P.3, P.4 & P.5
Thurs 21 st Dec	Christmas Party for P.1 & P.2
Fri 22 nd Dec	Christmas Party for P.6 & P.7
Fri 22 nd Dec	School closes at 2.30 p.m.
Mon 8 th Jan	School re-opens to all pupils