



ST. MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

All our pupils and staff have been very busy at St. Michael's and preparations for Christmas are now well under way. Please read on to discover what we have planned over the next few weeks.

ONGOING REWIRING & HALLOWE'EN DISCO/PARADE

The school rewiring continues to progress well and we were delighted to be able to hold the Hallowe'en Parade and Discos in the school hall which has its new ceiling in place.



Many thanks to all our parents and grandparents who attended our Hallowe'en Parade, I hope that you enjoyed your afternoon. 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.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING



Our Christmas Coffee Morning will take place on Friday 30th November at 10.00 a.m. We would be most grateful for donations towards our bottle stall and raffle/home baking which should be handed in to the school office. A separate e-mail will be issued shortly with further details and a request for helpers. There will be many exciting stalls run by the children with stocking fillers and pocket money gifts. We look forward to welcoming you to the first of our many Christmas events.

PARENT COUNCIL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The Parent Council are very busy arranging our Christmas Fayre which will take place on **Monday 3rd Dec at 7.00 p.m.**

This is always a fantastic fundraiser for the school and 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. Mrs Greechan received a special message to say that Santa will be with us again this year despite his busy schedule!!



SACRAMENTS REMINDER

Children in P.3 & P.4 who are due to receive the Sacraments of First Confession or First Holy Communion have received an e-mail with instruction from Father Michael. The completed form should be taken to Mass on Sat evening, 10th Nov or Sunday morning at 9.00 a.m. or 11.00 a.m.

PANTOMIME

We are very excited about our trip to 'Aladdin' at Motherwell Theatre on Thursday 13th December. All payments of £12.00 should now be paid if overdue, please make sure this is paid as soon as possible. Consent Forms will be issued closer to the date. **PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN CONSENT FORMS BEFORE THE DAY.**

NATIVITY PLAYS

The children in Primaries 1 to 3 will be performing "A Stable Story" as our nativity performance, on Tuesday 11th December at 6.30 p.m. and Wednesday 12th December at 1.30 p.m. The Nursery will be performing "The Nativity" on Tuesday 18th December at 1.30 p.m. Further details regarding costumes and tickets will be issued separately.



Choir AT CHRISTMAS

Our fabulous school choir will be out and about in the local community during the festive season.

They will be appearing as part of The Coffee Shop's Christmas Lunches on:

Thurs 6th, Fri 7th & Fri 14th December at 1.00 p.m.

The choir will also be carol singing at the Switch On of Moodiesburn Christmas Lights on 30th November and at Tesco, Craigmarloch on Mon 17th December at 1.00 p.m. Choir members will receive further information shortly.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH/ONLINE PAYMENTS

The School Christmas Lunch will be on Friday 14th December. Please look out for a separate e-mail requesting your child's choices. **Please ensure you reply to this**

e-mail as a lunch will not be ordered for your child on the day. 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.



IN-SET DAY

The School will be closed on Monday 19th November for an In-service Day.

P.6 TRIP TO KILBOWIE 2018

Our P.6 children will be heading to Oban on Monday, hopefully the weather will be kind to us. I'm sure all the children will have a fantastic time. Please check Twitter and the school website for updates next week from Kilbowie.



Please ensure all medicines and tuck money is in the school office before 3.00 p.m. on Friday 9th November.

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

Treasury - Mrs Siobhan Gallagher Smith

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 9th January and all our parents/carers are very welcome to attend.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT AT ST. MICHAEL'S

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

'Drop In' Support takes place on Wednesdays from 9.00 - 10.30 a.m. This provides access to support and information on any subject which is impacting on your family or just pop in for a chat and tea or coffee.

'Stay and Play' is our Toddler Group for babies and toddlers on Fridays 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.

PARENT HELPERS



If you have any spare time and would be willing to help keep the school running smoothly please contact Mrs Greechan or put a note in your child's diary. It may be in the classroom/photocopying/wall displays/tidying, etc. There are always jobs needing done!!

HEALTH AND SAFETY



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 are aware of this, thank you. This is of extra importance at the moment as we have a lot of extra traffic due to the rewiring work, with vehicles moving in and out the school throughout the day. Please also remember to check your child's hair on a regular basis and treat appropriately where necessary.

PROCEDURES FOR THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

All class teachers take care and make every best effort to release the pupils to a parent or carer at the end of the school day. If a parent or carer has been unexpectedly delayed and is not in the yard pupils are instructed to return to the class teacher and the school building.

We would be grateful that should you see an unaccompanied child, that you return them immediately to the class teacher and not try to contact the parent independently as this can cause undue concern and upset.

Can I also ask that parents and carers stand well back from the doorways to allow all children to be safely dismissed.

Pupils attending after school clubs are notified by the class teacher on that day, however we would also be grateful if you could remind your child in the morning to avoid confusion at 3.00 p.m.

COMMUNICATION

St. Michael's is very proud of the fantastic reputation it has locally and in North Lanarkshire. We regularly share information our twitter and through our school website and we are always delighted with positive comments.

Should you have any concerns, I respectfully ask that you address any concerns to the school directly. This ensures that the privacy of your child is protected and good communication is maintained with parents and carers.

Where necessary we will contact our legal services team where our pupils, staff or school are misrepresented on social media.

ONLINE SAFETY

Keeping our children safe is our priority. The websites below have great advice for parent/carers to ensure we can protect our children from potential abuse online.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk> & <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please find noted below a calendar of the important dates as we enter this busy time.

We look forward to welcoming you to St. Michael's over the festive season.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Karen Greechan

Head Teacher

FESTIVE DATES AT ST. MICHAEL'S



Mon 19th Nov

In-service Day - Staff only

W/B 26th Nov	Last week of After School Clubs
Fri 30th Nov	Christmas Coffee Morning at 10.00 a.m.
Fri 30th Nov	Switch on of Moodiesburn Christmas Lights at 5.00 p.m.
Mon 3rd Dec	Christmas Fayre at 7.00 p.m.
Tues 11th Dec	Infant Nativity at 6.30 p.m.
Weds 12th Dec	Infant Nativity at 1.30 p.m.
Thurs 13th Dec	Whole School at Pantomime
Fri 14th Dec	School Christmas Lunch
Mon 17th Dec	Christmas Party for P.3 & P.4
Mon 17th Dec	Choir at Tesco, Craigmarloch at 1.00 p.m.
Tues 18th Dec	Nursery Nativity at 1.30 p.m.
Weds 19th Dec	Christmas Party for P.5 & P.6
Thurs 20th Dec	Joint Carol Service, Moodiesburn Church at 1.30 p.m.
Thurs 20th Dec	Christmas Party for Nursery, P.1 & P.2
Fri 21st Dec	Christmas Party for P.7
Fri 21st Dec	School closes at 2.30 p.m.
Mon 7th Jan	School re-opens to all pupils