



## ST. MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are now in the final weeks of 2023 and our thoughts turn to Christmas. In this newsletter you will find dates and information of all the events taking place at St. Michael's during the festive season and I look forward to welcoming you into the school during this time.

### LATE COMING/ABSENCES

Please be aware that the school gates will close at 9.00 a.m. when the bell rings. If your child arrives after this time they must enter through the main gate and report to the school office. Also, if your child is absent from school, please either phone the school office before 9.00 a.m. or e-mail Mrs Rand at [nlrandp@northlan.org.uk](mailto:nlrandp@northlan.org.uk) with the reason for absence. Many thanks for your co-operation.



### CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

Our Christmas Coffee Morning will take place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 10.00 a.m.

There will be various stalls including our ever popular Tombola. Each class will be selling their Christmas Enterprise, our amazing School Choir will perform and there will be our fantastic Christmas Raffle. Tea/coffee and a mince pie are included in the entry fee of £2.00 per person.

If you have any donations for the tombola or raffle, please hand them in to the school office. We would be grateful for any unopened bottles of alcohol/juice/jams/sauces; toiletries; stationery; unwanted gifts; confectionery. Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

The children will have the opportunity to visit the stalls, where there will also be an opportunity to buy small Christmas presents, during the morning and it would be appreciated if you brought change for your entry fee and also give you child/children change to purchase goods.

Money raised at these events is used to support all of our children in a variety of ways. For example, every school trip is heavily subsidised and with the challenges families are facing at the present I am sure you will agree that this is a huge support.



## CHRISTMAS FAYRE



Our Parent Council will be holding this exciting event with a variety of stalls, raffles, teas and coffees on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. We also hope that if Santa isn't too busy, he will be able to come along too! The Fayre will start at 7.00 p.m. and I hope that as many of you as possible will attend.

## CHRISTMAS LITURGY

Father Michael will celebrate a Christmas Liturgy with staff and pupils at 11.00 a.m. on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. This will give the children an opportunity to sing the carols that they have been practising and remember the true meaning of Christmas.

## CONFIRMATION

Primary 7 will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November. In preparation for this Bishop Toal will visit on Weds 15<sup>th</sup> November. Further information will be sent directly to the parents and carers of the Confirmandi.



## INSERVICE DAY

The school and nursery will be closed to all pupils on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

## PANTOMIME

We are delighted that this event will go ahead on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. The whole school will now travel to Ravenscraig Sports Centre to see 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and all payments for this are now due and must be paid via iPay.

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographer will be in school on the following dates:-

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| Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November  | All nursery children and family groups (family groups with children in school and nursery) and class photographs |
| Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November | All primary children and family groups (families within school only)   |



If you wish a family photograph taken, please email your request to Mrs Rand [nlrandp@northlan.org.uk](mailto:nlrandp@northlan.org.uk) Please note, family photographs will only be taken if you have requested this in advance.

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH

This will take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December and is always a highlight! More information of the menu and how to order will be sent out shortly.

## NATIVITY DATES

The infant Nativity will take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30 p.m. and on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30 p.m. The children are already practising hard for their big performance. An e-mail with the link for tickets will be sent out separately and you must click your preference in order to secure tickets.

The nursery nativity will take place on Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Dec at 1.30 p.m.



## CHOIR DATES

The school choir is looking forward to entertaining the local community as we approach the season of Advent. We have many exciting events already in the diary.

**Moodiesburn Christmas Light Switch On - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov at 4.30 p.m.**

**NL Schools Christmas Concert - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec at St. Ambrose High School**

**Coffee House Lunches - Friday 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Dec at 1.00 p.m.**

Further details will be sent separately with more information.

## CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Our Christmas parties are scheduled for the following afternoons:-

<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>P.5 &amp; P.6 children</b>
<b>Weds 20<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Nursery, P.1 &amp; P.2 children</b>
<b>Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>	<b>P.3 &amp; P.4 children</b>
<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec</b>	<b>P.7</b>



On the day of your child's party, they should come to school in full school uniform. Should you wish your child to go home for lunch to get changed they can be collected from the school foyer at 12.00 noon and return to school at 1.00 p.m. Alternatively, the children can bring their party clothes to school and the opportunity to get changed in school will be given. Please remember that no football colours or tops should be worn. The children will receive party tuck consisting of crisps, chocolate and a can of fizzy juice. Should you prefer your child to be given water please let Mrs Rand know at [nlrandp@northlan.org.uk](mailto:nlrandp@northlan.org.uk)



## BREAKFAST CLUB

This supervised service is available to all our children from 8.15 a.m. All children must be supervised until they enter the building. Parents should be aware that any children arriving before 8.15 a.m. may not have access to the building until Breakfast Club staff arrive. Please be aware that all children attending must purchase a breakfast. The breakfast consists of cereal, milk and toast. This is free to pupils who are in Primary 1 to 5 and for pupils in Primary 6 to 7 who receive free school meals. For all other pupils the cost is £1 per day with a sliding scale for families of two at £1.50 per day and families of three at £1.80 per day. Children will then be dismissed into the playground at 8.45 a.m.

## STAY AND PLAY/DROP IN SESSIONS



If you have a child under 3, our popular Stay & Play sessions for toddlers have restarted on Fridays from 9.00 until 10.30 a.m. Please see the poster at the end of this newsletter for more information. There is no need to book a place, just come to the main school door.

There is also an opportunity to meet with our Barnardos worker Monica, on an informal basis, on Wednesday mornings between 9.00 and 10.30 a.m.

## COMMUNICATION



We have a growing number of followers on X (twitter) - @StMichaelsPNS - and would ask if you could please follow us in order to keep up to date with news and events. The school website is an excellent source of communication also as it is regularly updated. We will continue to communicate through the e-mail system and ask that you check this regularly to keep up to date.

Homework continues to be issued on TEAMS and this also provides an excellent vehicle for class teachers to share useful information.

## STATIONERY SHOP

S.S. X-press is available to all our children every Friday. For budget prices, children can purchase pens, pencils, rulers, sharpeners, etc. Please support this school fundraiser if you can.

## SCOTTISH POPPY APPEAL

Remembrance poppies will be available to buy, for a small donation, in November.

## KEEPING IN TOUCH THIS WINTER

[@StMichaelsPNS](https://twitter.com/StMichaelsPNS)

[blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/stmichaelsweb/](https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/stmichaelsweb/)

If the weather should take a turn for the worse any updates about access to the school building will be updated on our X (Twitter) feed and the school website. Updates can also be found in Winter Services section on the Council website [www.northlanarkshirecouncil.gov.uk](http://www.northlanarkshirecouncil.gov.uk)



As always, if there is anything in this newsletter that you would like to discuss or indeed any aspect of school life, please contact via e-mail addresses stated below.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Karen Greechan'.

Mrs Karen Greechan  
Head Teacher

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