



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 2024 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 nlrاندp@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 29th November 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 your 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.



PARENT COUNCIL CHRISTMAS EVENT

This will take place on Monday 9th December from 3.15 - 5.15 p.m. within the school hall. Please see the attached flyer for further information. I hope as many of you as possible will support this event.



PANTOMIME

We are delighted that this event will go ahead on Thursday 5th December. The whole school will travel to Ravenscraig Sports Centre to see 'Aladdin' and all payments for this are now due and must be paid via iPay.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

This will take place on Wednesday 11th December and is always a highlight of our Christmas calendar. More information regarding the menu and how to order will be sent out shortly. Children can wear something 'Christmassy' on the day such as jumpers, tinsel and hairbands, please do not go to any added expense.

NATIVITY DATES

The infant Nativity will take place on Wednesday 11th December at 6.30 p.m. and on Thursday 12th December at 1.30 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 17th Dec at 1.30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Our Christmas parties are scheduled for the following afternoons:-

Mon 16th Dec	P.5 children
Weds 18th Dec	P.3 & P.4 children
Thurs 19th Dec	Nursery, P.1 & P.2 children
Fri 20th Dec	P.6 & P.7

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 nrandp@northlan.org.uk

CHOIR AT THE COFFEE HOUSE

The school choir is looking forward to entertaining the local community as we approach the season of Advent. We will once again be at the popular Coffee House lunches on **Friday 29th Nov, 6th Dec and 13th Dec at 1.00 p.m.**

Further details will be sent separately with more information.

CHRISTMAS ADVENT APPEAL

This year at the beginning of Advent we will be collecting donations for Moodiesburn Food Bank. If you are able, please send your donations to school between Monday 9th and Friday 13th December. Some suggestions would be tea/coffee/tins of soup, fruit, beans/biscuits/sweets and dried goods.

We hope that you will be able to support this worthwhile cause.

SACRAMENTS

Fr. Emmanuel has requested that the parents and carers who wish their child/children to receive the Sacraments this academic year bring the completed form issued earlier this week to Mass this weekend. Mass times are 6.00 p.m. Saturday and 10.00 a.m. Sunday and all the children will have the opportunity to speak with Fr. Emmanuel as they hand in their form.

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.

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.



INSERVICE DAY

The school and nursery will be closed to all pupils on Monday 18th November.

BOOK AMNESTY

Unfortunately, over the course of the school year our stocks of reading books deplete as pupils take them home and forget to return them. Could I ask you to have a good search at home and return any that you may find. We would be really grateful for any books returned.

SCOTTISH POPPY APPEAL

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

KEEPING IN TOUCH THIS WINTER

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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



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



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CHRISTMAS DIARY

FRI 29 TH NOV	Christmas Coffee Morning at 10.00 a.m.
FRI 29 TH NOV	School Choir at Coffee House for 1.00 p.m. (restricted numbers)
THURS 5 TH DEC	Full school outing to Pantomime
FRI 6 TH DEC	School Choir at Coffee House for 1.00 p.m. (restricted numbers)
MON 9 TH DEC	Parent Council Santa's Storytime at 3.15 - 5.15 p.m.
WEDS 11 TH DEC	Infant Nativity at 6.30 p.m.
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THUR 12 TH DEC	Infant Nativity at 1.30 p.m.
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FRI 20 TH DEC	School closes at 2.30 p.m.
MON 6 TH JAN	School reopens at 9.00 a.m.



ST. MICHAEL'S PARENT COUNCIL PRESENTS..



Monday 9th Dec @ 3:15pm - 5:15pm

£2 entry at the door for adults - Free Entry for children

(Tea/Coffee & Mince Pie's provided along with Festive music and School choir performance)

£1 entry for Santa's Storytime

Time slots will be given upon entry (Includes a small gift for each child)

BRING & BUY SALE

If anyone is doing a clear out we would appreciate any donations,
our bring & buy sale will be live at this event!

Home baking donations would be very appreciated