



ST. MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope all our families had an enjoyable October break. In this newsletter you will find dates and information of all the events taking place at St. Michael's and into the festive season and I look forward to welcoming you into the school during this time.

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Our Christmas Coffee Morning will take place on Friday 28th November at 10.00 a.m. If you have any donations for the tombola, 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 whole school will travel to the Pavillion Theatre on Thurs 4th December to see 'Jock and the Beanstalk' and all payments for this are now due and must be paid via iPay. Should your child not be attending please let Mrs Rand know as soon as possible.

Our Infant Nativity is scheduled for the evening of 10th December and the afternoon of 11th December. Further details will be sent nearer the 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 nrandp@northlan.org.uk with the reason for absence. Many thanks for your co-operation in ensuring the safety of all our children.

ST. MICHAEL'S FUN DAY

A huge thank you to everyone who took part and donated to our sponsored fun day. The fantastic amount of £3,345.13 was raised for school funds, thank you to everyone for their generosity. The children had a great day! Monies raised will subsidise school activities and fund Christmas tuck.



INSERVICE DAY

The school and nursery will be closed to all pupils on Monday 17th November.

HALLOWEEN PARADE



The infants, including the nursery and P. 1 - 3 pupils, will take part in our Halloween Parade on Friday 31st Oct at 1.30 p.m. within the school. The children can either go home at lunchtime and return in their costumes or they can bring them into school in the morning and will be helped into them after lunch. If you wish to collect someone

else's child, this must be arranged and the school office notified by 30th

October. Children who may not wish to dress up are under no obligation to do so. All parents and carers are welcome to come along and enjoy the parade in the school hall. There will be a raffle and any donations towards this would be gratefully received. We have a supply of costumes in school, please contact Mrs Di Mascio if we can help. Nursery children will have more information about this sent via their own newsletter.

HALLOWEEN DISCO

Our Parent Council will once again be holding Discos for all the children on Thursday 30th Oct.

Primaries 1-3 from 6.30-7.30 p.m. (entry and exit by main door)

Primaries 4-7 from 7.45-8.45 p.m. (entry Room 11 fire door and exit by main door)

Tuck will be provided by the Parent Council and many thanks to them all for organising this event for our children. The cost will be £2.00 per child, payable on the night.

AFTERSCHOOL AND LUNCHTIME CLUBS

We are delighted to be able to give our children the opportunity to take part in many different extra-curricular clubs during lunchtimes and after school. Further details have been sent out separately. If your child was not allocated a place there will be a further block of clubs in the new year.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

This will take place on Wednesday 3rd 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.

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 to Mass if they have not already done so. First Holy Communion will be Saturday 16th May. Dates for Sacraments of Reconciliation and Confirmation have still to be arranged.

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, please enter via the nurture room fire 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.

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.



SMART PUPIL COUNCIL UPDATE

This year the SMART Pupil Council are continuing our hard work in Promoting Children's Rights and Pupil Voice as part of our Right's Respecting School Journey. At the start of term all classes focused on four articles, we learned that these particular articles helped inform the adults on how to get it right for every child (GIRFEC). We created new wall displays and shared what we have learned at assemblies. We have identified that we would like to celebrate achievement in Numeracy alongside our certificates for Star Writer, Values, STEM, Reading School and Digital. So far this year during our fortnightly meetings, the SMART Pupil Council have identified that they would like a new school show. They wrote a letter persuading Mrs Greechan to permit us to buy one and we were successful. Using our class meeting tool, where every child gets a voice, the children have chosen our next Spring Show. They have also shared their ideas on how to make playtimes and lunchtimes more fun. The children also chose which school clubs they would like the teachers to deliver, alongside the different events for the fun day. We are enjoying having a voice within our school and we hope to continue to ensure that our school is a place where we can enjoy learning and work together as a community.

SENIORS LUNCH



Last year we invited the more senior members of our community along to the school for an afternoon of hospitality. The catering staff kindly supplied soup, sandwiches and cakes. The senior children took great enjoyment in serving our guests and the choir entertained. This year we intend to run this successful event again on Monday 15th Dec at 1.30 p.m.

Please spread the word to grandparents, neighbours who are retired and those in the community who once had children or grandchildren at St. Michael's. All are welcome!!

STATIONERY SHOP

S.S. X-press will be 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.

COMMUNICATION

The school website is an excellent source of communication 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.



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.

SUPPORT AT CHRISTMAS

Christmas is a wonderful time, but it can also be expensive and can put pressure on families. The school works in partnership with local charities and organisations to help families at this time. If you or someone you know could benefit from toys, food hampers or winter clothing please contact Mrs Greechan or Mrs Di Mascio. All enquiries will be treated with the greatest confidentiality.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Fri 28th Nov	Coffee Morning at 10.00 a.m.
Weds 3rd Dec	Christmas Lunch
Thurs 4th Dec	Pantomime at The Pavillion
Fri 5th Dec	School Choir at The Coffee House
Weds 10th Dec	Infant Nativity at 6.30 p.m.
Thurs 11th Dec	Infant Nativity at 1.30 p.m.
Fri 12th Dec	P.3 & P.4 Christmas Party
Mon 15th Dec	Seniors Lunch at 1.30 p.m.
Tues 16th Dec	Joint Carol Service at 1.30 p.m.
Weds 17th Dec	P.1 & P.2 Christmas Party
Thurs 18th Dec	P.5, 6 & 7 Christmas Party

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 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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