



ST. MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS DIARY UPDATES

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This is such a busy time of year with so much on at school and at home. Please read on for further details and reminders of events taking place here at St. Michael's. I look forward to celebrating this time with all our families.

UNICEF WORLD CHILDRENS DAY

On Thursday 20th November we will be marking this important UNICEF day by asking the children to come to school wearing blue. Please do not go to any added expense and remember no football colours. There will also be a special themed lunch, further details were sent out on 11th November by e-mail. Thank you for your support.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

Our Coffee Morning will take place on Friday, 28th Nov at 10.00 a.m. with entry of £2.00 including tea, coffee and cake. All the children will have a chance to visit the class enterprise stalls and our fantastic school choir will entertain our audience. If you are able to donate anything towards the raffle, tombola or tea please hand this into the school office as soon as possible. Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

PARENT COUNCIL CHRISTMAS FAMILY FUNDRAISER

This event will take place on Sunday 30th November in the Knight's of Saint Columba from 3.00 - 5.00 p.m. Please see the Parent Council newsletter e-mailed on 13th November for ticket details and further information.





PANTOMIME ARRANGEMENTS

We are all looking forward to our Christmas outing to 'Jock and the Beanstalk' on Thursday 4th December at The Pavillion Theatre. All children should arrive at school for 9.00 a.m. in full school uniform and all helpers should enter via the main door. Children may bring a small snack and drink (no glass bottles please) and we will have lunch on our return to school. Please do not give your child any money as they will not be allowed to visit the sweet kiosk.

PARENT COUNCIL MOVIE AFTERNOONS

This will be held over two nights:-

Monday 15th December 3.00 – 5.00 p.m. Primary 1- 3

Tuesday 16th December 3.00 – 5.00 p.m. Primary 4-7

The movie chosen by the Parent Council is Elf, this has a Parental Guidance rating. Please see the Parent Council newsletter for further information.

NATIVITY ARRANGEMENTS

All our P.1-3 children are rehearsing very hard for their evening performance on Weds 10th and afternoon performance on Thurs 11th Dec. An e-mail has been sent to all parents to request which performance they wish to attend. All tickets requested will be given to children on 1st Dec, please check their bag for your envelope.

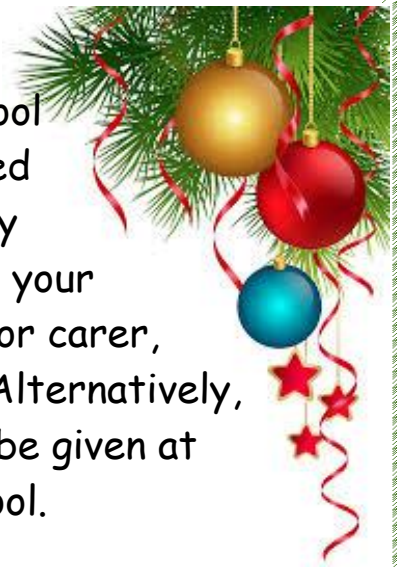
CHRISTMAS LUNCH

All parents/carers should have received an e-mail to preorder their child's Christmas Lunch. All replies must be in by Fri 21st November to allow the kitchen to order and prepare the lunch. It would be helpful if those choosing to bring their own packed lunch select this option on the form. Children can wear something 'Christmassy' on the day, Weds 3rd Dec, such as jumpers, tinsel and hairbands, no football colours please.



CHRISTMAS PARTY - ALL DATES NOTED BELOW

On the day of your child's party, they should come to school in their school uniform. At lunchtime they can be collected at 12.00 p.m. for a home lunch to get ready for their party and return to school at 1.00 p.m. party ready. If you wish your child to be collected by someone other than their parent or carer, please notify the school office before their party date. Alternatively, they can bring their party clothes to school and time will be given at lunchtime to change. All tuck will be provided by the school.



CHRISTMAS ADVENT APPEAL

This year at the beginning of Advent we will be collecting donations for local Food Banks. If you are able, please send your donations to school between Monday 8th and Friday 12th December. Some suggestions would be tea/coffee/tins of soup, fruit or beans/biscuits/sweets and any dried goods. We hope you will be able to help this worthwhile cause.

FESTIVE DONATIONS

As mentioned in previous Newsletters, we are very mindful that some families may be struggling during the current financial climate. There are a number of ways in which we here at St. Michael's are able to help, and we have been pleased to do so in a few situations already.

We are in a position to help with gifts and groceries for Christmas. We have received a donations from local businesses and charities.

If we can assist at all over the festive season, please do not hesitate to contact myself or any of the management team in the strictest of confidence at nlgreechank@northlan.org.uk or nldimascion@northlan.org.uk





CHRISTMAS DIARY

Thurs 20 th Nov	World Childrens Day - wear something blue
Fri 28 th Nov	Christmas Coffee Morning at 10.00 a.m.
Tues 2 nd Dec	Open Day for New August Entrants at 2.00 p.m.
Weds 3 rd Dec	School Christmas Lunch & wear something Christmassy!
Thurs 4 th Dec	Full school outing to Pantomime
Fri 5 th Dec	School Choir at Coffee House for 1.00 p.m. (restricted numbers)
Weds 10 th Dec	Infant Nativity at 6.30 p.m.
Thur 11 th Dec	Infant Nativity at 1.30 p.m.
Fri 12 th Dec	Christmas Party for P.3 & P.4 children
Mon 15 th Dec	Seniors Christmas Lunch at 1.30 p.m.
Tues 16 th Dec	Nursery Nativity at 1.30 p.m.
Tues 16 th Dec	Joint Carol Service with Glenmanor in Church of Scotland at 1.30 p.m.
Weds 17 th Dec	Christmas Party for Nursery, P.1 & P.2 children
Thurs 18 th Dec	Mass in St. Michael's Church at 11.00 a.m.
Thurs 18 th Dec	Christmas Party for P.5, P.6 & P.7
Thurs 18 th Dec	School closes at 2.30 p.m.
Mon 5 th Jan	School reopens at 9.00 a.m.

And finally, we try always at St. Michael's to deal with all enquiries timeously, and with respect and empathy. Recently, I have been saddened as staff have been spoken to in an abrupt and disrespectful manner on a few occasions. It is important that we all continue to work well together for all our children, within the positive culture that we all have worked hard to create.

On behalf of all the staff we wish all our families the very best for the Festive Season.

Kind regards,

Mrs K Greechan HEAD TEACHER



Seniors **Christmas Lunch**

Mon 15th Dec 1.30 p.m.



As part of our 60th anniversary celebrations
we would like to invite senior members of our
community who attended St. Michael's Primary
or their children/grandchildren
attend or have attended our school,
to a special Christmas Lunch.

Please bring this to the attention of anyone in our
community who would like to attend.

All will be made welcome.