



Headteacher's Message

Newsletter Thursday 20th December 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

What an incredible Christmas busy week and a half we had in school – so much for all our children, staff, parents/carers and local school community to enjoy and take part in.

Week beginning 11th December

Advent 2

Last Monday, year 4 led a beautiful Advent Two assembly for children, staff and parents/carers. The Second Advent candle was lit representing the gift of 'Peace' and a reminder that the waiting has begun. All the children took part and we all enjoyed a selection of prayers, readings, hymns, drama and dance.

Thank you to all the yr4 children and team of staff



Reception class Nativity

Last Tuesday morning, our two reception class children came over to the junior hall to perform to an audience of parents and carers. The reception children were dressed in nativity costumes –including Mary, Joseph, Three Kings with camels, stable animals, and shepherds with sheep, angels and stars. The singing and acting from the reception classes was delightful - they knew all the words and actions. The children created a beautiful Nativity Tableau –sharing the joy of Christmas day with all. Every single child was a super star!

Thank you to all the children and Reception Class team for supporting the children to create such a happy and Christmassy performance.



Infant Nativity (Year One and Year two)

Last Wednesday, our infant children shared with us through prayers, songs and acting the Christmas story. Once again the children created a nativity tableau at the end with all the main Christmas story characters was beautiful. We had Mary, Joseph, Three Kings with camels, stable animals, shepherds with sheep, inn keepers, angels, star and of course the little donkey. The hall was packed with parents, carers and family members. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it and felt very festive. It was simply magical. The singing, reading, technical support and acting from the both classes was delightful. Every single child took part and was a shining star!

Thank you to all the children and year one and two team of staff once again supporting the children to create such a Holy and joyful performance.



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Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumpers

Last Thursday, we had our delicious school Christmas Lunch. All the children looked amazing in their Christmas jumpers, tinsel and party hats.

The school infant hall was beautifully decorated and all tables laid (including Christmas crackers for all) for this special festive lunch. A big thank you to Graham, our resident school chef, and our kitchen staff team who worked tirelessly to ensure the 400+ lunches were all ready. I applaud you all –thank you.

A visit to Father Christmas. (Nursery and Infant Children)

On Thursday, all Nursery children and infant children visited Father Christmas in the festive grotto in the junior hall. All the children were thrilled – and how lovely a few Juniors popped in to say hi to Father Christmas too.

Christmas Selection Boxes for all

All children across the school were given a chocolate selection box – a little extra for all to enjoy.

Advent 3

Last Friday, year 5 led a truly beautiful 'Advent Three' assembly for children, staff and parents/carers. The third Advent candle was lit, representing the gift of 'Joy'. It is a pink candle that also represents Mary the Mother of Jesus. All the children took part and we all enjoyed a selection of prayers, readings, hymns, drama and dance.

Thank you to the all the yr5 children and staff who prepared the children so well



Week beginning 18th December

Advent 4 and Nativity

On Tuesday, Year 6 led a fabulous 'Advent Four' and Christmas Nativity assembly for children, staff and parents/carers. The fourth Advent candle was lit, representing the gift of 'Love'. All the children took part and it was truly wonderful. The children told the story through readings, drama and songs. There was a real sense of 'awe and wonder' in the hall. The school choir also joined in the performance at end of the assembly to share a Christmas song and a Christmas Carol. The atmosphere in the hall was delightful and all visitors left in high festive spirits.

Once again it was wonderful to see so many parents, carers and other family members attending.

Thank you to the all the yr6 children, team of year 6 staff, choir, Rosy and Ms Haynes





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Family Christmas Social Event

On Tuesday early evening, we had a fun filled family Christmas social in the Irish Centre. It was well attended by many school families who enjoyed the dancing, bingo, refreshments and raffle. Thank you too to the parents who made the Christmas packs of hot chocolate with marshmallows and reindeer food ready to sell at this event. All funds raised will go into the 'Friends of St Michael's' account to help fund activities and resources for our children.

Thank you to the staff who supported this event too – special shout out to Ms Haynes, Mrs Birch and Mrs Roscoe who played a big part in the organisation.

Pantomime Visit – Sleeping Beauty.

We were all very excited about our whole school visit to the Pantomime. This will be shared through the newsletter.



We truly have had a wonderful Advent and festive season in school. Thank you for all your support – our home and school partnership is so important and we value it greatly.

On behalf of all the staff and governors I wish you and all your family a very 'Happy Christmas and joyful New Year'.

School RE-OPENS on Monday 8th January 2024.

Alyson Rigby – Headteacher



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Whole School Pantomime





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Term Dates 2023 -2024

Autumn Term 2023

Term: Monday 4th September – Thursday 21st December

Pupils: Autumn Term 1 – Monday 4th September to Thursday 26th October

Half term: Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November

Pupils: Autumn Term 2 – Monday 6th November to Thursday 21st December

Terms ends: Thursday 21st December 2023



Spring Term 2024

Term: Monday 8th January – Thursday 28th March

Pupils: Spring Term 1 – Monday 8th January to Friday 9th February

Half term: Monday 12th February – Monday 19th February

Pupils: Spring Term 2 – Tuesday 20th February to Thursday 28th March

Term ends: Thursday 28th March



Summer Term 2024

Term: Monday 8th April to Friday 19th July

Pupils: Summer Term 1 – Monday 8th April to Friday 24th May

Half term: Monday 27th May to Friday 7th June

Pupils: Summer Term 2 – Monday 10th June to Friday 19th July

Term Ends: Friday 19th July

May Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May



Staff Development Days – School closed for pupils

Friday 1st September 2023

Friday 27th October

Monday 19th February 2024

Four extended twilight sessions (22nd Dec & 22 July)