

Friday, 10th November 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Book Fair Competition Winners

Thank you to all of the children who took the time to enter the Book Fair 500 word story competition. A number of children wrote creative stories featuring a countdown from ten to one. The winners were:

Molly S., Y3, Isobel M., Y4, Lola F. - Y5

These children each received a well-deserved £10 voucher to spend at the Book Fair. Happy reading, ladies!



Deadline for SMASH children's Christmas card order is next Friday, 17th November.

SMASH

SMASH have been super busy this week organising lots of events for the Christmas period. Following a school vote, the children nominated **Elf** as the Christmas film for Film Night on Friday, 17th November @ 6:00 pm. If you would like to get comfortable with your friends, with a hot chocolate and snacks, don't forget to purchase your film night ticket before they all go!

This week children took home their **Christmas card order form** – these look fantastic! If you would like to order cards, mugs or gift tags, please bring back your forms as soon as possible to secure your purchase.

We have reindeers visiting the school on **Tuesday 12th December**. If you would like to pet them, we are charging a small charge of £3. Additionally, to have a photograph with them, it's only £4 in **total**. Word on the street is that Father Christmas may also be joining us... Finally, we are organising an exciting **Christmas Market on Friday 8th December (4.30pm-6:30pm)**. This will be an event for all – children, parents, grandparents and anyone else in the community. We will have Christmas stalls where you can purchase Christmas presents for all the family, games, rides and delicious food. So pop the date in your diary and come along to get some early Christmas shopping done at St Michael's Junior School. Look out for the flyer attached to this newsletter.



Bonus Ball - Congratulations to Miss Fowler who won last week's Bonus Ball. Remember, you've got to be in it to win it!

Children in Need 2017

Next **Friday, 17th November**, is Children in Need day and we would like all the children to dress up in spots! You pay £1.00 to be able to do this and all proceeds go to Children in Need. Next Tuesday after school, there will be a cake sale for Children in Need. The cakes will cost 30p each and we would ask parents to kindly donate cakes on Tuesday morning. Thank you. There will also be a Guess the Number of Sweets in a Jar competition for 20p a guess. Again, all monies raised will go to Children in Need. Thank you, in advance for your support.

Book Fair

Don't forget our Book Fair is running every night after school from Miss. Kneller's room. There will be books on sale this Friday and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings next week. Please support the Book Fair and help us get as many new books for school as possible. Thank you for your support.



Aerial Photograph

We are having our school 50th anniversary photo taken on Monday morning on the back playground. We hope all our children will be able to participate. If you would prefer your child not to take part, please notify the school office.

Netball Matches

On Tuesday, 7th November, we played a friendly netball match against Beehive. The A team won 4-1 on the first half and in the second half, we won the match by 8-1. Emma C. scored 4 goals, Hollie scored 2, Emily scored 1 and Sophie scored 1. The B team also won 6-1 altogether and there were 4 quarters for both teams. Erin and Mathilda scored 1 goal each and Rhianna scored 4.

We would like to thank Jean, Janice and Mr. Sturton for arranging the match.

Report written by Hollie B., Mathilda E. Year 5 and Emily H. – Year 6

PE Kit

Please make sure your child has a PE kit in school every day. Many children are still not wearing proper PE clothing.

Toddlers

Could parents with very young children stop them playing on the ramp by the door on the front playground. This is a main thoroughfare and a child could be hurt if they fell or caught their fingers in the ramp. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Bikes and Scooters

Can we politely remind parents and children that there is no riding of bikes or scooters on the front playground? We would ask that children dismount at the bottom gate and push their bikes and scooters across the playground. Thank you.

Dinner Menus

Next week is Week 3.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday, 14th November – Odeon Cinema Visit – Year 4

Friday, 17th November – SMASH Film Night, Elf– 6:00 pm– 7:30 pm

Friday, 24th November – Individual School Photographs

Thursday, 30th November – SMASH Years 3/4 Christmas Gift Sale in school time

Friday, 1st December – SMASH Years 5/6 Christmas Gift Sale in school time

Thursday, 7th December – Year 5 trip to Harry Potter World

Friday, 8th December – SMASH Christmas Market – 4:30pm – 6:30pm on front playground

Tuesday, 12th December – Reindeers are visiting!

Wednesday 13th December – Whole School Christmas Lunch

Thursday, 14th December @ 1:30 pm – Years 3/4 Christmas Presentation PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE

Friday, 15th December @ 7:00 pm – Years 3/4 Christmas Presentation PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE

Tuesday, 19th December @ 10:00 am at St. Michael's Church – School Carol Service

Tuesday, 19th December – SMASH Christmas Disco – 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Wednesday, 20th December – the school closes for the Christmas holidays

Tuesday, 2nd and Wednesday, 3rd January 2018 – NON-PUPIL DAYS

Thursday, 4th January 2018 – Children return to school after the Christmas break

Friday, 9th February 2018 – School closes for the half-term break

Monday, 19th February – Staff and children return to school

Thursday, 29th March – School closes for the Easter holidays

Monday, 16th April – Staff and children return to school

Monday, 7th May 2018 – May Day Bank Holiday – School closed

Tuesday, 8th May 2018 – Staff and children return to school

Friday, 26th May 2018 – School closes for the half-term holiday

Monday, 4th June 2018 – Non-Pupil Day – School closed

Tuesday, 5th June – Children return to school

Thursday, 19th July – School closes for the summer holiday

Friday, 20th July – Non-pupil Day

Yours sincerely,



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