

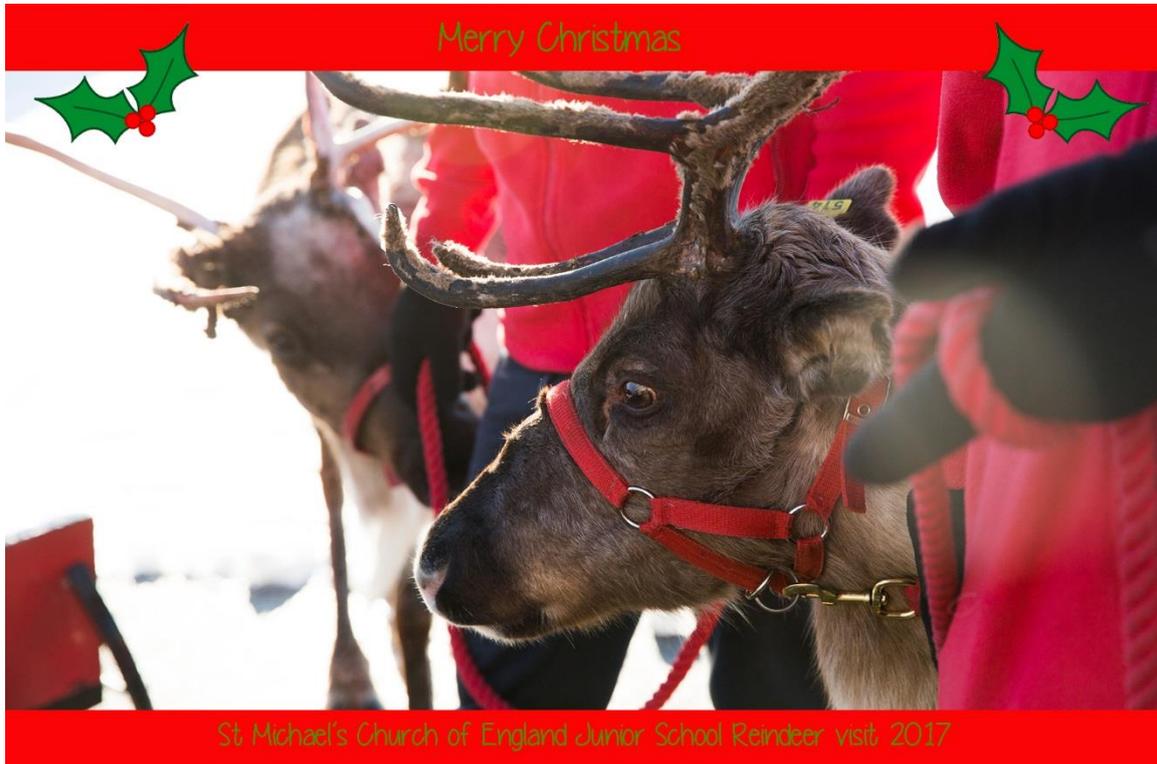
St. Michael's CE (VA) School Newsletter

By Mrs Rumsey



Friday, 15th December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,



Mr. Robin Foster

On **Wednesday, 20th December @ 9:05am**, there will be our final Achievers' Assembly of the term and it will also be the time when we say our formal farewell to Mr. Foster. If any parents would like to attend this assembly, we would be delighted to welcome you. You will be able to stay afterwards and say goodbye to Mr. Foster and wish him well in his new and exciting ventures.

Mrs. Lorraine Storrar

It is with great sadness that we will be saying goodbye to Mrs. Lorraine Storrar at the end of term. She has worked at St. Michael's for 21 years as an LSA and then a Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA). Mrs. Storrar and her husband have bought a house in Norfolk and have decided to retire to that beautiful county. Mrs. Storrar has been a brilliant colleague and friend, organising SATs papers, stock orders and collating school reports. She has taught and has gained the respect of all the children and really should have been a teacher! We will all miss Mrs. Storrar greatly, but wish her and her husband every happiness in Norfolk.

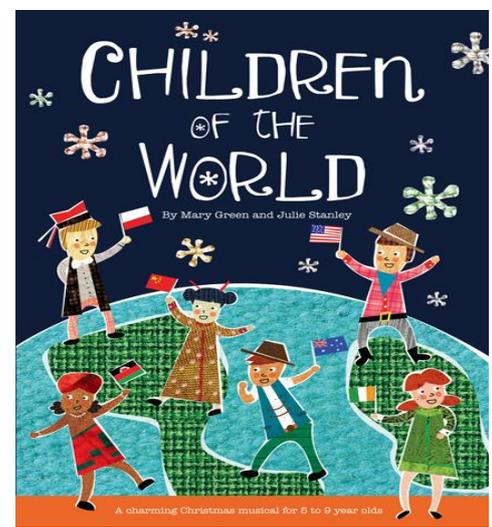
Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday, all the children put on their Christmas jumpers and enjoyed a delicious, traditional Christmas lunch with all the trimmings and crackers! The teachers, LSAs and office staff served the children and then sat down with them to enjoy lunch. Thank you so much to Mrs. Chatfield, Mrs. Gowers and Mrs Thomas and all the dinner ladies who made it such a lovely occasion.



Year 3/4 Production

On Thursday afternoon and again this evening the children in years 3 and 4 performed their Christmas presentation of Children of the World. The children in Year 4 took the leading roles, ably supported by the children in Year 3, singing their hearts out! The message of the show is so strong, that children are the future wherever they are in the world. It tells how children celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ in all different ways across the globe. The children have performed beautifully. Enormous thanks to Miss. Kneller and Mrs. Orton for enabling the children to perform so very well and to Mr. Leeding and Mrs. Veasy for supporting with their Year 3 children. We hope it really put you in the Christmas spirit.



Christmas Market

On a cold and frosty evening, a wonderful group of parents set up our first ever Christmas Market on the front playground. There were festive stalls, mulled wine and the school choir singing carols. Thanks to the generosity of our parents, we managed to raise over £1000 and the raffles are still going strong! Thank you to all those people who braved the cold weather and enjoyed our new venture.

Times Tables Rock Stars

This week, certificates were given out to the three children who earned the most coins over the last 7 days. Ekansh, Alice and Isaac (all in Year 6) were this week's winners. Ekansh earned in excess of an impressive 160,000 coins! A special mention this week was given to Harry and Harrison (both from Year 4) who made into the top ten on the leader board. Well done to all children who are working hard on learning their times tables at home. Please encourage your child to use Times Tables Rock Stars at home over the Christmas holidays. The next set of certificates will be given out on Friday 12th January to the three children from each year group who answer the most questions correctly over the next 30 days.

Infant Show

Our children in Years 3 and 4 spent a delightful afternoon at Galleywood Infant School watching their Christmas presentation on Monday afternoon. The children and staff really enjoyed all the performances and we welcomed the infant school to watch our dress rehearsal on Wednesday morning.

Dinner Menus

Next week's menu is Week 2, however there will be some changes. On Tuesday, we will have sweet and sour chicken (sweet and sour quorn for vegetarian), and on Wednesday it will be Gammon, chips and sweetcorn (vegetable nuggets, chips and sweetcorn for vegetarian). **We will also be having Pizza tuck on Wednesday.**

The menu, when we return on Thursday 4th January, will be week 3.

Parking around the School

We have had several complaints recently regarding parents parking around the School. A separate letter is being sent out today, but please could you ensure that, even if you are parking for a very short period, you do not block any driveways or access roads to the properties around the School.

Dates for your Diary

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

Monday, 18th December @ 1:30 pm – Christmas Music Concert

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

Tuesday, 20th February – Thursday, 22nd February inclusive – Shakespeare 4 Kidz in school

Thursday, 1st March – World Book Day 2018

Wednesday, 28th March – Easter Service at St. Michael's Church @ 10:00 am

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

Monday, 16th April – Staff and children return to school after the Easter break.

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

Monday, 14th May – Thursday, 17th May – SATs week for Year 6

Monday, 28th May – Friday 1st June inclusive – School closed for the half-term holiday

Monday, 4th June – School closed for pupils – Non- pupil day



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