

St. Michael's CE (VA) Junior School Newsletter



Wednesday, 19th December 2018



Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our school community, from our children, the staff and Governors.



Dear Parents/Carers,

School Closes

The school closes for the Christmas holidays today and will reopen on **Thursday, 3rd January from 8:40 am** for staff and pupils. We hope that you all enjoy Christmas with your families and that the new year will be a happy one for you all. Your support has been much appreciated by all the staff and we very much look forward to welcoming you back to school in January. I would like to thank my staff who have worked so tirelessly this term to ensure the children achieve well and are happy in school.

Holiday Dates

Please note our holiday dates for the rest of this academic year in our Diary Dates section.

Respiratory Group Singing

The members of the school choir in Year 6 went to a local respiratory support group in Springfield on Monday morning to sing to the members of the group. The children sang a selection of Christmas carols and songs beautifully and then ate their packed lunches and talked to members of the group. It was a lovely morning and both groups of people gained much from the experience. The children were a credit to the school, both in the way they sang and interacted with the group members.

I cannot thank you enough for bringing the children to sing, I know it takes a lot of organising for events like this, so again thank you for lifting the patients spirits before Christmas it was really wonderful you should be very proud of the school and the pupils such lovely children :)

St. Michael's Church Carol Service

On Sunday afternoon, over forty members of the school choir and their parents joined the congregation of St. Michael's Church in the traditional Carol Service of Christmas music and readings. The children sang Silent Night and signed the first verse. It was a beautiful occasion. Congratulations to Levi and Megan for singing the first verse of Once in Royal David's City so wonderfully well and for Emma for her stunning reading of the visit of the shepherds.



School Carol Service

On Tuesday morning, the whole school celebrated Christmas with our own Carol Service, written and presented by our Worship Leaders and Revd. David. It was a really meaningful service retelling the story of Mary and Joseph with readings and traditional carols. There were many parents, grandparents and friends who joined us for our service. Many thanks to Mrs. Stevens who coordinated the service so beautifully.



Christmas Concert

On Friday afternoon, a large number of our children took part in our annual Christmas concert. This gives children, who wish to, a chance to perform for their parents and friends. There was a huge amount of talent on show and we were all very proud of the children and the hard work they had put in.

E Safety for Parents

With a tech-filled Christmas on the horizon, we thought parents might need a little help in keeping their children safe when using their new digital devices...

We're delighted to have once again teamed up with our teacher friends Dan and Sam from 'Musicalalternative' to bring you this jolly online safety jingle for parents - for you to share with your whole school community!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qq8CtHpszi8&feature=youtu.be>

PLEASE WATCH THIS!!!!

Christmas Tea and other SMASH Events

We had a very successful Christmas Tea, which raised an amazing **£437.40**. The gift sale raised approximately **£440.00** and the disco raised approximately **£500.00** with 120 children attending. Thank you so much for your wonderful support. We hope to be able to purchase the last two interactive boards for 3V and 4MC in the New Year. The grand total will be published next term.

Thank you so much



Wheelbarrow Raffle

On Tuesday, before leaving for the carol service, a pupil in Year 6 drew the raffle in assembly to see who had won the barrow load of goodies. I am delighted to say that Stacey England was the winning ticket! She has very generously donated the majority of the items in the wheelbarrow to a single parent family in Galleywood. Thank you to all the parents who supported the raffle by buying a ticket, **we raised £380.00!**

Achievers' Assemblies

In the new term at the end of the Achievers' Assemblies, we are going to ask parents to leave first, before the pupils leave the hall, as it is easier for the children to put the chairs away after parents have left. Thank you.

Dinner Menu

We will return to school in January on week 1 menu.

Diary Dates

Wednesday, 19th December – School closes for the Christmas holiday.
Thursday, 3rd January 2019 – Children return to school from 8:40 am
Wednesday, 9th January – Year 3 swimming starts – Group 1
Friday, 15th February 2019 – School closes for the half-term holiday
Monday, 25th February – Staff and children return to school
Thursday, 4th April @ 10:00 am – Easter service at St. Michael's Church
Friday, 5th April – School closes for the Easter holiday
Tuesday, 23rd April – School reopens for staff and children
Monday, 13th May- Friday, 17th May 2019 – SATs week for children in Year 6 only
Friday, 24th May – Break up for the Whitsun half-term holiday
Monday, 3rd June – Staff and children return to school
Thursday, 18th July @ 10:00 am – Leavers' Service at St. Michael's Church
Friday, 19th July – school closes for the summer holidays

Yours sincerely,

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