



St Michael's CE Junior School

Message from Mr Sammes

With Christmas fast approaching it has been lovely hearing the pupils practising their Carols for the Church 'Performances'. Their voices and enthusiasm have lifted everyone's spirits over the past couple of weeks. I hope you all enjoy the video recordings.

It has equally been lovely seeing the children wearing their Christmas jumpers today and brightening up the school and setting the mood for the forthcoming holidays.

With only a short time left at St Michael's I would like to thank you all for your support and making me feel so welcome. I would equally like to thank you for your acceptance of the ongoing changes and adaptations we have had to make to minimise the impact of Covid in School. I am hoping that the recent measures we have had to put in will enable you, your children and the staff to enjoy the forthcoming holidays and quality family time throughout Christmas.

My sincere gratitude goes to all the staff and governors at St Michael's who not only work extremely hard to provide the quality educational experience the children receive, but for making the school such a warm and welcoming environment. I wish them all well as they take school on its next stage of its journey under the leadership of Mrs Jones.

Finally, my thanks to the pupils and their efforts over the past term. Their enthusiasm, hard work and achievements have been incredible and it has been a wonderful opportunity to see them grow and develop over the past four months. I wish them all well for the future.

Have an enjoyable and safe Christmas everyone!

Children's Achievements

- Ivy R in Curie began playing football for Rushmoor Community Football Club in September this year after two years of girls' football coaching from Mr Sanders. The newly formed U10 girls team lost their first match back in September 14-0, but after weeks of battling and hard work on Sunday the girls got the result they had been working so hard towards and won their first match 6-4. Ivy scored 2 goals and assisted in others. This is a massive achievement, especially after recently suffering with Covid and missing two training sessions. Well done Ivy, this is a great achievement!

If your child takes part in activities outside school which merit a mention in our newsletter, e.g. sporting or musical achievements, please let the School Office know, and we shall ensure it is included in the next newsletter.

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Christmas Tree Festival

On Saturday 4th December, we took part in the Rushmoor Borough Council Christmas Tree Festival. All of the children created a decoration to go on the Christmas tree, as well as painting the background. Year 3 designed their own baubles; Year 4 made their own snowflakes; Year 5 designed their own candy canes and Year 6 made Christmas tree decorations out of polymer clay. The children had lots of fun making the decorations. The Christmas tree was displayed in The Prince's Gardens and it was lovely to see all of the children's hard work on display alongside the Christmas trees from 20 other local schools. As the sun went down, the trees twinkled away and a band played. It was a fantastic start to the Christmas period. Thank you to all of the children and staff for all of their hard work in making this Christmas project such a success!

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Stickers for Children's Ward at Frimley Park Hospital

A play specialist who works on the F1 Children's Ward at Frimley Park Hospital mentioned to Sebastian A in Hawking, that character stickers are always in short supply on the ward. Sebastian mentioned this to the School Council who were only too willing to help and they made it their mission to get as many stickers as they could by asking the school community to donate stickers so that they could be forwarded to the Children's Ward.

As you can see below, the stickers were delivered to the ward by Sebastian. The staff were overwhelmed by the sheer amount of stickers and were so grateful for the kindness shown by our School Community!

Snack

A reminder please that snacks brought into school should be **HEALTHY** please. This is not in an attempt to be mean, but rather to ensure that we are encouraging the children to form good food habits and thus lead healthy lifestyles. Under no circumstances should foods containing nuts be brought into school.

Coats

Please remember that the weather is changeable at this time of year so the children should all be prepared for the rain – coats are **essential** please in school, as we go out in all weathers!

Uniform

Please remember to write your child's name in their school uniform (including fleeces, jumpers and coats). We have a number of fleeces/coats/jumpers that get handed in without being named - it is extremely difficult to try to reunite them with their owner! Thank you.

Christmas at St Michael's Church

Please see attached flyer which gives details of all services that will be held at St Michael's Church during the festive season.

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Diary Dates

16 th December	Christmas Dinner / Christmas Party Day – the children can wear their own clothing to school on this day - Christmas themed
17 th December	Last day of Term
20 th Dec – 3 rd Jan	Christmas Holidays
4 th Jan	INSET Day - School Closed to all pupils
5 th Jan	Children return to School
24 th -26 th Jan	Y4 Residential to Ufton Court
26 th Jan	Y4 Trip to Haslemere Museum
14 th Feb	Year 5 Trip Ufton Court
21 st Feb-25 th Feb	Half Term

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