



# St Michael's CE Primary School

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Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Families,

Nadolig Llawen, Feliz Navidad, Joyeux Noel, Merry Christmas!

The last two weeks of term have been phenomenal and once again I find myself humbled by incredible efforts of staff and children alike.

The Key Stage 1 Nativity "Born In A Barn" was simply wonderful. The singing, the lines the children learnt, the costumes – it all came together to make an utterly gorgeous performance. The talent we have in school never ceases to amaze me.

Our Christmas Service and Christingle today was just a beautiful way to end the term. Thank you to all who attended. It was such a great turn out and we look forward to filling the church again at Easter.

Here is the link to the song the children sang during the lighting of the candles - Hope of Heaven  
<https://youtu.be/Xzf9fnfnT40?feature=shared>



I must take this opportunity to thank all of the staff at St Michael's. Mrs Scaysbrook and Mrs Ashford in the office have worked tirelessly to ensure the systems and processes for the transition to the Trust are up and running, whilst also managing the day to day jobs in the office. This has been a monumental task and we are incredibly grateful to them both.

The support staff who tirelessly support the children in the classroom and during playtimes. The kitchen staff for embracing what has been an incredible change in the school dinners. I can confirm they are indeed delicious! As well as the teachers who work incredibly hard to plan and deliver engaging and inspiring learning day in day out.

Thank you all.

## **Year 6 writing**

As shared in church earlier today here is a sample of the Y6 writing that inspired our welcome message:

*"Among the water, light flutters down and bounces off the wet surface creating a reflection. As the beautiful sunset goes down, snow falls. The shimmering snowflake falls, standing out in the sunset. It's night.*

*As the clouds darken, ready to hide away, the snowflake gradually drops after questioning the landing. A pang of amazement pumps through all."* Tommy and Finley

*"As the sleeping sun tucked itself away ready for bed, the bustling city was fast asleep. The cold wind whipping past all the people. Christmas carols playing in the cars. When thousands went home from work as tired as the sun, the pylons strong and tall watching over everyone."* Kiki

Whilst Christmas is a joyful time for year, as we said during the service, Christmas isn't always an easy time so please do contact Rev. Phil for any support you, or anyone you know, may need. He has so many connections and links to support and will always do his up most to support anyone who needs it. His contact details are: 01235 635476 / 07507378737

## **Parent Helpers**

If you would like to come in and help in school please do let us know. We would love for you to work with small groups outside of the classrooms – playing games, gardening, sharing stories or doing crafty activities. If you also have a skill, hobby or job that you think could inspire some young minds we would love to hear from you too.

## **SSA Update**



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The SSA would like to thank all the children, parents and teachers who came to the St Michael's School Christmas Fair at the Steventon Village Hall on Saturday 7th December. What a lovely festive atmosphere it was! It was great to see so many of you and the Steventon community there and your ongoing support is invaluable. A massive thank you and well done to the St Michael's School Choir who performed on stage so beautifully and to all the parent, grandparent and teacher helpers - we couldn't have done it without you!

We are delighted to announce that the event raised in the region of £1,400 - an amazing amount! Planning for 2025 is fully underway and our next event is the SSA Quiz & Pizza Night on Saturday 1st February at Steventon Village Hall.

The SSA would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you for more fun in the New Year.

## Upcoming SSA Events 2025

St Michael's Quiz & Pizza Night | Saturday 1st February, 6pm 'til late at Steventon Village Hall | Test your knowledge with teams of up to 10 and battle it out to win a bottle of champers.

Jamathon #5 | Saturday 1st March, 3 - 5pm at Steventon Village Hall | Carine & Al invite you to dance with them for a 2 hour BODYJAM dance party!

## Safeguarding

If you are worried about your own child or another child in the community, please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate people:

### School Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) – Hayley Leyshon (HT)

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads – Lina Sheehan (SENCO), Chris Paynter (DHT), Emily Green (EYFS Lead)

### Immediate danger

If you think a child is in immediate danger, call the police on **999**.

### Immediate concern

If you have a concern about a child, please call MASH on **0345 050 7666**.

### If you are a parent or carer

If you feel you are harming your child or are close to doing so please contact us on one of the following numbers:

- Office hours (8.30am – 5pm, Monday to Thursday, 8.30am – 4pm, Friday): Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub: **0345 050 7666**
- Outside office hours: Emergency Duty Team: **0800 833 408**

If you have any concerns or require any support, please do speak to us. We have access to lots of different types of support ranging from the Community Larder and parenting support right through to Social Care.

Have a lovely break and we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025!

Kind Regards

Hayley Leyshon  
Headteacher