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Newsletter

Friday 22nd October 2021: Follow us on Twitter: @stjohnstmichael

Message from Mr Rooney:

It is amazing to think that I have now completed my first half term as Headteacher at St John with St Michael Primary School. The time has flown by so quickly. I can honestly say that working with your children every day has been a pleasure and a delight; they are a credit to you all. Thanks again for everyone's warm welcome. It has been wonderful to meet and talk to you. You know where I am if you would like to speak to me after half term. Have a great half term holiday. Mr. R

Collective Worship:

Well done to all our Ethos Champions this half term. It is great to see our Christian Values lived out by our pupils every day, which is why they have been selected as Ethos Champions. Next term, our Worship theme will be *Generosity* and *Advent*.

"Let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth." John 3:18



Christingle Service:

On **Monday 8th November**, we will be having a special Christingle Church Service for our school at St John's Church. It would be wonderful if any of our families could attend this service.

The service will start at 6pm. All welcome.

School Photographs:

The deadline to order online is **Tuesday 26th October**. This includes free postage.

The deadline to bring them into school is **Friday 5th November**.

Parents' Evening:

Thank you to all the parents who attended parents' evening. We hope you found it useful. It was a pleasure to welcome you all back inside our school building to have a face to face conversation.

Power Maths:

Well done to all our pupils who have been working really hard in maths this half term. Pupils have been using concrete manipulatives to support their understanding of the key concepts they have been learning in lessons. Mr Rooney was really pleased to see Class 2 working hard during his lesson drop-in this week.



Read Write Inc. Phonics:

It has been great to see the progress our pupils in Reception and across school are making with their phonics and reading. Well done to all our team who have risen to the challenge of ensuring our pupils make rapid progress. Please can we ask that parents listen to their children read daily.



Christmas Fair:

All being well, we are hoping to have a Christmas Fair on: **Friday 3rd December** between **2.30pm and 4.30pm**. Children will be able to visit Santa's Grotto, there will be a number of stalls where you can purchase Christmas gifts, we will have a bottle and chocolate tombola and there will be a café where you can purchase festive drinks and snacks amongst other things. If any parents have any ideas for stalls, or would like to help, please feel free to get in touch. All funds raised will go to our school fund to purchase resources for our pupils and to improve school outdoor provision. If anyone would like to donate any items to sell on our market stalls, or would like to donate chocolate, or a bottle for our tombola stalls, please feel free to bring these items into school. Thank you in advance for all your support to raise much needed funds to make improvements to our school. We are very lucky to be part of a great community.

EYFS Open Evening:

On **Thursday 18th November** between **3.30pm and 6.30pm** we are hoping to have an EYFS Open Evening for future prospective parents. Applications for Nursery and Reception places are open now. Feel free to spread the word.



Parent Parking:

Reminder: Parents are not permitted to drive onto the school car park.

Holidays:

School reopens on **Tuesday 2nd November**.
School is closed on **Monday 1st November** for INSET. School will break up for the Christmas holidays on **Thursday 16th December**.

Class 3 Class Charity:

Helping in Jesus' Name:

As you know, Class 3's Class Charity is Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child. This is our school's Christian Charity. You will have received a leaflet on the last day of half term with details about this charity. If anyone would like to donate any items to add to our Christmas shoe boxes please feel free to bring them into school. If anyone has any shoe boxes, please could you also bring them in to school? If you would like more information on what items you can donate please visit the Samaritan's Purse website. Link below:

[Operation Christmas Child \(samaritans-purse.org.uk\)](http://OperationChristmasChild.org.uk)



Class 2 Class Charity:

As you know, Class 2's Class Charity is Children In Need. This is our school's national charity.

On **Friday 19th November** children will be able to come to school dressed in yellow to represent Pudsey. Please can we ask that pupils bring in £1 for non-uniform and all money raised will go to BBC Children In Need. There will also be a cake sale during break and children can pay 50p to have a Pudsey painted on their hand or cheek. If anyone would like to bring in a donation, everything raised will go directly to the charity.



Christmas Nativity:

All being well, we are hoping to welcome KS1 and EYFS parents to our Christmas Nativity performance.

The performances will take place on **Wednesday 8th December 2021**. There will be an afternoon performance at 2pm and an evening performance at 6pm. Tickets will be available at a cost of **£2** and this is to cover the cost of purchasing the Nativity as well as the licence to perform it. Festive drinks will be available to purchase at the event. If it is not possible to welcome parents into school due to any future restrictions, a recording will be available to purchase.

As always, KS2 will perform at the end of the summer term and parents will be invited to that performance later in the year. KS2 will not perform in the Autumn.



The Nativity
by Niki Davies