

#### St John with St Michael CE Primary School

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'Living in the LIGHT of Christ'

'I am the Light' John 8:12



# Newsletter

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#### **Message from the Head:**

Firstly, I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year from all of us at St John with St Michael Primary School. I hope you have all had a great Christmas with lots of opportunities to rest, relax and spend quality time with your families.

It was wonderful to welcome the children back to school this morning and to see lots of smiling faces and we are ready to hit the ground running with lots of exciting learning this term.

**Reminder:** The deadline to apply for Reception places is **15**<sup>th</sup> **January**. If you have not yet applied for your place, please contact the Local Authority urgently.

We are now accepting Nursery applications for September. Speak to Mrs Earnshaw in the office for an application form.

## Covid-19 Update:

At the moment, it is the government's intention to keep schools open despite rising cases. As a school, we have a risk assessment and systems in place to help mitigate the risk of spread.

We will do everything we can to maintain an on-site school provision for learning as children need to be in school.

In order to continue to keep our children safe, if you or your child is unwell, please ensure you complete a Lateral Flow Test before sending them in to school.



### **Contingency Plan:**

We have also been advised that due to the rapid rise in cases, it could significantly impact on the availability of our school workforce. As of the 4<sup>th</sup> January, we are already seeing the effects of this as we have one teacher and one TA currently off with Covid. Where possible, we will cover classes as best as we can whilst staff are isolating or recovering.

However, should staffing numbers fall to an unsafe level, where we cannot safely supervise the children; we will have no choice but to return to Remote Home Learning, for a short period, until staffing numbers return to a safe level. This will be a last resort solution and will only come into effect if we have several positive cases amongst our staff.