ST MICHAEL'S C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/carers

Two newsletters in one week! Another busy week at St Michaels and it was starting to feel a little festive with the pantomime coming into perform for us all on Wednesday and then the wonderful Christingle assembly from Year 4 this morning. I'll be digging out my reindeer antlers before you know it...

Dates for your diaries:

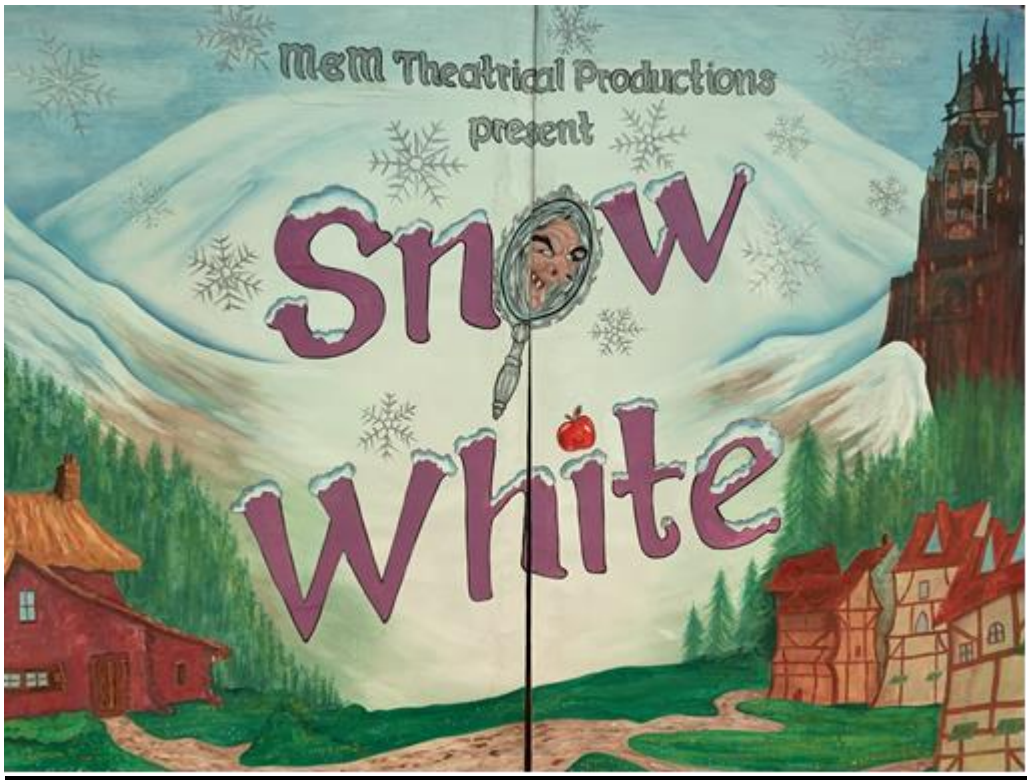
1. 1st Dec – deadline for ordering tea towels and coasters.
2. 9th Dec – Y1 Nativity
3. 10th Dec – Christmas Fayre
4. 13th Dec – Y2 Nativity
5. 14th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day
   Christmas Lunch
   Christmas Disco for KS1 3.30 – 4.30pm, KS2 4.45 – 6pm
6. 16th Dec – Foundation Nativity
7. 19th Dec – Christmas Church Service

Non Uniform Day – Chocolate Exchange

The Friends of St Michael's non uniform was an incredible success and it was torture to have so many chocolately treats in the office all day! A huge thank you for everyone's generosity and we will certainly have THE best stocked Chocolate Tombola at the Christmas Fayre on the 10th December.

Pantomine – Snow White

All the children thoroughly enjoyed the pantomime on Wednesday afternoon. Lots of laughter and merriment could be heard from the hall. Mrs Toland and Miss Wildman gave a fabulous performance of 'Baby Shark' much to the delight of all the classes – look out for them on Britain's Got Talent one day soon!



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Christmas Fayre - Saturday 10th December

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Please come along and support our Christmas Fayre on 10th December from 1pm – 3.30pm.

Message from the Church

This coming Sunday is Advent Sunday, the beginning of the famous 4-week-long season whose focus is on hope and expectation, and God's purposes for us. It is a season that gets marked in rather different ways in different traditions, so there are many strands to what is, or can be, involved. The commonest images in most people's minds are likely to be a wreath, a calendar and readings and prayers that gradually move towards pre-empting Christmas, but there is an underlying theme and tradition, to which some of these images also point, that considers our way of orienting our sense of being, place and time, and of navigating the path that we seek to take – even considering the degree of initiative we have in shaping it. That is the undercurrent to Advent and is clearly something inseparable from our education and from our desire to move forward and learn more. One of my favourite Advent images is that of the 'opening' of a way and a purpose formed from before the foundation of the world, and an accompanying idea best expressed in a tradition known as the 'Advent Antiphons' – the first of which reads simply but poetically...

O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from one end to the other mightily, and sweetly ordering all things: Come and teach us the way of prudence.

With very best wishes for the Advent season

Andrew Krauss

Christmas Discos

Christmas Discos for KS1 and KS2 will both be on 14th December. Please the poster for further information.
Look out for payment becoming available on ParentPay soon.

Chess Club

Following the continued success of Chess Club, we will soon be sending out detail of Chess Club for all of KS2 for the Spring term. This will be going home in bags at the beginning of next week.

New Parent Tours

Places still available on the following days –
Wednesday 30th November @ 1.45pm
Friday 9th December @ 11.00am
Email or call the school office to book in!

#together bell ringers this week – Well done!!

Congratulations to all our Golden Learners for this week:

Foundation	Lily Turnbull, Claudia Russell, Hayden Ward
Year 1	Jacob Glover, Albie Stanbrook, Max Roadnight
Year 2	Gabriel Mee, Grae Cunningham, Owen Bevis
Year 3	Liam Wessels, Blake Janusz, Samuel Wheeler
Year 4	Noah Roadnight, Oscar Talbot, Riley Cronin
Year 5	Teddy Cunningham, Avivya D'Souza, Chloe Morris
Year 6	Charlotte Batten, Alfie Smith, Jessica Welch

Messages from the Friends' Association

Join our Facebook Page - @friends&parentsofstmichaelsschoolstewkley
Reminders – Loose Change Jars – these are in classrooms, please support us by bringing in any loose change.
Christmas Fayre – Saturday 10th December
School Disco – Wednesday 14th December

Tea Towels & Coasters

Thank you to everyone who has ordered their tea towels and coaster. I'm pleased to be able to share a wee sneak preview of the final design of the tea towels. It's not too late to get yours on order – deadline is 1st Dec.

The Swan Pub

Most of you will have noticed that The Swan pub has been closed now for over 6 months. A new tenant has recently dropped out of opening the pub again and now it may be the turn of the community to try and open the pub themselves. There is now a questionnaire to find out what the population of Stewkley actually want to do with The Swan. If you are a resident of Stewkley, you should have received a paper copy of the Save The Swan Questionnaire this week, please either fill this out and deliver to 8 High St North, or they will be collected in a couple of weeks, or you can fill out the online version by clicking on the link below (please only fill out one per household):

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MV2TB32

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ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL SPORTS INFORMATION

It was a tough, muddy cup match against an excellent Brookmead team this week. It ended in a 3-1 defeat but a great performance from our St Michaels team.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely
Fiona Phimester
School Secretary

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