



**UPCOMING  
 DIARY DATES  
 2019-20**

**20th December**  
 Last day of term

**6th January**  
 First day of term

**15th January**  
 Deadline for Reception 2020  
 applications

**15th January - 6.30pm**  
 Friends of St Michael Meeting (PTA)

**23rd January**  
 Yr1 cake sale

**24th January - 2.30pm**  
 Yr1 Stay & Share Reading Session

**29th January**  
 Rec Height & Weight Screening (1st  
 of 3 visits)

**31st January**  
 Friends of St Michael's Movie Night

**5th February - 10.45am**  
 Yr3 & 6 Mass at St Michael's Church

**7th February - 9.20am**  
 1S Class Assembly

**14th February - 9.20am**  
 1D Class Assembly

**17th-21st February**  
 Half term

Please ensure dinner money  
 payments are up to date

When we return we will be  
 following menu 2

Dinner money will be  
 £70.50 for the next half term

**Headteacher's Update**

Dear Parents, The term is at an end and what a busy term it has been! Many of you will have attended the various Christmas celebrations over the last fortnight and I hope you will have enjoyed them all. It is such an important time of year for us, as Christians, so it is wonderful to celebrate Christmas with fun and joy. This week, some of the Year 4 children shared their Christmas spirit with the residents at the Fordbridge Centre in Ashford by singing carols for them. The ladies and gentlemen at the centre greatly appreciated their visit.

Hopefully you will have received your school photos by now and any Christmas Baubles or DVDs that you ordered. Thank you for your support with these and the generous donations of slippers for Great Ormond Street Hospital. On behalf of all of the staff, thank you also for the many Christmas gifts you have given us. Your generosity at such an expensive time of year is much appreciated and never taken for granted.

Over the last fortnight, I have spent a lot of time in the classrooms talking to the children about the curriculum. This, as always, has been a pleasure and it has been great to see what is working well and what we can continue to improve. One area we would like to develop is offering a wider range of clubs that enrich the curriculum. We have lots of sports clubs but additional clubs could include, for example, art, drama, computing, photography, Science, cookery etc. If you are able to offer any of your time or expertise to run a club, we would be very interested in hearing from you. Please e-mail me if you might be able to help, head@st-michaels.surrey.sch.uk

Our fundamental belief is that parents and carers are the primary educators of their child so it is our job to help you support your child's learning at home. Nursery and Reception parents receive a weekly update on the topics being taught in the upcoming week and we have introduced a Curriculum Newsletter for Years 1 to 6, which will be updated and sent out at the end of each half-term in preparation for the new half-term. You should have received the first of these today. I hope these summaries help you know what is going to be taught and how you might help prepare and support your child throughout the next half-term. It might be an idea to print a copy to keep somewhere visible at home. I do hope you find the newsletters useful, please let me know what you think.

The next time you pop into school, please take a look at the timeline we have installed along the main corridor. This covers all of the time periods taught in our History curriculum plus some historical events that are pertinent to our school and our local area. This will help our children understand the chronology of the history they learn.

Finally, we welcomed back Mrs Stiles back from maternity leave this week so Mr Walsh will be leaving us. I would like to thank him for his dedication and contribution to the school this term.

I hope you have a wonderful, holy, joyful and peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year! Thank you for all of your support so far this year. We will see the children back at school on Monday, 6th January.

Mr Lane

**Reception Applications Deadline: 15th January**

If you wish to apply for your child to join Reception class in September 2020, you will need to apply to Surrey Admissions and complete a Supplementary Information Form for the school by the 15th January. Further information is available on the [school website](#).

**Indoor Athletics by Lillian and Lisa**

A group of boys and girls from Year 5 & 6 competed at this year's Indoor Athletics competition. When we arrived, we put on bibs and warmed up. We were split into two teams and there were 12 teams in total. First was an obstacle race which was followed by relay, vertical jump, long jump, standing long jump and chest push throw, 2 lap race, 6 lap race, under and over hurdles. Both the girls and boys won 15 out of 18 events! When they announced the winners, we not only won the competition but were told we were the most improved team since last year! Overall, we had a great day and were very proud.

**Role Play Resources**

We would like to build up our resources for role play and drama to inspire writing. If you are having a clear out this Christmas, we would love donations of: teddy bears, fancy dress costumes, hats, masks, swords, shields, capes, dinosaurs, animal toys, baby dolls or any other props or toys that are in good condition and would be enjoyed at school.

**PE Kit & Uniform**

Please check your child's uniform over the holidays including the condition of their plimsolls and school shoes. Children can have a pair of old trainers in their PE bag for outdoor PE but these must never be worn at any other time. Also, you may choose to [purchase the green tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirt](#) for outdoor PE in the winter but these items are optional.

**Art Competition**

Congratulations to Joseph G., Alessandra & Nicole K. who were joint winners of the art competition to design a school mosaic. Their ideas will be combined in the final design. All of the other entries were fantastic—thank you children.

