



# Saint Michael

## Catholic Primary School

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#### UPCOMING DIARY DATES 2015-2016

**Wed, 15th December**  
 Christmas raffle will be drawn  
 Ticket still available at the nativity

**Wednesday 16th December**  
 Christmas Party Day and Xmas jumper day

**Thursday 17th Dec**  
 KS2 Carol Service

**Friday 18th Dec**  
 Last day of term

**Tuesday 5th Jan 2016**  
 First day of the spring term

**Wednesday 12th Jan**  
 Year 1 & 2 parent workshop  
 6 p.m.

**Hot Dinners for Spring Term**  
 For those of you who pay for school dinners, the amount due until February half term is £60.20. If you are paying by cheque please ensure that the cheque payable to Surrey County Council.

Next week, we will be following menu 3

#### Headteacher's Update

I am sure that those of you that attended the Nativity performances enjoyed them. The children sang and performed brilliantly and reminded us all of the real meaning of Christmas in their own sweet and innocent way. Thanks again to the staff that worked so hard to help the children prepare. Next week, it will be our Key Stage 2 children's turn to celebrate the Lord's birth with the Carol Concerts. Details are below.

Without wanting to ruin the season of goodwill, I have to say how frustrating it is that on almost every such occasion, I have to deal with a complaint from our neighbours about inconsiderate and unsafe parking. Yet again a car (black Peugeot 308) was parked on the grass verge in the Normanhurst estate during one of the nativity performances. The neighbours are genuinely concerned for public safety but despite constant appeals, some parents continue to park inconsiderately or unsafely. We have even had reports of verbal threats being made to neighbours which is totally unacceptable. My advice to the neighbours from now on will be to take the registration numbers and inform the relevant authorities. I realise that the vast majority of parents are entirely respectful and reasonable and I know that parking in the surrounding areas is not easy during peak times.

Thank you to those that respect our local community.

On a more cheery note, we have lots to look forward to next week, especially on Wednesday when we will be having our Christmas lunch at school and Christmas parties in the afternoon. Children can also wear a Christmas jumper for a £1 donation to charity. Please see below for details. We are also launching an appeal for resources for our new nursery, which opens in February. If you are clearing out any of the items listed below to make room for Father Christmas' gifts, we would very much appreciate them. Please only donate items that are in good condition. Mr Lane

#### Key Stage 2 Carol Services

This year we will be holding two separate Carol Services.  
**Thursday, 17th December, 2.00pm, SCHOOL HALL**  
 Carol Service for Year 3 & 4 pupils and parents  
**Thursday, 17th December, 7.00pm**  
 Carol Service for Year 5 & 6 pupils and parents, **SAINT MICHAEL'S CHURCH.** Please drop the children off to the Church hall at 6.30pm

#### Nursery Resources

We would very much appreciate donations of the following resources for our nursery. Any donations will need to be of good quality and unbroken with all parts and pieces included. You may have resources that your children have grown out of or you need to clear for Christmas presents. Please drop any donations to the front desk and THANK YOU in advance!

Picture and Story Books for 5 and under; Nursery rhyme books; Fairy tale books; Children's Story and Nursery Rhyme Song CDs and audio books; Small World Toys (ELC Happy Land figures, small animals, dinosaurs, vehicles and buildings), Sylvanian Families type sets; Planes, Trains and train track sets; Cars and road track sets; Duplo; Hand and finger puppets; Role play sets - such as doctors, vets, police officers; Role play costumes - Fairytale princess dresses, fire fighters etc.; Complete jigsaws and floor puzzles suitable for 2-4 year olds; Marble runs.

#### Ashford TESCO Christmas Tree Competition by Year 5

Year 5 entered a Christmas tree decoration contest and we made decorations out of recyclable materials. It took many lunch times to make. As we entered TESCO, we saw everybody's decorations. WE CAME SECOND!

#### School Library

We would like to invite you to come into the library after school to change your child's reading book with them (if it needs changing). Mrs Gillespie will be there to help where necessary. Mrs Morgan

Day	Date	Year Group
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6

#### Christmas Party and Christmas Jumper Day—16th December

We would like all of the children to wear a Christmas Jumper on the Wednesday, 16th December for £1, which will be donated to a charity chosen by the School Council. The school lunch will be a Christmas Dinner and Class Parties will be held in the afternoon. School lunches will continue as normal and the class teachers will send out a note with party food requests very soon. **NO FOOD CONTAINING NUTS** please.

#### Flora Tubs for Tablets

We would like to make a final call for any vouchers from Flora margarine tubs — we are very close to having enough for a tablet but the deadline is next week. Please bring any more vouchers into the front desk. Thank you!

#### I.T. Technician and Nursery Teaching Assistant

We are currently advertising for an I.T. Technician and two Nursery Teaching Assistants. Please see the [school website](#) for details.

#### Year 1 and 2 parent workshop: 12th Jan, 6pm

We will be holding a parents' workshop for parents with children in Years 1 and 2. The workshop will be split into two parts. The first part will give information on the Year 2 SATs tests and teacher assessments with guidance on how to support your children at home, which will be useful for both the current Year 2 parents and Year 1 parents looking ahead to next year. The second part of the workshop will focus on the Year 1 Phonics Screening. This will be most useful for Year 1 parents so the Year 2 parents will have the option to leave. Some Year 2 parents may wish to stay to be reminded about how to continue to support reading and phonics at home.

#### Admissions Arrangements for Sept. 2017

The Governing Body are required to consult on the school's admissions arrangements for 8 weeks. The consultation period commences on the 27th November 2015 until 27th January 2016. More details can be found on the school website or in the school foyer.

