



# St Michael's RC Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

We are now moving into the season of **Advent**- the four weeks before Christmas. The television adverts and shops make us believe that Christmas has arrived already, however, we know this is not so. We have to prepare and get ourselves ready for the celebration of Jesus' birth. Please read with your child the colourful Wednesday Word sheets which go out every week. These will help them understand the significance of the season. For adults there is an opportunity to prepare by spending time in front of the Blessed Sacrament so that we can pay attention to God and ourselves. This year's Advent Exposition will be held each Wednesday starting on the 6<sup>th</sup> December from 3.15-4.15pm and 5.00-6.00pm at St Michael's church and from 11am-12 before every Saturday Mass in the Lourdes Room at St Bernadette's church.

On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 4-6pm children and adults are invited to come along and enjoy working together on a number of creative arts and crafts activities with an Advent focus. These craft making activities, which include making Christingles, will take place in St Bernadette's Parish Centre. A service will be held at St Bernadette's church after the craft event where children can bring along their Christingles and have their cribs blessed. This special celebration will be followed by refreshments in the Parish centre.

The **sacramental programme** for the Year 3 children continues this Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December after the 9.30am Mass. A separate reminder note has gone out this week with all children.

There is a joint sacramental programme Mass for the Year 3 children from both St Michaels and St Bernadette's schools which will take place next Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am at St. Michael's church. Everyone is welcome.

Years 5 and 6 will join the parish Mass at St Michael's church next Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am. This is the feast day of the Immaculate Conception. Everyone is welcome.

The KS1 Nativity play will take place next Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am in the school hall. The main door will open at 9.10am. A letter has been sent home today for KS1 parents to reply with the number of seats required.

Congratulations to **Olivia Aughton Year 6** who represented St Michael's school on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November in the North West regional schools trampolining competition. Olivia won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Under 11 girl's competition. Olivia has now qualified to represent St Michael's in February as part of the North West schools' team where she will compete for a place in the England Schools Team. Well done Olivia!

The PTA disco takes place next Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. There are still a few tickets left. Thank you to the parents who have been very generous and donated prizes for the raffle.

Mrs F M Robinson

### NEWS

#### Diary dates

##### **Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec**

Sacramental programme Mass

##### **Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Y1/2 Basketball

##### **Tue 5<sup>th</sup> Dec**

KS1 production

Year 3 Road Safety

##### **Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Advent Exposition in church

##### **Thu 7<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Y5/6 Dance

##### **Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Y5/6 Mass

#### **Pupil of the Week**

N: Liberty-Beau Doyle

R: Delacie Furey

Y1: Lily Challinor

Y2: Gabriella Velikova

Y3: Veronica-May Costello

Y4: Daniel Misiura

Y5: Grace Johnston

Y6: Alexia McDonnell

#### **Congratulations! Well done.**

A huge thank you to Proffitts who came to school to plant bulbs with Year 5. Proffitts won a Tesco Bags of Help grant which will benefit local schools and communities.