

# Newsletter 14

## November 2023

Word of the Week –  
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### Photos of the Month



Mrs Bacon allowed an office takeover for the ETSP Spelling Bee Finals 2023



Reception's first Nativity performance at St Michaels Church – so proud of our children and of our teachers for supporting our children in becoming confident and independent young members of our community.

#### DIARY DATES 2023

##### December

4<sup>th</sup> – PTA Christmas Week  
5<sup>th</sup> – Prayer Morning  
7<sup>th</sup> – Year 4,5,6 trip to Royal Opera House  
7<sup>th</sup> – PTA Wreath Making  
8<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Time in Nursery  
8<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Fayre  
11<sup>th</sup> – Reception to Chickenshed  
13<sup>th</sup> – Yr1 and 2 Christingle Carols @ 9am  
12<sup>th</sup>& 13<sup>th</sup> – Carol Service @ 6pm  
14<sup>th</sup> – Yr. 1,2,3 to the Panto  
18<sup>th</sup> – Junior Christmas Show @ 6pm  
19<sup>th</sup> – Junior Christmas Show @ 1pm and 6pm  
20<sup>th</sup> – School closes @ 2pm

##### Christmas Break

##### January 2024

8<sup>th</sup> – INSET Day  
9<sup>th</sup> – Back to School  
12<sup>th</sup> – PTA Break the Rules Day  
15<sup>th</sup> – Yr6 Learning Café – 9am  
16<sup>th</sup> – Yr 1 Learning Café – 9am  
17<sup>th</sup> – Yr 3 Learning Café – 9am  
18<sup>th</sup> – Yr 5 Learning Café – 9am  
19<sup>th</sup> – Yr 2 Learning Café – 9am  
22<sup>nd</sup> – Yr 4 Learning Café – 9am  
23<sup>rd</sup> – Reception Learning Café – 9am

30<sup>th</sup> – Parent Workshop – Strategies for supporting children with anxiety – 9am

##### February 2024

4<sup>th</sup> – Education Sunday  
6<sup>th</sup> – Parent Workshop – Strategies for supporting children with anxiety – 9am  
12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> – Half Term

#### Message from Mrs Bacon

The end of the Autumn Term is fast approaching us and as always December is filled with fun activities for all the children and families to enjoy. Make sure you check the diary dates and December at a glance on the 2<sup>nd</sup> page of this newsletter – for things you can get involved in, what your child should be wearing and what they need to bring to school etc! Also make sure you find out about the services at St Michael's Church and support our school church community. We should all be in winter uniform now and I will be reintroducing uniform checks to make sure children are in the correct uniform. If you would like any support with getting uniform, including coats, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Finally, the trip to the Royal Opera House has arrived for Years 4,5 and 6 to see the Nutcracker. Reminder that all children need to bring in a carrier bag for their packed lunch – no food can be consumed in the Theatre - however they are permitted to have a small water bottle and a small snack to have in the interval. Please make sure they arrive in smart full school uniform with a warm winter coat. We are all very excited for this trip.

We have recently subscribed to a current affairs assembly programme - remember to ask your children about it and how it links to our school's Christian ethos.

#### Change to INSET Day

I am writing to give you as much notice as possible with regards to the Summer Inset Days. We will be changing 3<sup>rd</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July to 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> July. Meaning that the last day of the academic year will be Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Hope this early notice doesn't cause too much inconvenience for you. If you have any queries please contact the office.

#### ETSP Spelling Bee

How proud are we of our super spellers? Three groups: Yr 1 (Greta and Lenny) and 2 (Oscar and Rebecca), Yr 3 (William, Kiki and Perry) and 4 (Henry and Amelie), Yr 5 (Travis and Paxton) and 6 (Nicoleta and Isabella) all made it to the finals – where 17 schools competed against one another. They all performed brilliantly with confidence, hardwork and determination and most importantly - I am sure they will all tell you how much they enjoyed the experience. I am so proud to announce that our Yr 3 and 4 group and our Yr 5 and 6 group were the overall 2023 Spelling Bee champions. (Find out more about what the ETSP do with local schools in the attached flyer)

**Here's a THUNK: Do clothes make people cool????**  
**Wrap up warm the cold is coming - Mrs Bacon, Head Teacher**

# St Michael's C.E. Primary School




## Love, Respect, Integrity

*This is the Season*



3 weeks until the Christmas holidays and so much to look forward to here at St Michaels!

December 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Year 1 trip to Enfield Community Church
4 <b>PTA Winter Wonderland Week</b>	5 Prayer Morning @ 8.15am Year 4 Carol Singing at Barrowdale Court	6 Yr 5 and 6 - Pom Pom Day with the Knitting Nannas – 50p	7 Year 4,5 and 6 visit to see the Nutcracker at The Royal Opera House	8 Non Uniform Day Christmas Time in Nursery @ 11.15am Christmas Fayre opens to all @ 2.15pm - £5 Whole School singing to parents @ 3.15pm
11 Reception to Chickenshed	12 Raphael Carol Service Yr 3,4,5,6 - 6pm	13 Yr1 and 2 Christingle Carols @ 9am Gabriel Carol Service Yr 3,4,5,6 – 6pm	14 Yr 1,2,3 to the Panto Yr 6 Carol Singing at Enfield Town Bandstand	15 Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
18 18 <sup>th</sup> – Junior Christmas Show @ 6pm	19 19 <sup>th</sup> – Junior Christmas Show @ 1.45pm and 6pm	20 End of Autumn Term at 2pm	21 	22

### Charity

So far this year we have raised: 218kgs of food for North Enfield Food Bank, £493 for Macmillan Coffee Morning, £550 for Children in Need

It is really important that our pupils have participated in **The Big Ambition** survey. Let's have their voices heard by government and policy makers. Follow the link and complete the survey.

[www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition)

### Library

We are finally up and running now and thank you to all those parents that have completed the Google Form for permission. My Year 6 librarians are fantastic at their jobs and a thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help!

Please **no smoking or vaping** on the school premises. Thank you!!!!!!

### Mindfulness Message from Success Club

As the holiday season approaches, here are three fun mindfulness activities you can do as a family:

1. Go on a "Mindful Holiday Walk," where you and your children can take a stroll to see the lights and decorations in your neighbourhood or take a walk in the park and notice how many, nests, dogs, people wearing glasses, gloves or anything that makes you focus and be present you can see. Encourage everyone to notice the colours, shapes, and sounds, and share what each person feels and sees

2. At home, you can create a "Gratitude Garland." Each day, family members write or draw something they're grateful for on a paper strip and link the strips together around your tree, table leg, or along a mantelpiece. This not only decorates your home but also cultivates a sense of gratitude and togetherness.

3. End each day with a "Family Reflection," where each person shares their favourite moment of the day. These mindfulness practices can help create a calm, connected, and memorable holiday season for your family.

Mindfully yours

Tony

Success Club

[www.successclub.org.uk](http://www.successclub.org.uk)

### PTA

As we draw closer to the end of term, I must congratulate and thank the PTA for the money they have already raised for the school and the amount of time and effort that they put into planning and organizing the events. The money they raise supports us as a school in many ways: this year we have been able to buy an Ipad for each year group and they have supported in the cost of taking Yr 4,5 and 6 to the theatre – helping us make it possible.

Then there are the events that don't raise money but are so valuable to our community – Coffee Mornings – we have had a great turn out this academic year.

[St Michaels School PTA \(@stmichaelsptaen2\)](#) • [Instagram photos and videos](#)

**Let's us pray:** Lord of All, we give you thanks for your abundance and pray that in your great mercy you would look kindly upon all those in need this day. Amen