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Dear Parents and Carers,

This is my final newsletter of 2020 and I'm sure you'll agree it's been quite a year! We remain hopeful that 2021 will allow us to get back on the right path to a more relaxed way of living but, in the meantime, we must continue to follow government guidance in order to keep ourselves and our loved ones safe.

Important Information

If your child develops COVID-19 symptoms on Friday 18th December, Saturday 19th December or Sunday 20th December you should:

- Keep your child and any siblings and household members at home and isolate.
- Book a test – wherever possible please arrange to book this at a test site rather than a home test kit. Tests can be booked online at <http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or by ringing 119.
- Notify school immediately by emailing enquiries@st-michaels.school or calling St Michael's mobile on 07759439683. Please provide the full name of your child, your contact details, the date that symptoms began or the date of a positive test result if there are no symptoms. Leaders will then act accordingly and inform teachers and pupils who have been in close contact with the positive case.

If your child displays COVID-19 symptoms after this date, please follow government guidance as stated above. You should leave a message on the school mobile voice mail or email school at enquiries@st-michaels.school. A member of staff will contact you on Monday 4th January.

Christmas at St Michael's

St Michael's whole school nativity is now available to view on our website and Facebook page. Please share this with family and friends. It's a lovely reminder of the true meaning of Christmas and our children had lots of fun recording it! We are so proud of them.

On Tuesday, our Year 6 choir sang from the chapel of St Joseph's residential home in a live performance that was streamed into the resident's bedrooms. It was a beautiful way to share the Christmas spirit with our local community and really brightened up their day.

This past week in school our children have enjoyed parties, a film afternoon and a whole school variety show. They have had lots of fun celebrating with their teachers and friends. Our Year 2 class, who are currently isolating, will enjoy their Christmas events in January when they return to school.



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As well as the exciting Christmas themed events, there has also been an opportunity for quiet time and reflection. In our whole school advent prayers, the fourth advent candle was lit which was a reminder of God's promise to lead us along the journey of faith and discipleship. The children were asked to think about how they can prepare for Jesus' birth by being the best version of themselves.

School Uniform

Please ensure children come back to school in January with full school uniform, including black school shoes. Children should not wear boots or trainers during the school day. If they wear them to travel to school, they should bring suitable school shoes to change into. Please ensure haircuts comply with school policy and earrings should not be worn.

Thank you

Since the full reopening of school in September, our children have been a credit to both parents and school staff. It has been a challenging term for them emotionally and physically, especially those children who have needed to self-isolate, but they have adapted to a new way of learning and have continued to be role models for each other. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the staff at St Michael's who are thoroughly committed to each other and to our school. They continue to work together to nurture, care and educate our pupils, despite the many challenges that the pandemic brings. I'd also like to thank you, our wonderful parents, for your unwavering support. I am immensely proud of all that has been achieved at St Michael's this term.

St Michael's will reopen to pupils on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

We look forward to seeing you and your family then, but first I hope the Christmas break allows pupils, parents and staff to rest and recuperate.

Although the festive season will be different this year as we all continue to try and keep each other safe and healthy, I do hope you enjoy this period with your family. I wish you a happy, holy and peaceful Christmas. May we look forward to 2021, as one school family, with hope and positivity.

Yours Sincerely



Mrs C Chapman
Headteacher