



*Proud to be part of ...*



Dear Parents,

We have had a wonderful end of term in school. We were delighted to be able to share the nativity plays and carol services with you this year. Our children were fantastic and we are so proud of them all. The youngest children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 amaze me with their enthusiasm and confidence, and the Key Stage 2 children excelled themselves as they read, sang and danced, leading us through the Christmas story in their services. I hope you enjoyed seeing your child shine in their performance.

This term, in phase group liturgies, we've journeyed through advent by preparing ourselves for Christmas by being the best people we can be. Every week, we have lit the advent candle and listened to the words of Jesus from the Gospel. In school, our children and staff live out the school's ethos statement, 'Live Life to the Full'. It is a privilege to see the pupils of St Michael's grow in confidence, awareness and resilience as they strive to be the best version of themselves. They are a credit to you, their parents.

You may have read the recent letter from Michael Scurr, Chair of St Michael's Local Advisory Board, which shared the news that there is to be a slight change to roles within the leadership team in school. From January 2022, I will continue to be Headteacher of St Michael's, but will also become Headteacher of SS Peter and Paul's in Cramlington. When I'm not at St Michael's, Mrs Yeoman will be Head of School and Miss Consterdine Deputy Head of School. As a result of this change, Mrs Yeoman will no longer split the Year 3 class with Mr Gorman. Instead, Miss Consterdine will teach Maths and English to a Year 3 group every morning. The children know Miss Consterdine well and have previously worked closely with her.

Today, Miss Sabid, a trainee teacher in Year 4, will leave St Michael's, for a short period of time, to take up a placement in another school. She will return in the spring term, where she will be based in a Key Stage 1 class.

As we approach the end of term, I reflect on a positive term at St Michael's, which started with the school's Ofsted inspection resulting in a 'Good with Outstanding' judgment. The children have participated in high quality educational visits and experiences, have developed their sports, art and design and design technology skills and have continued to make excellent progress across the curriculum.

I hope you and your family have a happy, holy and safe Christmas. I look forward to welcoming children back to school on Wednesday 5th January to begin the Spring term together.

**School will reopen to staff on Tuesday 4th January for a training day and children will return on Wednesday 5th January.**

Thank you for all the warmth, positivity and support you give to the school. It a privilege to work with you and your children.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Chapman'.

Mrs C Chapman