

St Michael and St Martin Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parent / Carers

As we approach the joyous season of Christmas, we always like to take a few moments to reflect on the remarkable achievements and successes of our school throughout the year. So much happens in 365 days; here are some of the highlights...

It is with great pride and gratitude that in April 2023 we were judged to be an OUTSTANDING school by Ofsted, a testament to the dedication and excellence of our staff, students, parents / carers and governors. Please read the full report here: [OFSTED Report](#)

This exceptional rating reaffirms our commitment to providing a nurturing and inspiring environment that fosters academic achievement, personal growth, and a strong sense of community. Our collective efforts have created a place where every child is valued, supported, and encouraged to reach their full potential. None of it however, would be possible without the extraordinary staff; they cherish your children like their own, please don't forget to offer a word of thanks or an encouraging smile from time to time, showing appreciation in this way, really means a great deal to them.

Attendance is a key component of this judgement, thank you to all of you who send your children to school every day, on time and ready to learn. Also to those who do not take children out of school during term time.

In July, our wonderful Year 6 production of 'Shakespeare Rocks' showcased the amazing talents we have in the school, it is so pleasing to see the children completing their journey here in such a wonderful way – a special cohort showing off their special gifts - we were so proud of them all!

Furthermore, during the SATs tests the children were amazing. Despite much controversy around the difficulty of the reading test in particular, the children remained undaunted and demonstrated perfectly how our embedded approach to academic resilience has an all-round effect on them and their learning. Positive progress for pupils facing adversity comes in many forms – building their resilience has helped to ensure that children continue to thrive. Believing in potential and giving children the tools to succeed is intrinsic in all we do. The results speak for themselves and place the school in the top 50 primary schools in the country. Thank you for supporting us in our relentless pursuit for excellence.

The Autumn Term has been very busy; the children have had some valuable learning experiences and opportunities through Black History Month, Anti-Bullying Week, E-Safety Week and Celebration of Languages, as well as numerous trips and workshops. We are thankful to those who have paid the termly



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£10 contribution (or one £30 for the year), we have many more exciting themed weeks and activities planned for the coming school terms.

We recognise that sport and healthy living are the key to a successful life and with this in mind, Mr Bell continues to run an early morning KS2 sports club five times a week; rain, wind, hail or snow, the club still runs *'no such thing as bad weather...just bad clothing!'*. The children have also had the opportunity to partake in numerous after school and lunch time clubs, our Spring Term Co-Curricular Provision will be issued after the Christmas holiday.

Infant Nativities continue to be one of the highlights of the year; an opportunity to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas as opposed to the overriding commercialism of this holy time of year. It is a privilege to watch the miracle of Christ's birth come alive through the eyes of the children. The children's singing is always wonderful to behold and evokes a sense of awe and wonder like no other. The Junior Carol Service was stunning, the reverence and singing was spine-tinglingly beautiful.

It has always been our mission to provide the very best education and experiences for our children, living out our school [STRIVE Values](#). The leadership team, governors and I continue to work hard to ensure that St Michael & St Martin School remains ahead of the curve. Our wish is that every child receives the opportunities available to them that will enable them to *'be the best that they can be'* and where they are bursting with enthusiasm and a thirst for learning. At the core of everything is the strong desire that the children venture out into the world as good citizens who can make a difference, and contribute to the wider society for the common good.

As parents / carers, we thank you for continuing to support the school. We know that by working together we can create a supportive environment for the children to grow and foster their spiritual, academic and personal growth in a cohesive and unified way. The teachings of Christ serve as a foundation for character development, creating an educational experience that goes beyond academics to shape well-rounded, moral, conscious individuals. We are grateful for the part that you play in encouraging a consistent practice of prayer and participation in religious activities at home, including saying the Rosary and attending Mass, all of which contributes greatly to the children's spiritual foundation.

In this season of love and joy, let us embrace the spirit of giving and compassion. This great and wonderful love calls us to love one another, not just on Christmas Day, but throughout each and every day. As Mother Teresa said *'It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you.'*

As we gather with family and friends to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, may the warmth of His love fill our hearts and homes. Let our shared faith continue to be a source of strength, guiding us through the coming year with hope, grace, and the unwavering knowledge that, together, we are a beacon of light in the world.

Wishing you and your loved ones a Christmas filled with joy, peace, and the warmth of togetherness.

Warm regards



Mrs N Duggan
Headteacher

