



Message from Mrs Crocker

As the school prepares to leave for the panto with some very excited children (and adults!), it seems remarkable that this is the last day of the Autumn Term. It's certainly one of the latest finishes that I can remember we've had in December for quite a few years and I think everyone is very ready for a holiday and to continue celebrating Christmas with their families.

It has been yet another brilliant term and both preschool and school have had such a super time. There has been such a variety of experiences for the children, from trips and visits, to interesting topics and outdoor activities.

One of the highlights, and a personal favourite of mine, has got to be the Walking Nativity. The weather held and the children looked, sounded and performed brilliantly. Despite doing this every year, it is such a magical event and it was fabulous to see so many ex-Michaelchurch children there last Monday, who still want to continue to experience the magic (and the Sheep Shimmy song will always be a huge hit!).

I hope everyone has a super Christmas and New Year and manages to get some time to also relax. The advantage of breaking up so late is we at least get some time after New Year before rushing back to school. I'm sure it'll come around quickly but we'll look forward to seeing all the school children back on Monday 8th January (Preschool is closed for that Monday and will start on Tues 9th Jan).

Merry Christmas everyone!
Louise Crocker

Preschool News

It's been a busy end to this very long term! The children have enjoyed a variety of Christmas activities such as forest school with Rudolph crumpets toasted on the fire, wreath making using willow and lots of ivy weaving, carefully placing cloves in their pomander oranges and making Christmas cakes!

There has been our Norwegian Christmas week where Beth has shared her family traditions and we enjoyed making Nisses from clay.

Yesterday Father Christmas came walking through the woods ringing his bell just as we were having our hot chocolate, he even had a small gift for each child! Preschool joined the whole school in the hall for Christmas lunch and then enjoyed some singing with Elifs Daddy and Mummy.

We wish you all a very happy and relaxing festive season and thank you for your continued support to preschool.



Julie, Beth and Sophie

Governor Vacancies

Michaelchurch Escley Primary and Preschool's are looking for some more recruits to join the Governing Board!

Do you know ...

...someone who is enthusiastic about education?

...has some time to spare?

If so, they may be just the person we need!

A co-opted governor **doesn't** have to be a relative of the school – in fact, it's better to have a range of backgrounds and experiences on the governing body. It could be a friend, neighbour, work colleague or someone you know outside of school.

If you would like to find out more about how you (or someone you know) can contribute to governance at our school, or have any questions about being a governor, then please contact the school office. They will then arrange for a governor to contact you to have a chat.

After School Clubs

The after school clubs we will be running in Spring term 2024 are:

Monday- Craft club with Miss Cook	£3.50 per session.
Tuesday- Drama club run by The Courtyard	£4.00 per session.
Thursday-Cooking club with Miss Yeomans	£3.50 per session.

Clubs run from the end of the school day up to 4pm, clubs will start the first week back and run every week for the whole of the spring term. To book clubs please go to Parentpay, payment for clubs can be made in instalments.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Thurs 21 st Dec	Pantomime at the Courtyard children to be collected at 4.20pm from Courtyard Last day of term
Fri 22 nd Dec	INSET day
Mon 8 th Jan	First day back of Spring Term for school (Preschool closed for training) After school clubs start.
Tues 9 th Jan	First day back for Preschool
Weds 17 th Jan	Oak class trip- Knighton Space Activity
Fri 19 th Jan	Acorn class- Wateraid workshop
Tues 30 th Jan	Acorn class- Visit to Waterworks

