



Family letter

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BACK TO SCHOOL

We'll see you all back at school on Monday, 7th January 2019.

Football County Winners!!!

Having won the Lichfield and Burntwood football tournament, on 28th November our Year 6 boys' football team headed to St. George's Park. There, we represented the whole of Lichfield and Burntwood to compete against the best schools from all the other districts in Staffordshire. On the day, we had, as usual, a great turn out of supporters, with many parents and grandparents joining us on the chilly side lines. Throughout the morning, the boys played against all the other Staffordshire district winners.

The boys exceeded their usual standard of football, controlling the ball and defending their goal well,



whilst also showing great sportsmanship to their competitors. A few nasty tackles during some of our games left us worried we might lose a player due to injury, but all of the boys soldiered on, getting straight back up and joining in, and also showing respect to the player who had tackled them. We had brilliant goals scored by Alex and

Harry along with a few near misses.

Winning two of our matches and drawing two of our matches (not conceding a single goal in the process!) took us to joint top of the group with Codsall Middle School. However, our final game was against Codsall Middle School (last year's winning school, representing South

Friday 21st December—Jumper Day

As a little extra fun on our last day and to join in with the fun of Christmas, children are invited to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper (or their favourite jumper) instead of their usual blue sweat tops (rest of the uniform to be worn as usual).



St Michael's: 'excited about learning'



Staffs), meaning the winner took the crown. After a tense game, with yet more close calls, both teams were defending too well and no goals were scored.

As the joint top of the group, it finally came

down to a penalty

shootout between St. Michael's and Codsall.

We had five penalties to make it count and take the title of county champions. During a nail-biting penalty shootout (some parents had to look away as their nerves couldn't take it!),

Henry kept his cool in goal whilst the rest of the team cheered on both their team mates and the other team. Harry, Alex and Josh each

score a penalty, whilst Henry saved three out of Codsall's first four penalties, making St.

Michael's the Staffordshire County Football Champions. Well done boys, we are all so proud of you!



Runners up for girls!

The girls were within one match of joining the boys at St George's Park but lost 1:0 to Fulfen who eventually went on to be County Champions.

The team won three games and drew one on their way to the final.

Well done to all the girls and thanks to all the parents who supported us along the way.

A special mention to Marni who was unavailable for this tournament due to injury.



Well done
girls—you
nearly
made it!



From the Headteacher

As term draws to a close I'd like to wish you all a 'Happy Christmas' on behalf of all of the staff here in school. It has been a fantastic term with so much to celebrate and we couldn't achieve what we do without your support.

Well-deserved congratulations to our Boys Football team who, as you will have read, have been crowned County Champions. They will return to training after Christmas in preparation for the next round when they will represent Staffordshire at the Midlands Tournament. Watch this space...

It has been an absolute privilege to watch our Christmas performances where we clearly have some future stars in the making. The children have brought the Christmas message to life. Our Choir have also been busy performing here at school events and at the Memory Café at the Methodist Church. This is a new link, which we are hoping to develop further with a termly visit. Tonight they will be part of a massed choir of 300 voices in Lichfield Cathedral.

Finally a massive 'thank-you' to our PTA for their sterling work again this term. The Teddy Bears Picnic, Quiz Night and Christmas Fayre have all been very well supported and as a staff we especially appreciate all the additional resources that their fund raising provides for us.

Christmas Decoration Winners

Thank you to everyone who entered the Christmas Decoration Competition—there were some really lovely designs.

The winners of this year's Christmas Decoration Competition are as follows:

Harry	Reception
Evelyn	Year 1
Dulcie	Year 2
Sam	Year 3



All decorations can be seen on the Christmas tree provided by the PTA

Choir children performing at The Memory Café and at the school fayre.

St Michael's School Choir

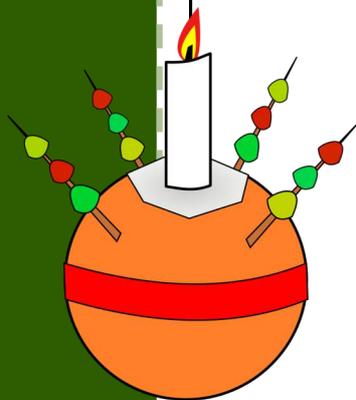
St Michael's School Choir have been really busy during the build up to Christmas performing at the School Fayre, the Advent Carol Service at St Michael's Church and the Memory Café at the Methodist Church. They will also be singing at the MPAS Christmas Concert at the Cathedral.



Year 4 Christmas Journey

In preparation for Christmas, Year 4 visited Wade Street Church. As we arrived, we were thrown straight into the Christmas Story, taking part in a play to show the days and weeks leading up to the birth of Jesus. After that, we took part in a variety of activities linked to Christmas. These included; making a Christingle and understanding the meaning of it; searching Christmas cards for symbols of the Christmas Story; exploring Christian magazines about Christmas and ordering the story.

We had a great time, which was made possible by a large number of volunteers from Wade Street Church who gave up their time to run the day, along with a number of parents from school who came along to help us. We look forward to visiting again next year!



Year 3 Sandwich Making

Year 3 have had a busy time continuing our project on 'bodies and bones'. They have been learning about vertebrates and invertebrates by dissecting king prawns and have also planned and created a healthy balanced sandwich. The eating part was particularly enjoyed! Thank you to parents for providing the ingredients for this. The children loved it and created some delicious looking sandwiches! We're looking forward to our next topic, feel the force!

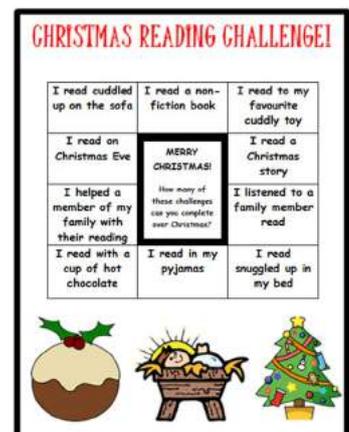


Year 6 Reading Challenge

Thank you for all of your time and efforts in listening to your children read this term - there is a real 'buzz about books' at St. Michael's at the moment.

Let's keep it going with 'The Christmas Reading Challenge!' which can be found in the latest page of the children's Reading Records. The children should be encouraged to colour in each task on the sheet as they complete it over the holidays. Prizes will be on offer for those who manage to colour in every section.

Happy Reading!



Key Stage 1 Readathon

This year we tried a new sponsored event ... a 'Readathon'!! We all had great fun as we ventured out onto the field on a cold and muddy day. The children had to read a couple of pages of a book from our mini library then do a lap of the field. They continued to do this over the next half an hour. We did lots of reading and lots of running and raised £605.89.

Some of the money that you raised has facilitated two theme days—Dinosaur Day in Year 2 and Storytelling with Mr Hayward in Year 1.

Children had a great time on the school field.



Year 3 & 4 Sponsored Read



On Monday year 3 and 4 took part in our sponsored read. We read for 10 minutes every hour and I was reading Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban. It was very intriguing and every time we stopped, I would try my hardest in learning so that the time would go more quickly and I could carry on reading! I read from chapter 1 to chapter 8. We also brought in teddies so that we could hug and read to them. I really enjoyed our sponsored read.

By Violet 4C

Thank you for your support with this event and for all of the sponsor money that we have received – it's not too late if you haven't had chance to send in some money – many thanks.

Year 4 Bake Off

A big thank you from Mrs Culverwell and Miss Lewis for supporting the children in this year's first year 4 Bake Off by sending in decorations and tins. The children had a lovely time both baking and decorating the biscuits. A huge thank you to all of the parents too who helped in making the biscuits – we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. We are pleased to say our biscuit sales made £109.60.



Year 2 Dinosaur Day

On Thursday 8th November, Year 2 celebrated Dinosaur Day! During the morning we were lucky enough to see a selection of different animals such as snakes, a snapping turtle and toads. We also learnt lots of interesting facts about prehistoric animals before we were roared at by Rex the T - Rex! He was scary but fun and we even got to dance off against him! We finished off the day by making our very own dinosaur board game.



Year 1 Traditional Storytelling

Mr Hayward shared some traditional stories from around the world in his own unique and engaging way. Throughout the day the children listened to, acted out with music, made puppets and told their own interesting stories and anecdotes.

It was a day of literary learning and laughter. A huge thank you to Mr Hayward for sharing some really exciting stories.



Year 5 Explorers Day

Year 5 were visited this half term by Sue Shaw, our very own Rainforest Adventurer. This was Sue's fourth visit to St Michael's and it did not disappoint. Having visited many rainforests on a great many occasions, Sue was able to share a range of artefacts, creatures and photographs that she has



accrued over many years. Of major interest to the children were the live mini-beasts (they weren't mini at all) including: the bird eating spider, the giant stick insects and the giant millipede. As well as the exhibition the children were also treated to workshops in including drawing, face-painting and jewellery making. All in all the children had a most enriching experience; one that we are sure they will remember for years to come.

Children
showed
great
interest in
the live not
so mini
mini-
beasts!!!

More sporting news

Cross Country

Following on from their success in cross country last year, our Year 6 boys were keen to dust off their trainers and compete once again. We headed to Whittington School to compete in a race against children from other schools across Lichfield. For the race, the boys had to run a 1.5 mile course, around Whittington School and down the surrounding lanes. Despite a few tumbles and grazes, the boys placed highly to give us a good team score, coming second overall on the day.

A great effort by all the boys!

Rugby Achievement

Congratulations to Jacob, Callum and Oliver (Year 5 pupils) who enjoyed playing for Lichfield Rugby Club in the first round of the Prima Tiger Cup at The Leicester Tigers ground.



St Michael's PTA

It's been a busy term for the PTA culminating in a very festive Christmas Fayre last month. It was lovely to see everyone getting into the festive spirit, and the PTA want to send a massive thank you to everyone that gave up their time to help on the evening itself and with the preparations. The Fayre was a great success, and together with our Christmas raffle it raised over £4000 for our school.

This term, we've also held a cake sale which raised £265 (thanks to Heather Cole for organising), a clothing recycling collection which raised £366 (thanks to Carla Isaacs for organising) a school disco which raised around £300 (thanks to Amy Walsh for organising) and the now legendary "Mr Haywood Quiz night" which raised a massive £830 (thanks to Sarah Butler for organising).

We've also continued to run our 100 Club lottery - with three lucky winners each month, which has raised £264 so far this year.

We are starting to raise money for an outdoor classroom for the school, and some of the money raised this year will go towards this, but we also have ongoing funding commitments. Already this term we have provided £1000 for the school to buy new books. We've also purchased the tubes that will be kept in the hall for the houses to collect their value tokens. And, as we do every year, we have funded the children's Christmas parties which will be happening next week.

We just want to say thank you to all the parents and friends of the school for their continued support which enables us to put on these great events and raise money to help enrich our children's experience at school. Next term will bring another school disco (Wednesday 13th March) and the ever popular chocolate bingo (Friday 5th April) so get the dates in your diary. And if you would like to hear more about what the PTA do to help the school please come along to our AGM on Wednesday 30th January at the Brewhouse in Lichfield.

100 Club Winners

September 100 club lottery winners

First prize: James Lingwood, number 34

Second prize: Kerry Welsh, number 76

Third prize: Sarah Ager, number 37

October 100 club lottery winners

First prize: Natasha Henson-Bailey, number 69

Second prize: Deb Murrall, number 60



Our 6 core values

are

FRIENDSHIP

PERSEVERENCE

COURAGE

BELONGING

FORGIVENESS

RESPECT

Thank you PTA

A big thank you to the PTA for kindly providing the funds to buy these snazzy collection tubes and star counters to support our school core values. Now, when the children show 1 of our 6 core values (friendship, perseverance, courage, belonging, forgiveness or respect), they will be awarded a star counter in their house colour to go in the corresponding tube. At the end of each term, the results will be collected and the winning house will receive a reward. We are, as always, very grateful to the PTA and to all of you for supporting various fundraising events. Thank you! Mrs Brooks.



Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

PERMANENT POSITIONS

We're hoping to recruit a permanent lunchtime supervisor for five days per week to join our existing lunchtime team. You would form an integral part of the lunchtime staff ensuring the safe and efficient running of dining and play between 12 noon and 1.10pm every week day.



If you enjoy working in a fast paced environment with adults and children, you may be just the person we're looking for. Tasks are varied and involve maintaining the cleanliness of the dining areas, supporting children with their food, encouraging safe play and happy relationships.

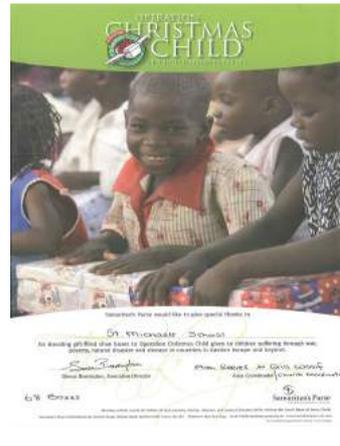
If you feel you have the skills for this role and would like further information, please contact Mrs Manton in the school office on 01543 227425.

Charitable Donations

Thank you to everyone who've donated during the year. We raised the following:

£391.60 for the Poppy Appeal **£382.73** for Children in Need

£397.75 for Sport Relief **68** boxes for Operation Christmas Child



Messy Church

Messy Christmas in St. Michael's Church

Sunday, 16th December at 4.30pm

Craft activities, stories, singing and food

—everyone welcome



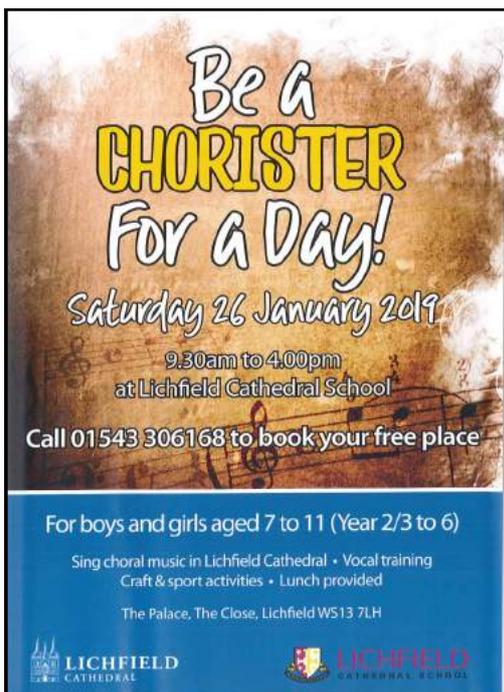
Lollipop Provision—Funding Cuts

As many of you will have read in the press, Staffordshire County Council have opened a public consultation regarding future lollipop provision. Please find the link to the consultation below. You may complete the survey, the more feedback regarding the proposal the better.

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/SchoolCrossing/SchoolCrossingPatrols.aspx>

DIARY DATES—January 2019

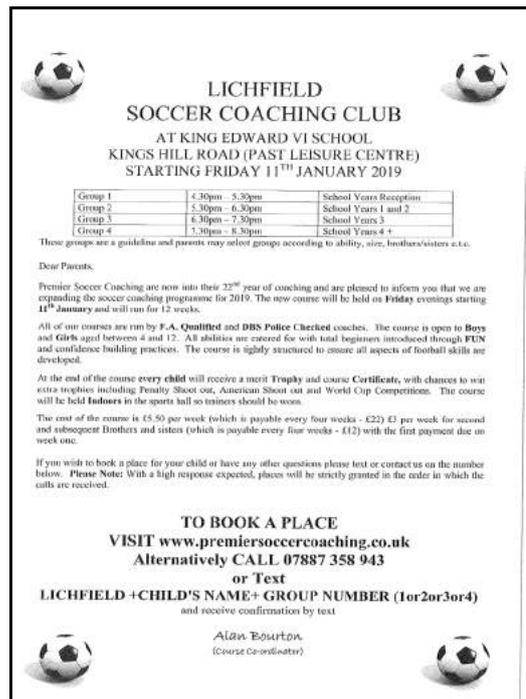
DATE	EVENT	TIME
Tuesday, 18th December	Storytelling at the Crib—Reception and Year 1 (pupils and staff only)	9.00 –12.30
Tuesday, 18th December	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Disco (school hall)	1.30—3.00
Wednesday, 19th Decem-	Whole School Christmas Lunch (pupils and staff)	11.30—1.30
Thursday, 20th December	Christmas Parties for Reception, Year 1 and 2	1.30—3.00
Friday, 21st December	Break up at the usual time for Christmas holidays and Christmas Jumper day	
Monday, 7th January	Staff and Children return to school for Spring Term	
Monday, 7th January until Friday, 11 January	Year 6 Shugborough Residential	Every day
Monday, 7th January and Tuesday, 8th January	Year 5 Bikeability	All day both days
Tuesday, 15th January	CLOSING DATE FOR RECEPTION 2019 APPLICATIONS (on line applications to Staffordshire County Council).	



Be a CHORISTER For a Day!
Saturday 26 January 2019
 9.30am to 4.00pm
 at Lichfield Cathedral School
 Call 01543 306168 to book your free place

For boys and girls aged 7 to 11 (Year 2/3 to 6)
 Sing choral music in Lichfield Cathedral • Vocal training
 Craft & sport activities • Lunch provided
 The Palace, The Close, Lichfield WS13 7LH



LICHFIELD SOCCER COACHING CLUB
 AT KING EDWARD VI SCHOOL
 KINGS HILL ROAD (PAST LEISURE CENTRE)
 STARTING FRIDAY 11TH JANUARY 2019

Group 1	4.30pm - 5.30pm	School Years Reception
Group 2	5.30pm - 6.30pm	School Years 1 and 2
Group 3	6.30pm - 7.30pm	School Years 3
Group 4	7.30pm - 8.30pm	School Years 4 +

These groups are a guideline and parents may select groups according to ability, size, brothers/sisters etc.

Dear Parents,
 Premier Soccer Coaching are now into their 22nd year of coaching and are pleased to inform you that we are expanding the soccer coaching programme for 2019. The new course will be held on **Friday** evenings starting **11th January** and will run for 12 weeks.

All of our courses are run by **F.A. Qualified** and **DBS Police Checked** coaches. The course is open to **Boys and Girls** aged between 4 and 12. All abilities are catered for with total beginners introduced through FUN and confidence building practices. The course is tightly structured to ensure all aspects of football skills are developed.

At the end of the course every child will receive a merit **Trophy** and course **Certificate**, with chances to win extra trophies including **Penalty Shoot out**, **American Shoot out** and **World Cup Competitions**. The course will be held **Indoors** in the sports hall so **rainwear** should be worn.

The cost of the course is **£5.50** per week (which is payable every four weeks - £22) **£3** per week for second and subsequent brothers and sisters (which is payable every four weeks - £12) with the first payment due on week one.

If you wish to book a place for your child or have any other questions please text or contact us on the number below. **Please Note:** With a high response expected, places will be strictly granted in the order in which the calls are received.

TO BOOK A PLACE
 VISIT www.premiersoccercoaching.co.uk
 Alternatively CALL **07887 358 943**
 or Text
LICHFIELD+CHILD'S NAME+ GROUP NUMBER (1or2or3or4)
 and receive confirmation by text

Alan Boulton
 (Course Co-ordinator)

