

Farnsfield St Michael's CofE Primary School Newsletter



17th November 2023

It has been wonderful to see so many parents in school this week for our Autumn Term parent evenings. It has been very positive, with lots of lovely comments, and great to have the opportunity to chat with many of you and celebrate your children's achievements.

You will have now received the Ofsted report and your feedback on this has been overwhelming. I would like to say a huge thank for your positivity and continued support and enthusiasm for the school and the staff here. We genuinely feel very lucky to have such a supportive community. There will be an open evening next Wednesday, 22nd November, at 6pm, for anyone who would like to come along and find out in more detail what was said and how we will continue to move the school forward.

Over the coming weeks there are many activities and events taking place in and out of the school day. Please look out for emails and information that will be coming out to you. It is a busy time of year for all and we wouldn't want you to miss out on anything. There will be dates included in newsletters and you may get some emails coming separately so you can have all the information you need to hand for each event.

One event you do need to be aware of in advance is the school Christmas Dinner. This needs to be pre-booked on ParentPay by Tuesday of next week, 21st November. The Christmas lunch is a roast turkey dinner with trimmings followed by an ice cream tub.

Finally, at the Christmas Fair this year, there will be a Santa's Grotto. Mr Barker and his team of elves are busy getting this ready for Santa. It would be wonderful if anyone has a 6ft artificial Christmas tree that they would be willing to donate to school for us to use in this. If you do have one you no longer need, then please do let us know. Thank you.

Thank you for your continued support, Mrs Carpenter



Key Dates for the coming weeks

**Tuesday 21st November –
Y5/6 Evacuee experience
Perlethorpe**

**Wednesday 22nd November
– Book Club with Mrs Swales
and Mrs Vardy**

**Wednesday 22nd November –
Ofsted Parent Open Evening**

**Thursday 23rd to Tuesday
28th November – Book Fair in
the school Hall**

**Thursday 23rd November
PSA Meeting 3:30pm School**

**Thursday 30th November –
Pantomime Aladdin – in
school – kindly funded by
the PSA**

**Friday 1st December –
Christmas Post Box open –
children bring cards in, if
they wish, post in here to be
handed out on card opening
day**

**Friday 1st December – Choir
singing and Christmas
Lights Switch on in village –
6pm start**

**Friday 8th December – PSA
Christmas Fair 3:30-5:30pm**

**CONNECT is running weekly
on Thursdays throughout
the year – all welcome**

Staffing Updates

Peonies Class

As you will be aware, Yssy Beaumont will be leaving us at Christmas to commence her maternity leave. Peonies class will have two familiar faces joining them throughout the week as their teachers while Miss Beaumont is on leave. Mrs Megan Brooksby and Mrs Nicola Marriott will be undertaking a job share to cover the class. Mrs Brooksby will teach Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Marriott will be teaching Thursday and Friday. Both ladies are experienced teachers and have worked for us in the school. We are looking forward to welcoming them both to the team from January. We will be wishing Miss Beaumont all the best and will be excited to see her and baby in the New Year.



Midday Supervisors

We are still on the look out for anyone who can support with lunchtime provision. There is the possibility of this being every lunch but if you know of anyone with any availability for cover on any days then please do ask them to get in touch with me to discuss this further. We really do need staff in this role. The hours will be 11:45am until 1:15pm.

B&A

At present, we are in the process of appointing a staff member to be the B&A supervisor following Judith's retirement. As soon this has been processed, I will let you know who will be taking on this role. However, I also need to inform you that it is with great sadness that Karen Clarke will leave B&A from 1st December to start a new job. Friday 1st will be her last day with us. I know many of you and your children will miss Karen and the care she has brought to many children over the years during her time working at B&A. It is all change for B&A staff team, but we will ensure that the provision for the children is as consistent as can be and they still have familiar faces supporting them before and after school. We are also aware that spaces are limited, and we are trying our best to look at offering further provision into the future with a new staffing team. More updates will come to you as and when we are in a position to share this over the coming week.



School Cook

We are pleased to announce that Sam Fitzgerald, who has been working in the school kitchen as Cook 2, has taken on the role of Cook 1. We have been very pleased with Sam and the meals produced during recent weeks as she has been covering the position. We are very pleased that she has agreed to take on the lead role. There is an advert out for the Cook 2 position if anyone would be interested. Please get in touch or this can be found through the Notts County Council job pages.

Christmas Events



- Christmas Lights Switch On – Friday 1st December from 6pm in the village
- Christmas Jumper Day Thursday 7th December
- Christmas Dinner Day Thursday 7th December – this must be booked in advance through ParentPay
- PSA Christmas Fair Friday 8th December – 3:30-5:30pm
- KS1 Nativity Wednesday 13th December – 2pm and 6pm
- KS1 Christmas Party Day Thursday 14th December – wear party clothes
- Foundation Nativity Friday 15th December - 9:30am and 2pm
- Foundation Christmas Party Day Monday 18th December – wear party clothes
- PSA Christmas Disco Tuesday 19th December
- LKS2 Christmas Party Day Wednesday 20th December – wear party clothes
- UKS2 Christmas Party Day Thursday 21st December – wear party clothes



Connect
After School Church

St Michael & All Angels' Church, Farnsfield
PRAYING | SOWING | SERVING | GROWING

Returning weekly from Autumn 2023

Connect meets every Thursday after school (3.30-4.40pm) at St Michael's Primary School, in the school hall.

Each week we start with games, crafts, and tasty breads & spreads before spending time exploring the Christian faith together with fun teaching, activities and songs.

Whatever age or stage you're at you are really welcome to join us. It's free and there's no need to sign up - just come along when you can!

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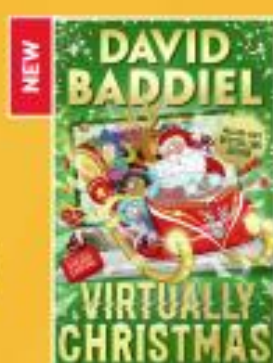
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CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL 2023

This year we will again be supporting **Mansfield Salvation Army Centre** who distribute gifts to children who would otherwise have no present to open on Christmas morning.

As usual we are asking for gifts suitable for the **5-16 age group**, especially gift cards, chocolates, toiletries or other suitable presents for teenagers - new, and not gift wrapped - and no baby toys or guns, swords etc., thank you.

The collection will be at St Michaels Church and at the school, by kind permission of the Vicar and the Head, week commencing

November 27th 8am - 4pm
Monday - Thursday

N.B. If you wish to give a gift card and would prefer to deliver directly to me, please phone 07772461994

Gifts will be dedicated at the 10.15 am service at Farnsfield Methodist Church on **Sunday 3rd December** to which all are invited.

Your support has been greatly valued and appreciated in the past — thank you

ST MICHAEL'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
PSA CHRISTMAS FAIR

JOIN US AFTER SCHOOL FOR A FUN FILLED
AFTERNOON

Santa's
Grotto

Christmas
Raffle

External
Stallholders

Class
Stalls

School
Choir

Cakes
and
Coffee

Splat an
Elf

Chocolate
Tombola

Plus many more!

DECEMBER 8TH

3.30 - 5.30PM

