

Farnsfield St Michael's CofE Primary School Newsletter



4th December 2023

Well, we are now in December so let the Christmas chaos begin! Actually, we have already started that with having a visit from the pantomime last week into school. The children had a fun-packed Thursday morning singing along to Aladdin. We also managed to get a guest appearance from our very own Mr Marshall and Mr Sugars, who were chosen to go up and showcase their dance moves! Lots of fun and laughter was had by all.

The choir attended the Farnsfield Village Lights Switch on event on Friday evening. This was a pleasure to see, and they sang and signed beautifully, led by Mrs Swales. It certainly felt very festive and quite magical with the chill in the air and the twinkly lights of the tree.

It was also a sad end to the week with us saying goodbye to Karen Clarke in B&A Club. Karen has been at the school for many years, and we will miss her greatly and all of the support she offered the staff and children, particularly at B&A. we wish her well in her new role and I know she already has plans to pop back in and see everyone at B&A.

Moving forward, B&A is going to be run by Mr Yates. Edd, who you will all know as our school sports coordinator, has taken on the role of the B&A supervisor and will be there for the evening sessions. This will be along with Kerry and Helen who will both be there daily, morning and evening. In a morning Kerry, Helen will be joined by Michele Haywood who is a midday playworker and has been supporting the B&A club over recent weeks. We look forward to welcoming these staff into their roles.

Please don't worry, as plans will be put in place for other after school clubs to go ahead, even with Edd undertaking the B&A role. We are currently working out a plan for Spring term after school clubs and will be in touch soon to let you know what will be on offer.

This coming week we have Christmas Dinner and Christmas jumper day on Thursday. We are supporting Save the Children for Christmas jumper day. I am aware we do a lot of fundraising and that it is an expensive time of year, however, there will be a donation option on Parent Pay if you would like to support this cause. Please do send children in Christmas jumpers anyway as we love to see them in their festive attire on this day. It is uniform as normal along with the jumper. Thank you.

I look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Fair on Friday.

Best wishes, Mrs Carpenter



Key Dates for the coming weeks

Christmas Post Box is now open – children bring cards in, if they wish, post in here to be handed out on card opening day

Monday 4th December – Whole School Christmas Tree decorating

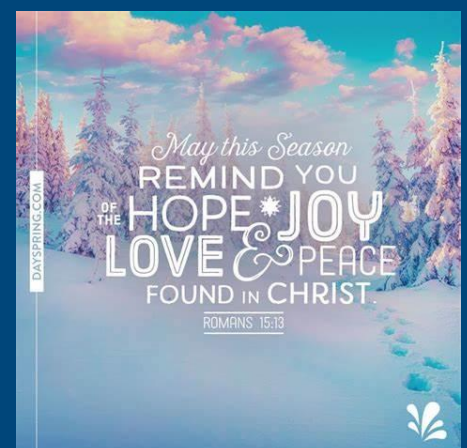
Thursday 7th December – Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

Thursday 7th December – Christmas Dinner day – please remember packed lunch if you haven't already pre-booked a Christmas Dinner

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

Please ensure you are there 5 minutes in advance at the grotto for your booking. Thank you

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



Santa Run

We also kicked off December with the annual Santa Run, kindly organised by Miss Beaumont. It was so lovely to see so many in attendance, and plenty dressed in Christmas sparkles, Santa hats and suits, and we even had a Rudolph! It was a sunny, cold, crisp morning but was a real good start to the day. A special thank you to Miss Beaumont for all of her work with running club throughout the year. This was the last session of the year and Miss B's last one before she commences her maternity leave.



Salvation Army Christmas Gift Appeal

Thank you to all who supported the village Christmas gift appeal. There was a wonderful number of gifts donated and they will be greatly appreciated by the recipients.



BSL Christmas Carol Service

Here is the link to a BSL Christian Carol Service on 10th December at 9am. There will also be a recording available to watch after the live event. [The Christian BSL Carol Services - Christian BSL](#)

A promotional graphic for the Christian BSL Carol Service 2023. The graphic has a dark blue background with gold and white text. At the top, it says 'christian bsl.com at Christmas'. Below that, it says '9 am Sunday 10th December 2023' and 'Led in British Sign Language by Deaf Christians with spoken English interpretation and captions'. The main title is 'Carol Service 2023'. There are five photos of participants: Veronica, Mary-Jayne, Janice, Tony, and Fatimo. At the bottom, there are icons for Facebook and YouTube. The entire graphic is framed with a gold border.

Christmas Events



- 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
- Christmas Church Service Friday 22nd December – 2pm – parents welcome



Connect
After School Church

St Michael & All Angels' Church, Farnfield
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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!

For more info contact connect.farnfield@gmail.com

FARNSFIELD ST MICHAELS PSA CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER



DISCO

19th December
MAIN HALL, ST MICHAELS SCHOOL

Foundation & KS1 – 6PM-7PM
KS2 – 7.15PM-8.15PM

PRICE £3.50 – PAYABLE ON PARENTPAY


The deadline for all orders is 12th December and tickets will come home in school bags before the disco

Sweets, drinks, crisps and glow items will be available to buy, please send change.

If you are able to help
please contact Gary -PSA Chair
farnsfieldstmichaels-psa@hotmail.com

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**Concert: Sunday 17 December
Albert Hall, Nottingham NG1 5AA**



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99% 

of applicants were allocated one of their 4 preferences

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93% had listed only ONE school 

Considering listing only ONE school?

Robin lives in the catchment area of a popular primary school.



Parent applies on time listing 1 preference for an out of catchment school



On National Offer Day, the preferred school is oversubscribed (*more applications than places available*) and a place cannot be offered for Robin



A place cannot be offered at the catchment school as it is also oversubscribed with preferences



Robin is offered a place at a school over 6 miles away - the next closest with places available



Apply online at:
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• Check the admission criteria

**Apply online BEFORE
Monday, 15 January 2024**

You can apply from 6 November 2023



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Free information sessions for parents about children who require a reception school place for September 2024.

Will your child be 5 years old

between 1 September 2024 and 31 August 2025?

You can apply between
6 November 2023 and
Monday 15 January 2024

Remember:

- apply on time
- use all four preferences
- ensure that at least one of your preferences is for a school where your child will have higher priority in the admission oversubscription criteria.



These events will cover key aspects of the admissions process (not specific schools) and will help you make best use of available information such as the Admissions to schools guide for parents and school information.

Tuesday 12 December 2023

5:30-6:30pm

County Hall, Loughborough Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP.

Wednesday 13 December 2023

4:00-5:00pm

Worksop Library, Memorial Avenue, Worksop, Nottinghamshire, S80 2BP.

Thursday 14 December 2023

4:00-5:00pm

Mansfield Library, Four Seasons Centre, West Gate, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire NG18 1NH.



Places are limited. Register now by emailing admissions.prac@nottscc.gov.uk



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