

16th December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I cannot believe that we are already at the end of the first term of our brand-new school! To watch how the children have settled in over their first term together and grow in confidence, making friendships has been just wonderful. The progress in their learning has been amazing and they really have made a flying start to School and Nursery!

We have ended the term with some magical memories of our first Christmas dinner as a school family and a surprise visit from Father Christmas! We hope your child has enjoyed these experiences as we strive to keep traditions going, even in uncertain times.

The filming of the Nativity scenes have been great fun and the children looked adorable in their costumes! You are in for a treat with the photos and videos that you can enjoy watching and showing to friends and family over the Christmas holidays – the videos are still in the editing suite, but we will let you know when they are on Tapestry.

We are extremely excited to say that we won the Trust Christmas tree competition! It is with thanks for all your wonderful decorations that the children made for home learning. Our colleagues from our senior teams across the Trust voted and out of all the schools entered we got the most votes! Super exciting to have won in our first year – and I am sure you will agree it is a beautiful tree.

As we enter the Spring Term and a new year, we will be welcoming new additions to our school family with new Nursery children and staff. We are excited that we have Mrs Bidmead and Miss Fisher-Payne joining the teaching team, as well as a teaching student for the Spring term, Miss Matthews. We have been so well supported in our first term with staff coming over to St Michael's from across our other Trust schools as we set up our Early Years provision and recruited for staff to move forward on our journey in the new year.

I wanted to express my huge thanks and gratitude to Mrs Gribble for supporting us from the beginning of term. She will return to Ellacombe with a new role there in the Spring term. I know you will join me in saying she has been a firm favourite of the children and she has promised to keep in touch.

Miss Bolton will be returning to her full-time role at Warberry but she will continue to support us at St Michael's by offering cover and will be with us in the first few weeks back to offer stability to the team. Thank you to Miss Bolton for being so creative with the children and supporting them so well this half term.

Thank you too to Mrs May and Miss Grant who have been instrumental in setting up our new school to ensure we are offering the children the very best start.



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I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff at St Michaels's, including Miss Mueller at lunch times, for their commitment to the children and families. It is due to their love and support that we have created together such a strong school family. We as a staff, would like to thank all our families for your never-ending support.

We will end the term with a fun Christmas party tomorrow with dancing and games and the children are welcome to wear their party clothes to school.

It just leaves me to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I look forward to continuing our journey together in 2022.

Best Wishes

J Edwards

Mrs Julie Edwards
Head of Academy