



# Michael Drayton Junior School Newsletter

December 2011



This is the last newsletter before Christmas and a very busy December is in store. The key dates are included in this newsletter.

Can I take this opportunity of wishing everyone connected with our school a happy and peaceful Christmas and every good wishes for 2012.

Mr J. Buxton  
Headteacher



Mr Richard Chapman, Warwickshire Senior ICT Advisor and a former teacher at this school, visited us on Wednesday 23 November to present the ICT Mark Accreditation during assembly. This is the second time we have been accredited and our thanks go to Mr Reardon, Mrs White and Mr Uttley for preparing the detailed submission.

## Best Overall Class Attendance—November

3Rs - with a total attendance of 97.2% Well done!!



The school will be holding two carol services for pupils at Hartshill Parish Church on Tuesday 13th December for Years 4 and 6 and Wednesday 14th December for Years 3 and 5 at 10am

There will be a small amount of seating for any parents who wish to join us.



## CHRISTMAS DISCO

The PTA will be holding Christmas discos on

**Tuesday 13 December**  
and  
**Wednesday 14 December**  
**6:30pm—8:00pm**

Tickets will be on sale at school from Wednesday 7 December during morning break and will cost £1.00 each.

## CHRISTMAS TREE

The school christmas tree which stands in the large hall needs a good home!



The 8ft tall tree is available from Friday 16 December after 3:20pm and is free to a good home.

If you are interested please contact the school office on:  
Tel 024 7639 2272



The Junior Road Safety Officers, Courtney Neal, Tyler Cotton, Charlotte Bibby and Chloe Phillips organised a competition and it was our first competition so we decided to do a "design a road safety poster"

The key to this competition was to see if the students of Michael Drayton understand the rules of road safety and there were over 100 fantastic entries but we could only have one winner from each year.

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| Winners: | Francesca Chapman | 3Mc |
|          | Sophie Phillips   | 4St |
|          | Ellie Morris      | 5Ma |
|          | Stephanie Moss    | 6Gp |

Written by Courtney Neal

*Please could all telephone messages from parents to pupils be done before lunchtime to enable us to put them in the class message folders? Thank You!*

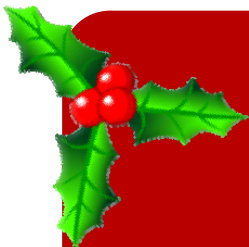
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## Snow and Bad Weather

If for any reason the school has to close, messages will be broadcast on:

**BBC CWR FM: 94.8 or 104FM**

**Mercia Radio: 97 or 102.9FM**

We will also be using our Teachers2Parents text messaging service to inform parents if the school is closed so please ensure that the school office has your up-to-date mobile numbers if you would like to receive these messages.

You can also sign up for free text alerts at:

***<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures>***

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## Free School Meals

**Is your child entitled to free school meals?** Parents who apply for free school meals are also entitled to other benefits such as funding for after school clubs, swimming, residential trips etc.

You are entitled if you claim :

- Income support
- Income-based job seekers allowance
- Income-related employment & support allowance
- Child tax credit (but not working tax credit) and annual taxable income must not exceed £16,190
- Guaranteed element of state pension

**To apply:**

**Online: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)**

**By telephone: 01926 742060**



Children in Need

We managed to raise

**£359.33**

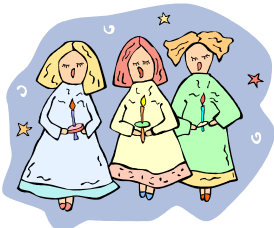
Thank you to everyone  
who donated

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**Bingo Donations** — We would really appreciate some donations for prizes - items such as bottles of wine/spirits, boxes of chocolates, selection boxes, toiletries, tins of biscuits and Christmas ornaments are perfect. **THANK YOU**



# December in School



## Tuesday 6 December

Christmas Bingo—Doors open at 6:30pm–9:00pm  
Parents' Evening 4ST–3:30pm–5:00pm (in classroom)

## Wednesday 7 December

Parents' Evening 4ST – 5:00pm–6:30pm (in meeting room – main reception entrance)

## Monday 12 December

Yr 6 Christmas Party (Uniform to be worn before lunch – Party clothes for after lunch)

## Tuesday 13 December

Yr 4 and Yr 6 Church Carol service–10:00am (Parents welcome)  
Yr 5 Christmas Party (Uniform to be worn before lunch – Party clothes for after lunch)  
Christmas Disco – 6:30pm–8:00pm

## Wednesday 14 December

Yr 3 and Yr 5 Church Carol Service – 10:00am (Parents welcome)  
Yr 4 Christmas Party (Uniform to be worn before lunch – Party clothes for after lunch)  
Christmas Disco – 6:30pm–8:00pm

## Thursday 15 December

Yr 3 Christmas Party (Uniform to be worn before lunch – Party clothes for after lunch)  
Whole school Christmas Dinner

## Friday 16 December

Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime  
School closes at 3:20pm



School re-opens on  
Wednesday 4 January

