



Michael House School

Newsletter

A STEINER WALDORF SCHOOL IN THE HEART OF ENGLAND

Autumn Term 2018

As this is my first newsletter I thought I would take a moment to introduce myself. I am the newly appointed receptionist at school following my predecessor, Chanchal Mistry's retirement. As a family we came to Michael House two years ago after we made the huge decision to move our lives down here from West Yorkshire. Our girls were at the Calder Valley Steiner School in Hebden Bridge which had no upper school so we took the leap and came to live in Nottingham and we are now very settled here!

Wow what an eventful term we've had! Let's take a look back at some of the wonderful events we've had.

As I write this we have just finished our marvellous Christmas lunch in our school hall cooked by our lovely lunch ladies Sue and Colleen. The food was delicious and the tables were decorated beautifully and what a wonderful sight it was to see all the children and teachers sitting and eating together. Let's hope this is the start of another great tradition here at Michael House!

Looking Back – Autumn Term

Lantern walk

A truly beautiful walk through the school and surrounding woodland, lighting up our way with many lanterns carried by the children. It is lovely to see all the work that went into making such colourful lanterns and of course to hear the singing of the traditional song;



*I'm going with my lantern
My Lantern Goes with me.
And up in the sky the stars shine,
And down below shines me.*

*My light goes out, I must go home,
Abim alabam alabim
My light goes out I must go home,
Abim alabam alabim.*



Advent Spiral

A peaceful, moving and very special experience for all the children and parents



Advent Fair

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our advent fair a very successful one! It is always lovely to see new faces and old friends join us on the day. I felt that the advent fair was like a huge treat for the senses as the wonderful smells fill the air, the musical chorus of the choir echoes through the hall and the variety of festive crafts and stalls to explore and create really do make for a fabulous fair! I have to say that the wreath making was my favourite, the beautiful aroma of the greenery and the soothing music made it a very pleasant wreath making experience. I hear that the gnome garden was a roaring success with a constant flow of makers coming to create their beautiful gnome gardens so well done to everyone who helped make this happen. The food hall and the continental cafe were also a huge success with so many delicious homemade dishes and cakes so thank you to everyone who contributed and helped out here on the day. Special thanks to Sarah Pollard and Rachel Middleton for their excellent coordinating roles

The total that we raised at the fair this year so far is **£4.484**, up from £4006 from last year so thank you and well done!

Advent Fair 2018	Total
	
Food hall	1030.8
Food hall drinks	166
Gnome gardens	262
Continental cafe	266.5
Gingerbread house	77
Teddy Tombola and crafts	75
Wreaths	190
Home produce + Lucky dip	189.5
Raffle tickets	576.8
Entrance	437.5
Stall holders	235
Mulled Juice	40
Fairy Jingles	34.5
Glitter tattoos	19
Carol Singing Donation	50
Advent strings	800
Total	4.484

Dates for your diaries

2018

Friday 14th December – 12.30pm Main School End of term

Friday 14th December – Christmas Plays – Paradise Play 7pm

Shepherds Play 8pm (General Public Performances)

25th December – Christmas Day, school open for carol singing 4pm-5pm

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Monday 7th January - Policy Day

Tuesday 8th January - School reopens (including kindergarten) 8.30am

Saturday 2nd February - 10.30am-1.30pm Open Morning

Saturday 2nd February – Calypso Day 12-3pm Mommas Soul Food Kitchen

Thursday 14th February - 9.30-11.30am Guided Tours

**Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
With warmth, Chevonne**