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**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

## **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

December has flown by and it's almost Christmas time! We've had a wonderful, busy and exciting term, with so many experiences and trips, great learning from every class and lots of changes around school. Christmas and the start of a new year is often a time of reflection and resolution, where we review the year gone by and look ahead to new adventures. We hope that you all have a peaceful, relaxing, fun-filled two week break with family, friends and loved ones, and return in 2019 full of energy, ready for the Spring term. From all of us at St. Michael's, we'd like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas. Stay safe, have fun and be good!



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## Fond Farewells and Warm Welcomes

As we say goodbye to 2018, we also have some goodbyes to say at St. Michael's too!

We'd like to say a huge thank you and good luck to Mrs Archer, as she moves on to a different role in another school. Although she's only been with us since September, Einstein class will miss her compassion, the way she knows the children in so much detail and her excellent story-reading skills!

Miss Brennan is also moving on to a new job, away from education. She has been a bouncy, energetic and hard-working teacher here at St. Michael's for the past four years and we will miss her honesty, beautiful singing voice and sharp sense of humour. Miss Brennan has thrown her heart and soul into supporting the children of Twerton and she always strives to be the best she can, whatever the task. We wish her the very best of luck for the future! Thank you, Miss Brennan!

After ELEVEN years of service to St. Michael's, Mrs Willis (our Lifeskills teacher and all-round wonderful person) is leaving to focus on other projects, including spending more time with her family and supporting the family business. It has been a joy and pleasure to work with her, in many different situations, including supply-teacher cover, weekly Lifeskills lessons, 1:1 boosters and even a stint teaching Year 6! As a teacher, Mrs Willis is calm, measured, creative and encouraging, with a gentle and loving nature. Nothing is ever too much trouble and she really cares about each child and member of staff. We're so lucky to have known her for so long! We will miss you so much, Mrs Willis!

Marie Hyden, our wonderful cleaner, is retiring after 18 years of working her magic on our classrooms and corridors. She has worked tirelessly to ensure everywhere stays clean, tidy and safe for staff and children, regularly going above and beyond the call of duty. We'd like to say a huge and heart-felt thank you for all of her efforts and hard work. Enjoy your retirement and get some well-earned rest!

We're thrilled to say that Miss Warlow, who has been teaching in one of our Bath and Wells hub schools, St. Stephen's, will be joining us after Christmas and teaching the Y3 Blake class for the rest of the academic year.

We are in the recruitment process for a teacher for Y4/5 Einstein class and will update parents as soon as we secure a great new teacher for them.

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## Attendance Cup Leader-board

	This week	This year so far
	Attenborough 96.5%	Attenborough 94%
	Blake 93.2%	Einstein 93.4%
	Dahl 92.6%	Dahl 93.3%

## Attendance Focus Fortnight

Tomorrow, we will be drawing the prize-winners for our Attendance Focus Fortnight! During the two focus weeks, we saw an increase in the school's attendance and were so pleased with the efforts we saw to ensure your child was at school on time, every day.

Well done, and keep it up! Let's aim for every class to reach our target of 96%!



School success starts  
with attendance

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## Learning Snapshots



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## Dates for the diary

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December - Last day of Term 2  
12.30pm raffle draw; 1.15pm finish

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January - INSET Day

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January - First day back for children  
- Y5 swimming sessions start

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January - School Disco (evening)

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February - Last day of Term 3

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February - INSET Day



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