



WEEK BEGINNING 9TH DECEMBER

Events this week:

Monday 9 th December	SEND Coffee Afternoon for parents 2-3pm
Tuesday 10 th December	Panto at SHP Yrs 1, 2 & 3
Wednesday 11 th December	Panto at SHP Yrs 4, 5 & 6
Thursday 12 th December	EYFS Nativity (9.15am)
	Rocksteady Concert

Looking forwards: (dates/times may be subject to change)

Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas lunch
	KS1 Nativity (5.30pm) *
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas service in Church
Friday 20 th December	END OF TERM (1.30pm finish time)

- **These events will have a limited capacity. A booking form will be sent shortly.**

Don't forget you can see key events on the school website Calendar page

<https://www.stmichaelsesthampstead.com/diary/grid/2024/10/>



ADVENT

As a school, this Advent we will be using the Church of England resource "Follow the Star: Calm and Bright" for our worship each week.

Below is a link to a beautiful Advent Calendar which can be used at home along the same theme. Each day, open a window to reveal a family activity for you to try.

[Advent Calendar | The Church of England](#) Daily advent calendar

Don't forget our Christmas Posada. If you wish to host Mary & Joseph, please drop us a message on secretary@stmicheast.co.uk

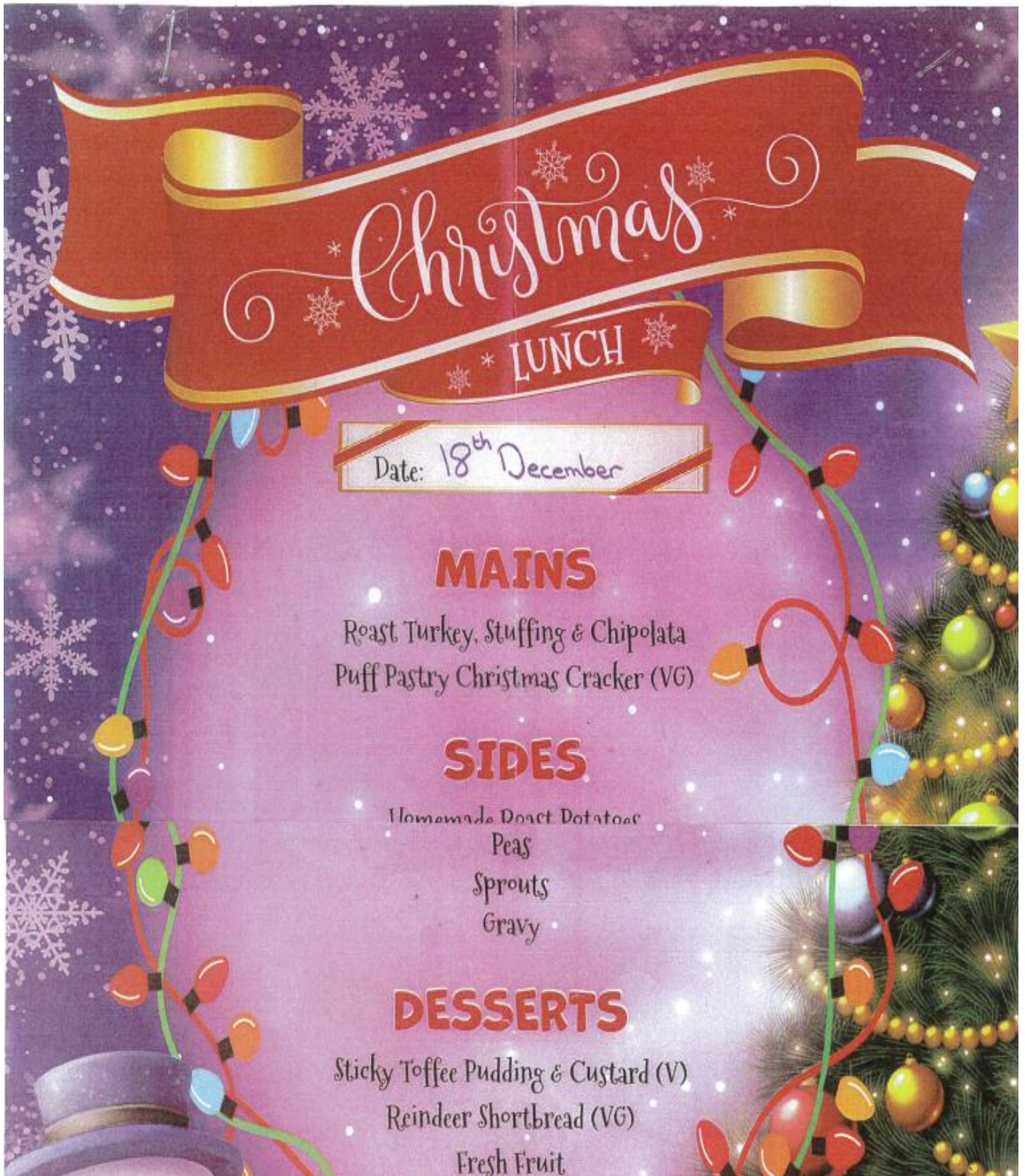
After school clubs

Booking for Karate club on a Monday evening will be re-open on Monday 9th December. It runs every Monday until 4:30.

Parents can enrol by clicking the link below. If you would like more information please contact me on 07760882203 or

bck@blockandcounterkarate.co.uk

<https://club.spond.com/landing/courses/blockandcounterk/B329756FA2CE4D508938C52F58BE7C6E>



Christmas

LUNCH

Date: 18th December

MAINS

Roast Turkey, Stuffing & Chipolata
Puff Pastry Christmas Cracker (VG)

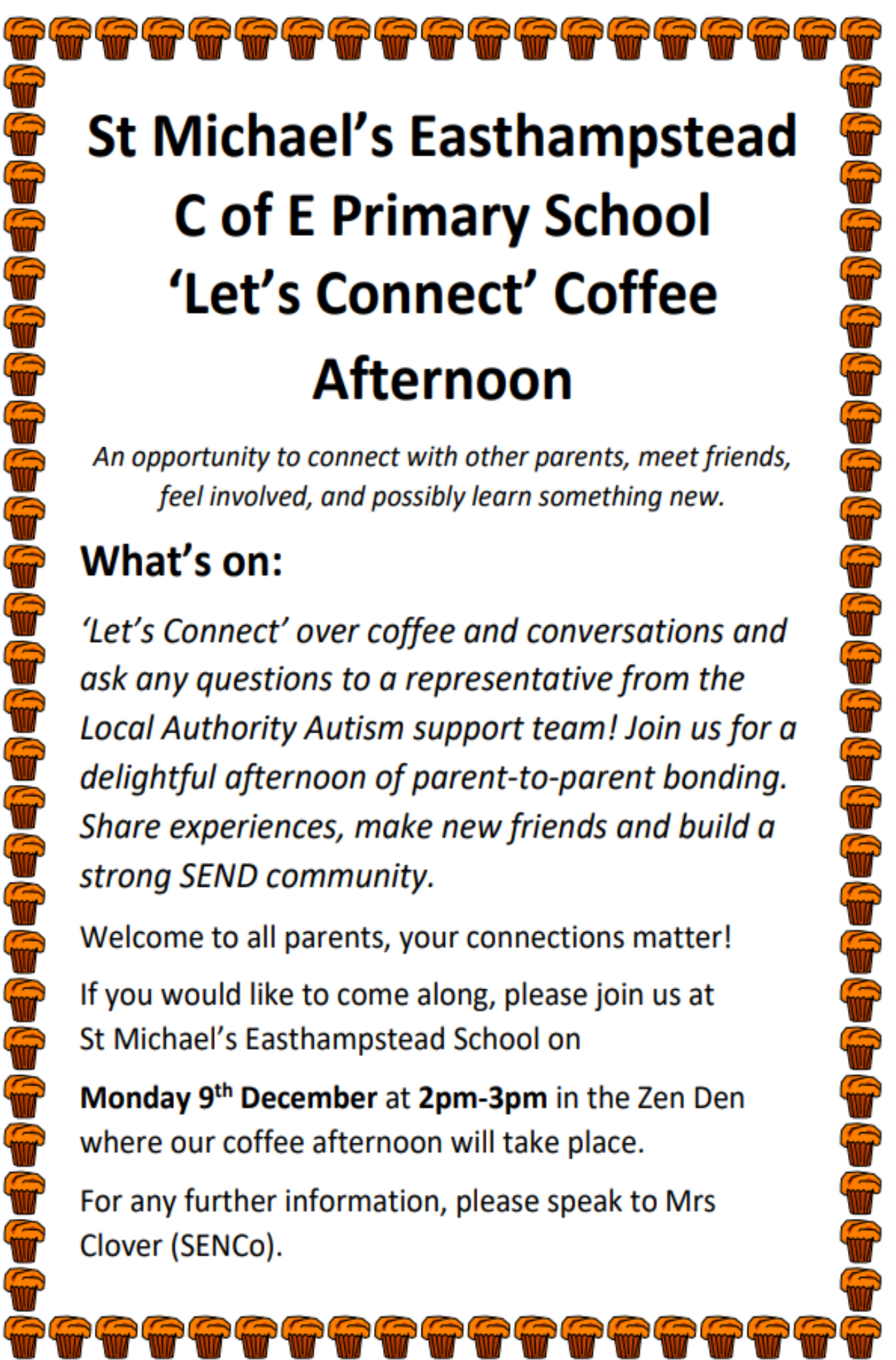
SIDES

Homemade Roast Potatoes
Peas
Sprouts
Gravy

DESSERTS

Sticky Toffee Pudding & Custard (V)
Reindeer Shortbread (VG)
Fresh Fruit

Please note that Christmas lunch MUST BE PRE-BOOKED by Wednesday 11th December



St Michael's Easthampstead C of E Primary School 'Let's Connect' Coffee Afternoon

*An opportunity to connect with other parents, meet friends,
feel involved, and possibly learn something new.*

What's on:

*'Let's Connect' over coffee and conversations and
ask any questions to a representative from the
Local Authority Autism support team! Join us for a
delightful afternoon of parent-to-parent bonding.
Share experiences, make new friends and build a
strong SEND community.*

Welcome to all parents, your connections matter!

If you would like to come along, please join us at
St Michael's Easthampstead School on

Monday 9th December at 2pm-3pm in the Zen Den
where our coffee afternoon will take place.

For any further information, please speak to Mrs
Clover (SENCo).



Easthampstead Parish Church

St. Michael and St. Mary Magdalene Church

Christmas
Services

Sunday, 15th December
3pm - Christingle Service

Sunday, 22nd December
6pm - Nine Lessons and Carols

Tuesday, 24th December
3:00pm - Crib Service
7:00pm - 'Light up a Life'
11:30pm - Midnight Service

Wednesday, 25th December
8am - Christmas Day Service
10:00am - Christmas Day Service

 **Easthampstead**
Parish Church



CRIB SERVICE

Christmas Eve - 3pm

This is a service for children and families, with live music and lots of carols, based on the Christmas story.

Everyone is invited to dress up and help act out the story, singing favourite carols to help tell the story. You are invited simply to turn up in costume and join in, and it doesn't matter if there ten people all dressed as Mary! We will have some character costumes available before the service (to get these you'll need to turn up at 2:30-2:50pm.

This service lasts approximately half an hour.



What is Thrive@StMichaels?

Every Wednesday 3-3:45pm in St Michael's Parish Centre (during the school term) we welcome any member of the Easthampstead community to donate, collect, share and reuse items so that all may thrive. **Come and have a browse and refreshments.**



We will have tables for children's coats & shoes, St Michael's uniforms, toys, books and long-life food items. Please make sure all donations are in good condition and clean.

Thank you to those who have already donated.

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Want to find out more? Think you can help? Speak to Helen, Sally or Revd Gareth.

Special events taking place in December.

December 11th - Thrive will be open from 2.30pm for parents to come and have a look for Christmas Presents without their children. Normal opening after school for the kids to have a rummage and a biscuit (or two).

December 18th - Our final Thrive of 2024 will include LIVE MUSIC, MINCE PIES AND CHOCOLATE CAKES. There may even be some sweets! **We welcome the whole community to join us.**



Christmas fun

Free holiday activities and food (HAF) for children and young people entitled to benefit related free school meals (FSM).

Bracknell Forest Council is working closely with local companies to help support a wide range of children's Christmas holiday clubs.

The holiday clubs provide:

- sports
- music and drama
- dance
- cooking
- arts and crafts

and so many more fun activities!

Clubs provide a healthy meal and snacks. Check the clubs booking page for more information.

The holiday activities and food programme is a Department for Education funded programme to support children aged 4-16 years (Reception - Year 11) in receipt of benefits related free school meals.

Booking is available from **15 November 2024** for children registered for free school meals.

Register for free school meals:
www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/free-school-meals
Book your place on the HAF programme: bit.ly/haf-bracknell

Parent groups



CYBER PROTECT
The Digital Dilemma

Keeping Your Kids Safe Online
December 4th, 11th, 18th

FREE WEBINAR FOR PARENTS & CARERS
Thames Valley Police
Hints and tips to secure your family online, covering:

Gaming  **Social Media**  **Email**

BOOK YOUR SPACE:
Eventbrite: [Police - South East Cyber](#)

DON'T LET IT BE GAME OVER
LEVEL UP YOUR ONLINE SECURITY



Community Learning at Bracknell
Open Learning Centre

Bracknell Forest Council

Lego maths with your child

Fridays 10 January – 14 February,
9.30am – 10.30am

If you are a parent of a child aged 2-4 years, increase your confidence introducing mathematical concepts to them using Lego DUPLO! Building bricks make learning together exciting, engaging and most importantly fun! The sessions are **free** and take place at **The Oaks Family Hub**



To book a course:
Online: www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/community-learning
Phone: 01344 354220
Email: community.learning@bracknell-forest.gov.uk
By post: Bracknell Open Learning Centre, Rectory Lane, Bracknell, RG12 7GR

www.facebook.com/bracknelladultlearning

