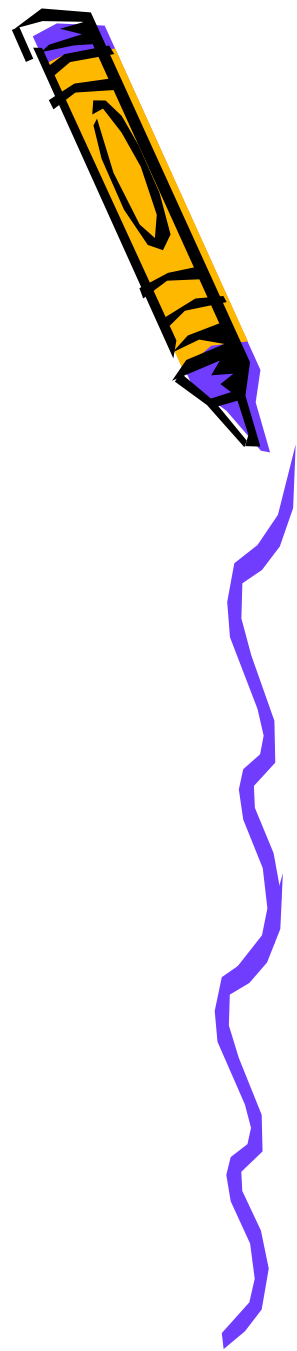
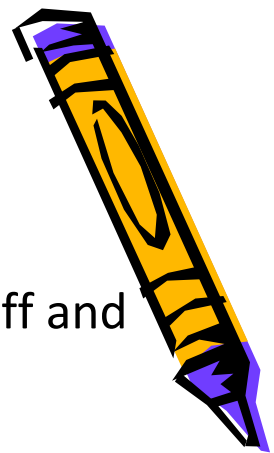


Welcome to
St. Michael's Nursery
and Infant School

Information for New Starters



Visits to School



New Starters

We have arranged some provisional dates for you to meet with staff and help your child settle in to school. Due to the changing nature of Government guidance, these dates are subject to change.

Nursery and Reception children

Parent and child 1-2-1 sessions for children who are **brand new to our school** will be held on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September.

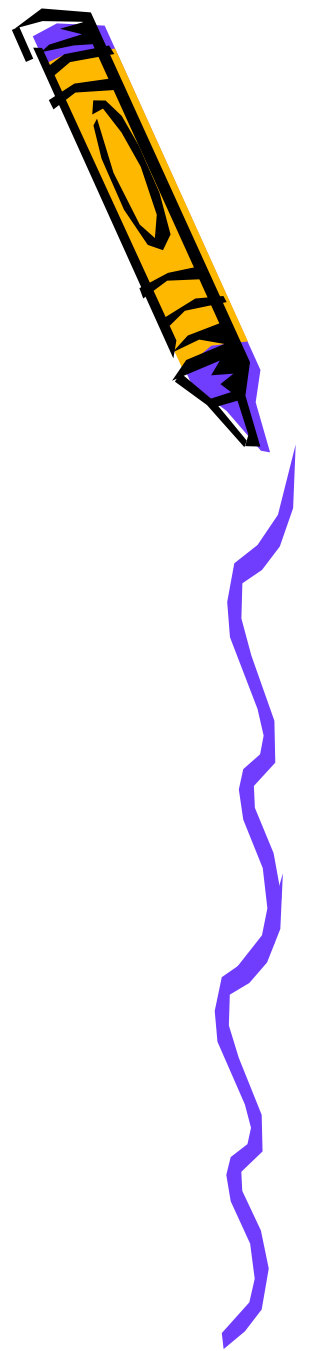
This will be in place of a home visit. You will be able to bring your child to visit the Nursery or Reception classroom, meet staff and share information. You will be able to share any concerns and ask questions in a relaxed, friendly environment.

These meetings will last approximately 20 minutes

If you are unable to attend your appointment, please contact school to discuss an alternative.



Early Years Staff



Mrs Sarah Ives – Teacher

Mrs Katrina Cartner – Higher Level Teaching Assistant

Miss Wendy White - Teaching Assistant (mornings)

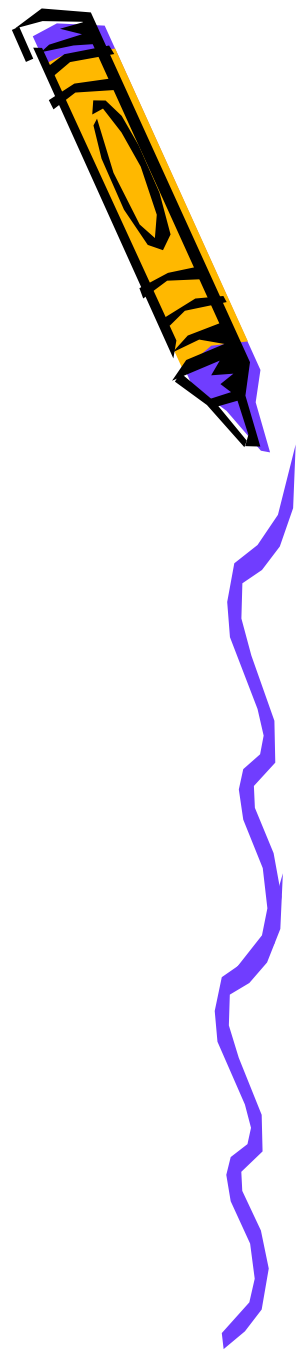
Mrs Catherine Reay - Teaching Assistant (support)

Mrs Natalie Cartner – Teaching Assistant

Mrs Debbie Proudman – Teaching Assistant (support)



Starting School - Nursery



Monday 7th September

Children who are new to our school will visit with their parents for a 'stay and play' session from 9.30-10.30am.

Tuesday 8th September

Children who were with us last year will return to school for full sessions from 8.50-11.50am.

Wednesday 9th September

Our new children will join us from 9.30-11am (on their own)
This is to meet their new Nursery friends.

Thursday 10th and Friday 11th September

All children will be in for full sessions

Monday 14th September

30 hours provision begins



Starting School - Reception

Children will initially be split into 2 groups

Monday 7th September

Group A 8.50am - 11am Group B 1pm - 3pm

Tuesday 8th September

Group B 8.50am – 11am Group A 1pm – 3pm

Wednesday 9th September

Group A 8.50am – 12.30pm (including lunch) Group B 1pm – 3pm

Thursday 10th September

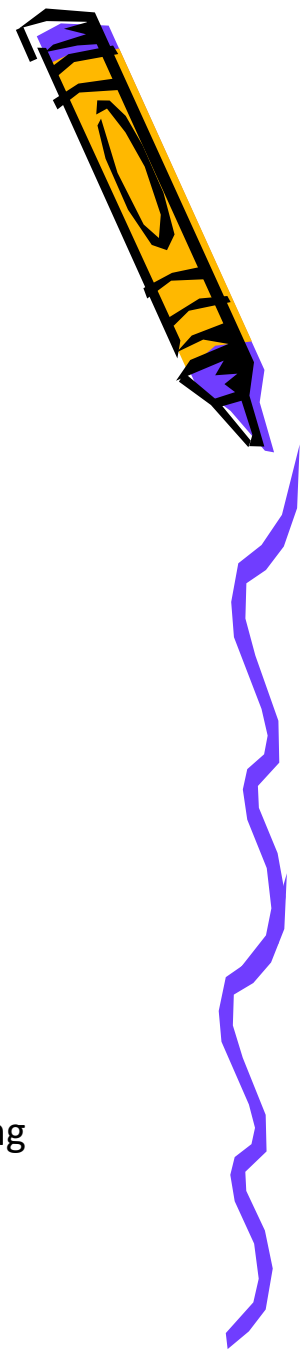
Group B 8.50am – 12.30pm (including lunch) Group A 1pm – 3pm

Friday 11th September

All children in from 8.50am – 1pm.

This will be the first time the children will be together as a full class and will include going over to the School Hall in the Upper School for their lunch.

**FROM MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER ALL CHILDREN WILL BE
IN SCHOOL FOR FULL DAYS 8.50AM – 3PM**



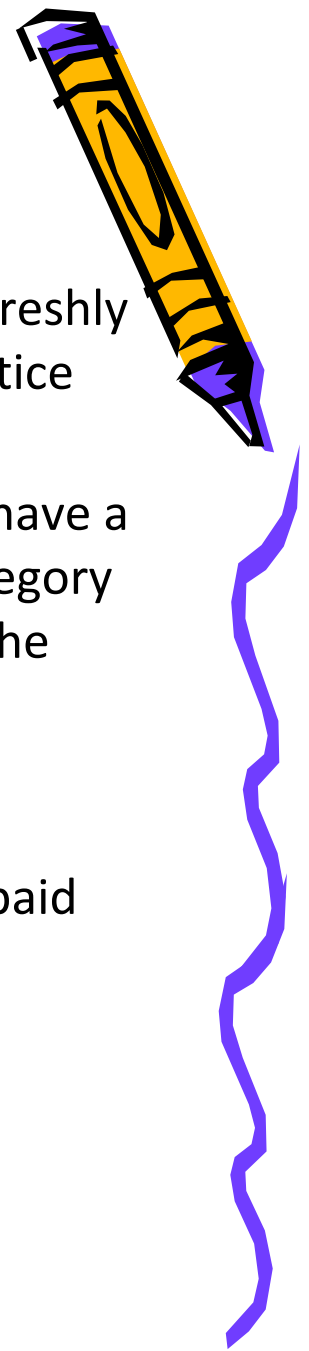
Settling in



- We do really appreciate that a transition period can be disruptive for parents, but we feel that a gradual and phased return will be essential for the children's well being this year more than ever.
- Please do be aware that all plans are provisional at this stage.
- We don't yet know if there will be any restrictions on class sizes etc still in place in September.



Useful information



- **School Dinners**

Reception children are entitled to a free school lunch. All meals are freshly cooked in our on site kitchen. Menus are displayed each week on notice boards and on our website www.smhwkt.cumbria.sch.uk

Please note - as an alternative to a hot school lunch, your child may have a sandwich or jacket potato with various fillings. Please inform Mrs Gregory in the office on Monday morning if you would like to change any of the menu choices for that week.

- **Snack money**

We ask for a contribution of 50p a week towards snack. This can be paid weekly or at the start of the half term.

- **Morning club**

This is held each morning from 8am at a cost of £1 a day.

Please note that booking is essential.



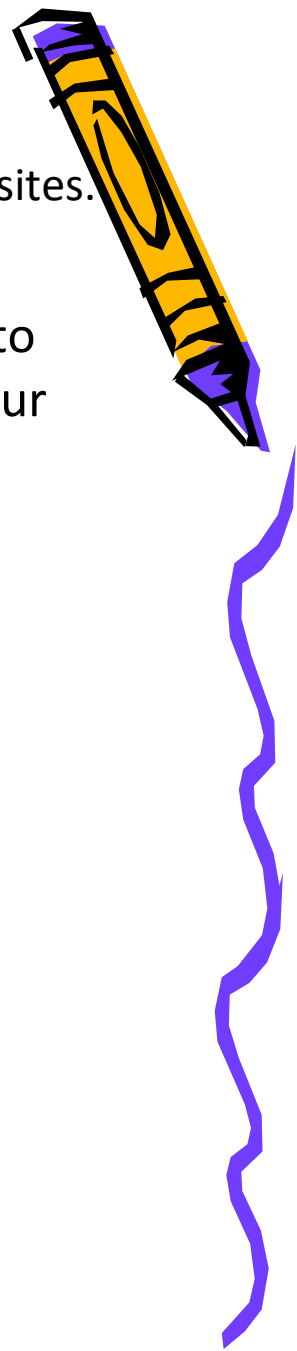
Clothing



- Please label all clothing with your child's name.
- Please do not send children to school wearing jewellery including earrings, as this prevents them from being able to take part in some activities. We prefer children not to have pierced earrings. If they are already pierced they must be removed before school as staff can't remove them. Children will not be able to do P.E. if they have earrings in.
- Please ensure appropriate footwear is worn and clothing is manageable for children to remove and dress themselves.
- Please ensure all Reception children have a PE kit including a T-shirt and shorts. The kit should be left in a bag on their pegs throughout the week - Trainers are not required.
- Please bring clothing appropriate for the weather as we operate an outdoor curriculum everyday.



School Uniform



Uniform needs to be ordered online. You have a choice of 2 different websites.

1. Border Embroideries online

- Uniforms ordered from the website can either be sent directly to your home or to school. If you choose to have orders sent to your home address, a delivery charge will be applied.
- www.border-embroideries.co.uk
- Click on 'Schools On-line Ordering'
- Click on 'S-U'
- Click on St. Michael's Nursery & Infant School logo

2. My Clothing Uniform Service

- Go to www.myclothing.com
- Enter the school postcode CA14 2UY
- Choose quantity and sizes and add to basket
- Pay with debit or credit card at the checkout



Items should be delivered to your home within 14 days

Golden Rules

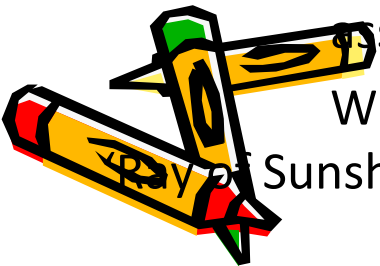
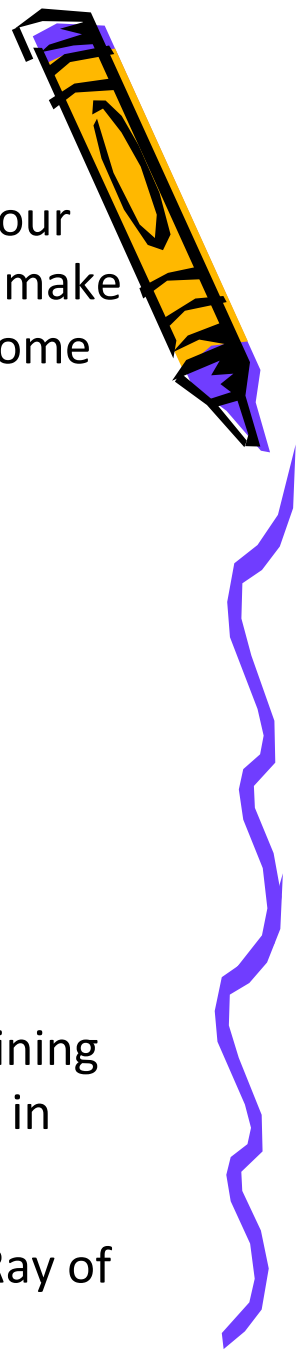
Please help us to uphold and promote our policies for positive behaviour through the use of St Michael's Golden Rules. Rewards and sanctions make a big difference to behaviour in our school and can be reinforced at home to encourage consistently good behaviour.

Our Golden Rules are:

- We always try to be honest
- We try to be kind and helpful
- We listen carefully and always work hard
- We welcome others and help them to belong
- We celebrate the fact that everyone is different
- We cooperate and try to be gentle with others
- We look after our school and property

Children are rewarded with stickers that they place on a teddy containing 10 spaces. When each teddy is full of stickers, children receive a prize in assembly on Friday.

We also choose a 'Star of the Week' for good work and a 'Ray of Sunshine' for keeping the Golden Rules.



Assessment & Reporting



- Assessment is daily and on-going through observation and some more formal assessments. All children have individual records.
- There are also parent's meetings in Autumn and Spring Term.
- We are happy to discuss progress at other times. Please ask.

- Home school information sharing

Your child will bring a reading diary home each week - any comments you would like to add will be much appreciated.



Attendance and Pupil Premium

- Attendance in Reception is compulsory. Attendance is checked regularly and we follow up any unexplained absences. We will also speak to you about persistent lateness.
- Schools are no longer able to authorise any holidays during term time. In exceptional circumstances leave can be authorised by the Headteacher. Please apply in writing beforehand.
- Pupil Premium – this is money to be spent on YOUR child. Information about which children are entitled to it and how to apply for funding will be available at the 1-2-1 sessions at the start of term.



Star Moments

‘Star Moments’ can tell us about anything of interest that you would like to share with us. For example, your child’s favourite bedtime story, the day they went swimming for the first time or how they managed to get themselves dressed.

Please remember that your child is unique. What he/she enjoys doing or achieves for the first time is personal to them and should be recognised whenever it takes place regardless of when their friends did something similar.

Star moments cards are available in your child’s classroom.

Completed cards may be placed in ‘Star’ boxes in the classrooms.



Safety & medical information



- **What if my child falls or has an accident at school?**
Please ensure all emergency contact numbers are kept up to date.
- Collecting children during the school day – please sign children in and out at the office
- **Tummy bugs** – please leave 48 hrs after the end of symptoms.



Safeguarding is our highest priority.

A leaflet is available and will be shared with you during our 1-2-1 sessions.

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) - Mrs Richardson

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) - Mrs Ives

All staff who work in our school undergo safeguarding training every year.





- We very much look forward to meeting you in September and hope that you have found this information useful.
- All of the information will be discussed again at your individual meeting but in the meantime if you require any further information, please contact the School Office 01900608111 or admin@smhwkt.cumbria.sch.uk

