

St. Michael's Nursery & Infant School

NEWSLETTER – February 2019

Welcome to our first Newsletter of 2019!

Attendance

Next week we will be sending home an individual attendance summary for each child. The summary details the percentage of attendance during the Autumn Term 2018. Our current whole school attendance up to date is 94.28% which is slightly under the Local Authority target of 95%. Please ensure that your child attends school as much as possible. Thank you

Governors Update

Our last Full Governors Meeting was Monday 4th February. The Governors discussed dates to come into school to observe how different lessons are taught. They will do writing observations and see how children progress throughout school from Nursery right through to Year 2. Mrs Brown, our Chair of Governors has been into school last week to talk to the children and ask them all about their time in school and what they enjoy doing. Mrs Brown will report her findings to the rest of the governing body.

PE kits

Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school every day. This does not have to be the school PE kit but must be shorts and t-shirt unless a specific request has been made that children wear long trousers for example after school clubs etc. Please remember to always label your child's clothing, coats, PE kits, hats etc to ensure they don't get lost in school. Thank you

Safeguarding

St Michael's Nursery and Infant School places a high level of importance on the welfare, protection and safeguarding of all its pupils. There are posters around school with useful numbers to contact if you are worried or concerned about a child or a family. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Cumbria Safeguarding Hub: 0333 240 1727

NSPCC: 0800 800 5000

Joint School Council Meeting

The school councillors from Year 2 went with Mrs Reay to a joint school council meeting last week at Allerdale House. The meeting was a get together of lots of different schools' councillors to discuss issues that affect our area. The councillors discussed different ways of recycling and keeping the local streets clean and many ideas were shared. In our school, we recycle a lot of our plastic and cardboard by junk modelling and any left over is recycled using the purple sack scheme. Ideas about reducing dog mess on the pavements was discussed with a possibility of installing a dog bag dispenser outside every school. Please watch this space for more developments!

World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March 2019 we will be celebrating World Book Day. This is a celebration of reading and this year our theme will be 'Bedtime Stories'. We are asking children to come into school dressed in pyjamas and a dressing gown or a onesie and bring their favourite bedtime story book and donate £1.00 towards school funds. During the day we will be doing lots of fun reading and rhyming activities. We will be issuing the children with a £1.00 book token. The book tokens can be used locally in either WHSmiths or Hills books.

Dates for your diary

<i>11th - 15th February</i>	<i>Week of learning about Chinese New Year – Year of the Pig</i>
<i>13th February</i>	<i>Reverend Peter Powell Assembly</i>
<i>15th February</i>	<i>School Closes at 3.00pm for half term</i>
<i>25th February</i>	<i>School re-opens at 8.50am for Spring Term 2</i>
<i>28th February</i>	<i>Chris Hodgson Kinder Cricket KS1 1-3pm</i>
<i>4th March</i>	<i>Whale Tales at Tullie House Reception, Years 1 and 2 with parents 10.30am (see Whale Tale letter for details)</i>
<i>7th March</i>	<i>World Book Day (Please come in pyjamas or onesies and donate £1)</i>
<i>7th March</i>	<i>Chris Hodgson Kinder Cricket KS1 1-3pm</i>
<i>8th March</i>	<i>Primary Puppets Performance in school</i>
<i>19th March</i>	<i>Image Theatre Performance in school</i>
<i>29th March</i>	<i>Early Years Dance Performance 9.45am St Michael's Parish Room</i>
<i>29th March</i>	<i>School closes at 1.15pm for Easter Break</i>
<i>15th April</i>	<i>School re-opens at 8.50am for Summer Term 1</i>
<i>18th April</i>	<i>Udance at the Carnegie Theatre 5.30pm (See Udance letter for details)</i>
<i>19th April</i>	<i>School Closed – Good Friday</i>
<i>22nd April</i>	<i>School Closed – Easter Monday</i>
<i>2 weeks in May</i>	<i>SATs during 2 selected weeks in May (dates to be confirmed)</i>
<i>6th May</i>	<i>School Closed – Bank Holiday</i>
<i>8th May</i>	<i>KS1 Football Competition at Lakes College 9.15am-1pm</i>
<i>14th May</i>	<i>KS1 to Belvedere Dental Practise</i>
<i>15th May</i>	<i>Belvedere Dental Practise visit to Early Years</i>
<i>24th May</i>	<i>School Closes at 3pm for half term</i>
<i>3rd June</i>	<i>School re-opens at 8.50am for Summer Term 2</i>
<i>10th June</i>	<i>Phonics Week</i>
<i>18th June</i>	<i>Reception Multiskills Festival at St Joseph's</i>
<i>19th July</i>	<i>School Closes at 1.15pm for Summer Break</i>