

St. Michael's Nursery & Infant School

NEWSLETTER – March 2019

Attendance and Punctuality

As you are probably aware we have had a lot of nasty bugs doing the rounds in school recently. Hopefully everyone is over the worst and returning to school gradually. Please remember if your child is unwell and has a fever they must stay at home as this avoids passing things on to other children and staff. As always if your child has sickness or diarrhea they must remain at home until 48 hours after the last incident.

In spite of all the nasty bugs our whole school attendance is 93.11%. Year 2 are still in the lead with 97% followed by Reception with 95%, Year 1 with 94% and Nursery with 90%. Punctuality remains an issue for a few families and children are still arriving after the registers have been closed. All children should be in school before the doors close at 9.00am so that the registers can be done and lessons begin on time. **If you arrive after this time you must take children to the school office so that they can be signed in.** If you are finding it difficult to get to school for 9am don't forget that the morning club is open from 8.00am at a cost of £1 per session.

SATs and Phonics Screening

In **May** Year 2 children will start their Standard Assessments Tasks and they will span over two weeks. The week beginning **Monday 10th June**, Phonics Screening will take place for Year 1 children and for the Year 2 children who didn't pass last year. We strongly advise that you do not take any holidays during term time to avoid the children missing these crucial dates.

As always please try to ensure your child gets plenty of sleep, has a good breakfast and attends school bright and early every day! Thank you.

Governors Update

The Governors met for their committee meetings recently and discussed many different areas of school life. They talked about ideas for fundraising for school to buy resources. There are lots of grants available from large companies and our Chair of Governors, Mrs Brown told the governing body that she will write to people with grant proposals to get more money into school for much needed resources.

World Book Day

Our celebration of World Book Day took place on 7th March and it was fabulous to see the children take part by coming to school in Pyjamas and onesies to take part in our bedtime stories theme. We raised £62.00 for school fund and we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who made a contribution!

Easter 'Decorate an egg' and Easter Colouring Competition

We will be running our annual 'Decorate an Egg' competition again this year for the whole school including Nursery – please bring your egg into school by **9.00am on Thursday 18th April**. As usual there will be 2 prizes in each class – one for 'Best with adult help' and one for 'Best without any help'. Please mark your entry clearly with whether you helped you child or not!

We will be completing lots of lovely Easter activities in school during the week beginning 15th April and this will include the children taking part in an Easter Colouring competition too!

New Crossing

You may have noticed the new Belisha Beacons and crossing on Station Road. This should help families cross safely before and after school. We are still waiting for the crossing to be painted so please remain vigilant when crossing Station Road.

Purple Mash Application

Purple Mash is an amazing educational application which everyone has access to and each pupil in school should have an individual log in. Individual login cards were sent home in September to KS1 and Reception and Nursery will be receiving theirs this week. If you would like any information on how to access Purple Mash or how it can be used please contact the school office.

Menu Changes

Our menus are rotated every three weeks. The menus are displayed around school to allow parents to view what their child will be eating each day. If there is something your child may not like you can order a jacket potato with various fillings or a sandwich. If you would like to make any changes to the menu this must be done on a Monday morning at the school office with Mrs Gregory. Ordering on a Monday morning will allow the School Cook, Mrs Tice to order enough supplies in for the week. Unfortunately we are unable to make any changes after Monday.

The 3 week menus are displayed online on our school website:

http://www.smhwkt.cumbria.sch.uk/parents_info/school_meals/index.htm

Website

Please have a look at our website regularly for updates and information on things that are happening in school. Our photo gallery is regularly updated with our latest events. Please go to http://www.smhwkt.cumbria.sch.uk/classes/photo_gallery/index.htm to see our latest activities in school.

Whale Tales Update – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Thank you to all parents and carers who have been able to take part in our Whale Tale journey so far. Our visit to Tullie House earlier this month was a great success! On Monday this week we completed 1 of the 2 Art Workshops with Ali from Prism Arts and David from Tullie House and created some beautiful artwork. Our next workshop is on Monday 25th March – Group A 1-2pm and Group B 2-3pm. A text reminder of your workshop will be sent out to confirm your time. Please come along and join in if you can.

The Great Workington Bunny Hunt Organised by The Crafty Workshop

The Crafty Workshop is holding a Bunny Hunt in Workington. There are lots of bunnies hiding in shop windows all over Workington during the Easter Holidays from **Saturday 30th March to Saturday 13th April**. If you would like to take part, please come to the school office, buy an entry sheet for £1 each and follow the clues to find the names of the bunnies to be in with a chance of winning a prize from The Crafty Workshop! All completed forms can be dropped off at either The Crafty Workshop during the holidays or to the school office on our first Monday back 15th April.

All monies raised will be donated to school funds to buy resources.

Dates for your diary

25 th March	Whale Tales Art Workshop with Parents 2 Groups
29 th March	Early Years Dance Performance 9.45am St Michael's Parish Room
29 th March	School closes at 1.15pm for Easter Break
15 th April	School re-opens at 8.50am for Summer Term 1
18 th April	Udance at the Carnegie Theatre 5.30pm (See Udance letter for details)
19 th April	School Closed – Good Friday
22 nd April	School Closed – Easter Monday
25 th April	Mini Police Assembly Road Safety with PCSO Alison Renney
26 th April	Rob Jefferson Multiskills Early Years 1 of 4
2 weeks in May	SATs during 2 selected weeks in May (dates to be confirmed)
3 rd May	Rob Jefferson Multiskills Early Years 2 of 4
6 th May	School Closed – Bank Holiday
8 th May	Reverend Peter Powell Assembly
8 th May	KS1 Football Competition at Lakes College 9.15am-1pm
10 th May	Rob Jefferson Multiskills Early Years 3 of 4
10 th May	Year 2 Swimming Lessons begin at Workington Leisure Centre (more details to follow)
14 th May	KS1 to Belvedere Dental Practice
15 th May	Belvedere Dental Practice visit to Early Years
17 th May	Rob Jefferson Multiskills Early Years 4 of 4
17 th May	Year 2 Swimming Lessons at Workington Leisure Centre
24 th May	Year 2 Swimming Lessons at Workington Leisure Centre
24 th May	School Closes at 3pm for half term
3 rd June	School re-opens at 8.50am for Summer Term 2
7 th June	Year 2 Swimming Lessons at Workington Leisure Centre
10 th June	Phonics Week
14 th June	Year 2 Swimming Lessons at Workington Leisure Centre
18 th June	Reception Multiskills Festival at St Joseph's 9.30-11.15am
20 th June	Sports Day at Derwent Park Reception, Years 1 and Year 2
21 st June	Year 2 Swimming Lessons at Workington Leisure Centre
28 th June	Year 2 Swimming Lessons at Workington Leisure Centre

2nd July
11.30am
Year 2 Rainbow Kicky Rounders at St Joseph's School 9.30-11.30am

5th July
12.30pm
Kinder Cricket Year 1 at Workington Cricket Club 9.15am-12.30pm

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