

St. Michael's Nursery & Infant School

NEWSLETTER – May 2019

Attendance and Punctuality

Our whole school attendance continues to be slightly under the Local Authority Target at 94.28%. Year 2 are in the lead with 96.78% followed by Reception with 95.5%, Year 1 with 94.53% and finally Nursery with 90%.

Unfortunately punctuality still 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.

Egg decorating and colouring competition

Thank you to everyone who decorated an egg for the competition. We had some fantastic entries and everyone who entered received a small chocolate egg for taking part. Also well done to all children for the fantastic colouring competition everyone completed in school. An Easter egg was given to the winners from each year group. Winners were notified individually.

Udance Festival

Key Stage 1 children took part in the Udance Festival in the Carnegie Theatre on the last day of Spring Term. This was a wonderful event and the children were absolutely amazing. Many parents from other schools commented on how well our children performed, especially considering how young they all are.

Year 2 Swimming Sessions

Swimming is a vital skill, especially in our area where there are rivers and access to the sea. It is also included in the Key Stage 1 Sports Curriculum and so we have used some of our sports funding to provide Year 2 children with a weekly swimming session at Workington Leisure Centre. These sessions will begin on Friday 10th May and continue each Friday morning with the final session on 19th July. The staff at the leisure centre cater for all ages and abilities and the sessions will be taught in the small training pool.

Each Friday your child will need to bring a swimming costume/trunks, a pair of swimming goggles if they use them and a towel. These should all be brought to school in a plastic bag and all items need to be clearly labelled with your child's name.

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.

Whale Tales Update

Thank you to everyone who attended our latest Whale Tales Workshop in school. We will be inviting parents to take part in a beach clean in June but details will be confirmed nearer the time. Thank you to everyone for all your help and support with this exciting project so far. Mrs Richardson is very proud to say that St Michael's parents have been praised for their attendance and enthusiasm throughout this project so far.

Governors Update

The Governors looked at fundraising again at their most recent meeting. As you are aware, school budgets seem to be decreasing each year. The Chair of Governors, Mrs Brown, is currently writing to many different companies to see if there are any funding grants available for school to buy resources.

Labelling clothes

Please ensure that all of your child's clothes have their name in. It is very difficult to identify jumpers/cardigans/coats etc. if they have no name especially as children tend to take them off during the warmer weather. If you would like to use a permanent pen to mark names in clothing, please contact the school office. Thank you

British Weather!

Please ensure that your child always brings a coat to school for use at playtimes. Our weather is very unpredictable and can sometimes be lovely in the morning and quite warm then turn out to be cold and wet! Also if the weather is forecast to be sunny please apply sun cream before school.

New Nursery Open Afternoon

Do you know any children that will turn 3 before September this year? If you do please tell them about our Nursery. We have an open afternoon 8th July 1.30pm - 2.30pm where parents can come and have a look at life in St Michael's Nursery and talk to staff. If you know anyone who would like to attend please contact the school office. Thank you

Dates for your diary:

6 th May	School Closed – Bank Holiday
8 th May	Reverend Peter Powell Assembly
10 th May	Rob Jefferson Multiskills Early Years 3 of 4
10 th May	Year 2 Swimming Lessons begin at Workington Leisure Centre
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
20 th May	Kidsafe Parents Meeting for Reception and Year 2 Parents
24 th May	Year 2 Swimming Lessons at Workington Leisure Centre
24 th May	Primary Puppets Performance 'Creation'
24 th May	School Closes at 3pm for half term
3 rd June	School re-opens at 8.50am for Summer Term 2
3 rd June	Whale Tales Beach Clean – more details to follow
7 th June	Year 2 Swimming Lessons at Workington Leisure Centre
10 th June	Phonics Week
10 th June	Whale Tales Workshop in School 4 – more details to follow
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	Nursery Sports Day 11am in school
20 th June	Sports Day at Derwent Park 1.30pm Reception, Years 1 and Year 2
21 st June	Year 2 Swimming Lessons at Workington Leisure Centre
24 th June	Whale Tales Workshop in School 5
27 th June	Summer Disco 4-5.30pm for Reception, Years 1 and 2
28 th June	Year 2 Swimming Lessons at Workington Leisure Centre
2 nd July	Year 2 Rainbow Kicky Rounders at St Joseph's School 9.30-11.30am
4 th July	Nursery to Reception Parents Transition Meeting 11am
4 th July	Reception to Year 1 Parents Transition Meeting 2.15pm
5 th July	Kinder Cricket Year 1 at Workington Cricket Club 9.15am-12.30pm
5 th July	Year 2 Swimming Lessons at Workington Leisure Centre
8 th July	Early Years Dance Performance Parish Rooms more details to follow

8 th July	New Nursery Open Afternoon 1.30pm – 2.30pm
9 th July	Transition Day at Victoria Junior School
10 th July	Transition Parents Meal at Victoria Junior School
11 th July	Reports to Parents, Nursery 11am Reception, Years 1 and 2 2.30pm
12 th July	Year 2 Swimming Lessons at Workington Leisure Centre
15 th July	Leavers Assembly 1.30pm School Hall
17 th July	Move up Morning
19 th July	Year 2 Swimming Lessons at Workington Leisure Centre
19 th July	School Closes at 1.15pm for Summer Break

Please note the dates in bold are to help parents plan for school or transition to Junior School events