

St. Michael's Nursery & Infant School

NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2018

Attendance

The current whole school attendance is 93.78% which is just slightly under the Local Authority Target of 95%. Year 2 are still in the lead with 96%, followed by Year 1 in second place with 95.44%, Reception in third place with 94.14% and finally Nursery with 87.24%.

Letters regarding individual's attendance will be sent out later this half term. Attendance is constantly monitored in school and persistent absentees are monitored by the Local Authority.

Nursery and Year 2 Parents

Children should have received information about applying for a place in either Reception or, if they are in Year 2, Junior School. The closing date for all applications is **15th January 2018**.

Photograph Orders

Today the children have had their photographs taken. Please return all orders with correct method of payment by next Friday 23rd November to ensure free delivery to school and in time for Christmas. Orders placed after this time will incur a postage fee.

Children in Need Pudsey Tubes

Thank you to everyone who returned their Children in Need Pudsey Tubes! We managed to raise £212.88 for Children in Need! The children had a fun filled day of Pudsey activities.

Dance Performance for Early Years with Miss Rachel 3rd December, St Michael's Parish Rooms

As you know the children in Early Years have been working with our dance teacher Miss Rachel. Each week Miss Rachel has been coming into school and the children have been learning a dance routine. Everyone has had lots of fun and worked really hard and we are pleased to invite parents into school to watch our dance performance on Monday 3rd December.

Your child will be bringing a letter home with the time of their performance.

Victorian Christmas Day at Helena Thompson Museum Wednesday 5th December, Reception, Year 1 and 2

On Wednesday 5th December Reception, Years 1 and 2 will spend the day at the Helena Thompson Museum for a Victorian Christmas Day. The children will explore and enjoy what Christmas might have been like in the 1800's. We will be sampling Victorian Christmas food, creating cards and decorations and experiencing the simple Christmas traditions in a Victorian Home.

Please can all children come to school in Victorian Costume to go to the museum. No charge will be made for this visit and children should come to school at normal time 8.50am and be collected from school at normal time 3pm. Thank you

Ideas for Victorian Costume:

Boys

Dark trousers, light shirt, waist coat, flat cap etc.

Girls

Dark coloured dress, white pinafore, frilly hat etc.



KS1 Christmas Bingo

On **Monday 17th December at 1.30pm** we will be holding a Christmas Bingo afternoon for Year 1 and 2 parents and children in our hall. Due to space restrictions we are allocating 2 tickets per child (1 adult and 1 child ticket). If you wish to attend our Christmas Bingo please see the class teacher for your ticket allocation. The tickets are free and will be used for entry to the hall. We will be selling bingo books on the day at the following prices: 1 Book £1, 3 Books £2, 6 Books £3

If you do not wish to attend the Christmas Bingo afternoon please let the class teacher know so your tickets can be made available to other parents.

Near Miss Station Road – Complaints Highways

We have received a number of complaints from families regarding the traffic on Station Road. Many people are trying to cross the road and cars are not always stopping to allow pedestrians to cross. If you experience anything like this please report it to the school office as we are keeping a diary to be able to report it to the Police and Cumbria Highways department. PCSO Alison Renney continues to work with us to resolve this problem. Please ensure you take very special care when crossing Station Road and only allow children to cross with an adult.

Dates for your diary

<i>23rd November</i>	<i>Road Safety Assembly with PCSO Alison Renney</i>
<i>29th November</i>	<i>Disabled Basketball Awareness Morning</i>
<i>3rd December</i>	<i>Miss Rachel Early Years Dance Performance in St Michael's Parish Rooms (times to be confirmed)</i>
<i>5th December</i>	<i>Victorian Christmas Day at Helena Thompson Reception, Years 1 and 2 (fancy dress)</i>
<i>6th December</i>	<i>Nursery Christmas Performance</i>
<i>7th December</i>	<i>Primary Puppets Christmas Performance in school</i>
<i>12th December</i>	<i>Nativity in St Michael's Church 2pm</i>
<i>13th December</i>	<i>KS1 Carol Singing in Marks and Spencers at 9.15am</i>
<i>17th December</i>	<i>KS1 Christmas Bingo 1.30pm-3pm</i>
<i>19th December</i>	<i>Christmas Lunch Day</i>
<i>20th December</i>	<i>Christmas Party Day</i>
<i>21st December</i>	<i>Christmas Jumper Day</i>
<i>21st December</i>	<i>Toy Day</i>
<i>21st December</i>	<i>School Closes at 1.15pm for Christmas Break</i>
<i>8th January</i>	<i>School re-opens at 8.50am for Spring Term</i>