

# St. Michael's Nursery & Infant School

## NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2018

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

The current whole school attendance is 93%. Reception, Years 1 and 2 are all taking the lead with 95% and unfortunately due to lots of nasty bugs going around Nursery has 84%. We are sure after the half term everyone will be fit and healthy and we can achieve the Local Authority target of 95% for the whole school.

Unfortunately we still have a few families who are persistently late. Please try to arrive on time because if it is after 9.00am you must sign your child in at the school office and a member of staff will have to take your child into class. This causes disruption to the teacher and the rest of the children who will have started their Literacy lesson as soon as the register is complete.

If you are finding it difficult to get to school for 9am don't forget that the morning club is open from 8.00am. We do need to have notice that your child is going to be in morning club and the cost is £1.00 per session.

### **Year 1 and Year 2 Parents**

We have noticed that some parents have been leaving their children in the cloakroom or outside the classroom. This is a safeguarding issue as a child could leave the premises and staff would be unaware of this, therefore, it is imperative that you take your child into the classroom. Please ensure that your child is settled and ready for their morning activity before you leave school.

### **Governors**

Our first Full Governing Body Meeting took place this month and there were a few changes to the structure. The Governing Body has now elected a new Chair of Governors, Mrs Sheena Brown. Mrs Brown has worked in our school for many years and since her retirement, she is a volunteer in school each week and has been part of the Governing Body for 3 years and we look forward to a fantastic year ahead with Mrs Brown as our Chair of Governors. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our previous Chair of Governors, Mrs Carole Tubman for all her hard work during her time as Chair and thankfully, she will remain on the Governing Body as a co-opted Governor.

## **Harvest Festival**

Thank you to everyone who supported our fantastic Harvest Festival. The children were amazing and sang beautifully. Thank you so much to all our families who generously donated food to go to North Lakes Food Bank.

## **Pumpkin Carving Competition – whole school including Nursery**

This year we will be holding a pumpkin carving competition. If you would like to help your child carve a pumpkin and enter the competition, please can we have all pumpkins in by **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October** and they will be used to decorate the school hall ready for the disco. The pumpkins will be judged the following day 31<sup>st</sup> October then they will be sent home with the children at home time. A prize will be given to a boy and girl in each year group for the best-carved pumpkin. Good luck everyone!

## **Halloween Disco Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 4.00pm – 5.30pm**

The children are invited to our Halloween Disco on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October. The price is £1.50 per child which is payable on arrival and will include a party plate and a drink. There will be lots of party games and dancing. Children can come in Halloween fancy dress or party clothes but please avoid wearing any scary masks as there will be Reception children at the disco and we don't want them to be frightened, thank you. Children do not need money for the disco once the entry fee is paid. The Nursery children will not be able to come to this event and it is for St Michael's pupils only.

## **The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Dress in Red Day - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

100 Years ago the guns fell silent on the world's first truly global war. We believe it is time to think about all of those who lived through this tragic and remarkable time and who put Britain on the path to becoming what it is today. It's time to say Thank You for all they did for us. On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018 we are asking everyone to come to school dressed in red and bring a £1 donation towards The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Poppies are now on sale in school. Thank you

## **Operation Christmas Child**

This week we have sent home leaflets for the annual Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoebox donation. The leaflet provides details of how to pack your shoebox and gift suggestions. In previous years we have only received a few of these important shoeboxes. If you are unable to make up a shoebox for donation we would welcome any of the items listed in the leaflet such as dolls, cuddly toys, pens, toothbrushes, soap, hat scarf, gloves etc. to allow us to make up the boxes in school. Any donations must be handed in to school by **12<sup>th</sup> November 2018**.

### **School Photographer Friday 16th November**

The school photographer will be available for family photographs with siblings who do not attend our school from 8.30a.m. in the school hall. All children will have an individual photograph taken during the day and children who have siblings in school will also have them taken together on this day.

School photographs make a great gift at Christmas so please be prompt when ordering to ensure you receive your order on time and avoid a delivery charge.

### **Children in Need – `Spotacular` Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

The BBC Children in Need brings out the best in us, it's our chance to shine, to step up, to do whatever we can to help change the lives of disadvantaged children and young people across the UK. On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November we will be having a `Spotacular` activity day in school. As this is the same day as our school photographs we are not going to be wearing fancy dress but instead, after the photographs have been taken there will be an opportunity for your child to have their face painted. We will be sending home a Pudsey decorated money tube. We would be extremely grateful if you can pop any spare change into the tube and return it on Children in Need day.

## *Dates for your diary:*

<i>19<sup>th</sup> October</i>	<i>School Closes at 3.00pm for half term</i>
<i>29<sup>th</sup> October</i>	<i>School re-opens at 8.50am for Autumn Term 2</i>
<i>30<sup>th</sup> October</i>	<i>Pumpkin Carving Competition entries into school £1 each</i>
<i>30<sup>th</sup> October</i>	<i>Halloween and Bonfire Safety Assembly with PCSO Alison Renney</i>
<i>30<sup>th</sup> October</i>	<i>Halloween Disco 4pm - 5.30pm - NEW DATE!</i>
<i>31<sup>st</sup> October</i>	<i>Halloween Activities in school and Pumpkin Carving Competition Judging</i>
<i>5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> November</i>	<i>Parents meetings week – please see classroom noticeboard for dates and times to sign up to a meeting</i>
<i>9<sup>th</sup> November</i>	<i>The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Dress in Red Day</i>
<i>12<sup>th</sup> November</i>	<i>Years 1 and 2 to the Cenotaph</i>
<i>16<sup>th</sup> November</i>	<i>Children in Need Spotacular Activities in School – return filled tubes to school</i>
<i>16<sup>th</sup> November</i>	<i>School Photographer</i>
<i>23<sup>rd</sup> November</i>	<i>Road Safety Assembly with PCSO Alison Renney</i>
<i>29<sup>th</sup> November</i>	<i>Disabled Basketball Awareness Morning</i>
<i>5<sup>th</sup> December</i>	<i>Victoria Christmas Day at Helena Thompson Reception, Years 1 and 2 (more details to follow)</i>
<i>6<sup>th</sup> December</i>	<i>Nursery Christmas Performance</i>
<i>7<sup>th</sup> December</i>	<i>Primary Puppets Christmas Performance in school</i>
<i>12<sup>th</sup> December</i>	<i>Nativity in St Michael's Church 2pm</i>
<i>17<sup>th</sup> December</i>	<i>KS1 Christmas Bingo 1.30pm-3pm</i>
<i>19<sup>th</sup> December</i>	<i>Christmas Lunch Day</i>
<i>20<sup>th</sup> December</i>	<i>Christmas Party Day</i>
<i>21<sup>st</sup> December</i>	<i>Christmas Jumper Day</i>
<i>21<sup>st</sup> December</i>	<i>Toy Day</i>
<i>21<sup>st</sup> December</i>	<i>School Closes at 1.15pm for Christmas Break</i>
<i>8<sup>th</sup> January</i>	<i>School re-opens at 8.50am for Spring Term 1</i>