

St. Michael's Nursery & Infant School

NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2018

WELCOME AND WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to a new school year and to some of you welcome to your first newsletter – a bumper issue!!

I do hope you have had a great summer and it is good to see that the children have returned refreshed and eager to learn.

Punctuality

Please note that each morning the children are asked to carry out an activity when they arrive. In the Reception class this is reading a book when settling down with friends on the carpet and in Key Stage 1 the children carry out a task such as handwriting and it is important that the children have the opportunity to do this each morning. All children should be settled on the carpet by 9.00am when the door is closed, the register is done and lessons begin.

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.

Attendance

Last year the class attendance award was won by Year 1 with 96%. The overall attendance was 94.3% so we were just a fraction short of the target set by the Local Authority.

Thank you to all families of St Michael's for your continued support in helping us reach this goal.

Book bags

Please ensure your child brings their book bag each day to enable us to send home their books. Book bags must be able to hold A4 books, however, please do not send in rucksacks as they do not fit into children's trays. The school book bag is only £4.50 and can be purchased from the office.

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 2019.

PE Kits for Reception, Years 1 and 2

Please make sure that your child has a PE kit in school at all times. If you do not have a school kit, please provide a t-shirt and shorts. Kit should be brought into school on a Monday and taken home to be washed on a Friday. PE days for your child are displayed on class notice boards. Please do not wear earrings on PE days as staff are not permitted to remove them. Our health and safety policy states if

earrings are worn children cannot do PE. Unfortunately plasters over earrings are not allowed, therefore we ask that you do not have your child's ears pierced during term time. Thank you

Optional Nasal Flu Immunisation for Reception, Year 1 and 2 Friday 5th October

Recently we sent out flu immunisation forms to parents of children in Reception, Years 1 and 2. Thank you to everyone who has returned their form. If you wish for your child to be involved in this immunisation please complete and return the form before Friday 5th October. Additional forms are available from the school office.

Names in school uniform

Everyone is looking very smart in their St Michael's school uniform. Please can you ensure that your child's uniform is clearly labelled with their name or initials. In PE lessons children get changed into their PE kits and although staff try to keep everyone's clothes separate, it is still possible for items to get mixed up.

Harvest Festival

This year our Harvest Festival will be at 2.00pm on **Wednesday 17th October** in St Michael's Church. Please come along and support the children while they sing and tell us all about Harvest time. In school we are collecting items of food to donate to the North Lakes Foodbank. Please find attached a list of items that we would be very grateful to receive. Please bring any donations in before 16th October. Thank you.

Nursery are not involved in this event, however, Teddy Bear Club will still run on this day.

Safety at home time – can we please remind you that, if your child is going to be collected from school by someone we are not expecting, you **MUST** let us know, either in the morning when you drop your child off or by telephone (01900 608111). This applies to other parents picking up if, for example, your child is going to their house for tea or to play. If we haven't been informed, we will telephone you for permission before your child is allowed to leave. Thank you.

Miss Rachel Dance sessions for Early Years

We are pleased to welcome back Miss Rachel to work with our Nursery and Reception children each Monday morning. Dance supports many of the areas of development for young children and we are really looking forward to lots of fun dancing with Miss Rachel! We will be inviting you to our dance performances later this year.

Mrs Hudson's Maternity Leave

As you are all aware Mrs Hudson will be leaving us at the end of this half term to have a baby!! We wish Mrs Hudson and her family lots of love and best wishes for the exciting times ahead and we can't wait to meet their new bundle of joy!

When we return after October half term Mrs Sloan will be teaching in the Nursery until Mrs Hudson returns next year. Mrs Sloan is a highly experienced teacher who has worked in our school as a supply teacher and knows our school well. We are really looking forward to having her with us.

Dates for your diary

26 th September	Full Governors Meeting
5 th October	Flu immunisations for Reception, Y1 and Y2
16 th October	KS1 Dodgeball Competition at St Joseph's Sports Hall 9.30am - 11.30am
17 th October	Harvest Festival in St Michael's Church 2.00pm
19 th October	School Closes at 3.00pm for half term
29 th October	School re-opens at 8.50am for Autumn Term 2
30 th October	Halloween and Bonfire Safety Assembly with PCSO Alison Renney
31 st October	Halloween Disco 4pm-5.30pm
16 th November	School Photographer
7 th December	Primary Puppets Christmas Performance in school
12 th December	Nativity in St Michael's Church 2pm
21 st December	School Closes at 1.15pm for Christmas Break
8 th January	School re-opens at 8.50am for Spring Term 1