

St. Michael's Nursery & Infant School

NEWSLETTER – February 2020

Attendance

Our current whole school attendance up to date is 94.8% which is slightly under the Local Authority target of 95%. Each week the class with the highest attendance receive special treats and this is celebrated during our Friday Praise Assembly!

Please ensure that your child attends school as much as possible. Thank you

Governors Update

Our last Full Governors Meeting was Monday 20th January. One of the main focus points was around Governors coming into school to see how children work. Mrs Brown, the Chair of Governors, comes into school weekly and this allows her to gain an understanding of how the children are taught. Since the meeting our parent Governors, Mrs Wieczorek and Miss Tyer have been coming into school to work with the children. Mrs Wieczorek has been listening to KS1 children read and Miss Tyer attended school for a full day during Children's Mental Health Week.

PE kits

Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school every day. This does not have to be the school PE kit but must be shorts and t-shirt unless a specific request has been made that children wear long trousers for example after school clubs etc. Please remember to always label your child's clothing, coats, PE kits, hats etc. to ensure they don't get lost in school. Thank you

Safeguarding

St Michael's Nursery and Infant School places a high level of importance on the welfare, protection and safeguarding of all its pupils. There are posters around school with useful numbers to contact if you are worried or concerned about a child or a family. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Cumbria Safeguarding Hub: 0333 240 1727

NSPCC: 0808 800 5000

Scooters

There are a lot of children riding scooters in the playground before school and this can be a health and safety risk. Please ensure that if your child rides a scooter to school please do not use it once entering school grounds. Thank you for your support with this matter.

World Book Day Thursday 5th March 2020

On Thursday 5th March we will celebrate World Book Day. Throughout the day, each class will take part in a range of book based activities and share many stories. If possible we would like each child to bring in their favourite story to share with their class.

Children will be issued with a £1 book token which can be used at WHSmiths, Tesco, Hills and Scholastic.

This year we have decided not to dress up for the event and no donations are required. Instead we will hold a **Book Sale for 1 week, beginning 2nd March in the School Hall**. The sale will be from **8.30am until 8.50am** each morning. We will be selling books which are no longer needed in school for the bargain price of **£1 for 4 books!** Monies raised will be used to buy new books for the classrooms so your support will be greatly appreciated.

Please come into school on World Book Day for the following activities:

Nursery

Parents/Carers of Nursery children are invited into Nursery at **11.30am** to share stories with their child.

Reception

Parents/Carers of Reception children are invited into Reception Class at **2.30pm** to share stories with their child.

Year 1 and Year 2

Parents/Carers of children in Years 1 and 2 are invited into school from **9am – 10.30am** to work with their child on a craft based book activity. For this activity we are collecting shoe boxes. If you have any spare shoe boxes at home please bring them in and they will be greatly appreciated

Scholastic Book Club

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/st-michaels-ca14> to browse the latest books and order online. For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, our school will earn **25p** in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your order online by **5th March** – Please note World Book Day tokens can be used with Scholastic online too

Dress Down for Chocolate Non Uniform Day Friday 13th March

On Friday 13th March we are having a Dress down Day for the whole school. We are asking everyone to come to school in non-uniform and instead of a money donation we would like everyone to bring a bar/box of chocolates. The chocolate will be used for our Easter Chocolate Raffle which will be drawn on 26th March. Raffle tickets will be available to buy soon.

Udance Tickets – Year 1

Tickets are being delivered next week for the **Year 1 Udance Performance on 19th March** in the Carnegie Theatre. Tickets will be distributed to parents from the school office. If you didn't order a ticket but would like one please contact the Carnegie Theatre on 01900602122.

Hawse End Payments – Year 2

All payments for Hawse End must be paid by Friday 20th March 2020. If you would like a payment card or need to know your balance please see Mrs Gregory in the school office. Thank you

Parents Meetings

During March teachers will be holding parents' meetings for each class. Please check the information on the class notice board and sign up to a date and time that is convenient for you to come into school to speak to your child's class teacher about their progress.

Dates for your diary

5 th March	KS1 Kinder Cricket Lesson with Coach Chris
5 th March	World Book Day
6 th March	Primary Puppet Performance 'The Easter Story'
11 th March	Reverend Peter Powell Assembly
13 th March	Dress Down for Chocolate Non Uniform Day
17 th March	Image Theatre Performance in School – Robin Hood
18 th March	Nursery Easter Bonnet Workshop 11am
19 th March	Year 1 Udance at the Carnegie Theatre
26 th March	No Morning Nursery – Nursery children to come into school at 1pm - 3pm
26 th March	Easter Egg Decorating Competition
26 th March	Easter Performance in St Michael's Church 2pm
27 th March	No Lollipop service on the crossing at home time
27 th March	School Closes at 1.15pm for Easter Break
13 th April	Easter Monday School Closed
14 th April	School re-opens at 8.50am for Summer Term 1 – Please note this is Tuesday
15 th April	Nursery and Reception Strudda Bank Farm Visit – more information to follow
16 th /17 th April	Hawse End Residential Year 2
27 th April–1 st May day	Year 2 Swimming lessons – this is a block of lessons and children will swim each Monday to Friday
5 th May	KS1 Football Competition
6 th May	VE Day Celebrations – more details to follow
7 th May	Tullie House Whale Tales Exhibition – more details to follow
8 th May	May Day Holiday School Closed – Please note this is a Friday and was changed by the Government from the usual Monday Bank Holiday
21 st May	KS1 Visit to Belvedere Dental Practise
22 nd May	School Closes at 3pm for end of Summer Term 1
1 st June	School re-opens at 8.50am for Summer Term 2
1 st June	Sport and Healthy Eating Week
4 th June	Sports Day
5 th June	Sponsored Walk
8 th June	Phonics Screening Week
16 th June	Reception Multiskills Festival at St Joseph's

9th July Reports to parents 11.30am Nursery 2.30pm Main School
13th July Year 2 Leavers Assembly 1.30pm
17th July No Lollipop service on the crossing at home time
17th July School Closes at 1.15pm for Summer Break