

St. Michael's Nursery & Infant School

NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2019

Attendance

The current whole school attendance is 96.32% which is just on target with the National Government Guidelines. Year 1 are in the lead with 98%, followed by Reception and Year 2 in joint second place with 96%, and finally Nursery with 94%.

Letters regarding individual's attendance and lateness 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 2019.

Photograph Orders

Please return all orders with correct method of payment by next Tuesday 26th 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 £202.48 for Children in Need! The children had a fun filled day of Pudsey activities.

Dress Down for Chocolate Day 29th November

On Friday 29th November 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 Key Stage 1 Bingo Prizes.

Dance Performance with Miss Rachel 4th December, St Michael's Parish Rooms

As you know the children 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 Wednesday 4th December.

The performances will take place in St Michael's Parish Rooms. Nursery and Reception will perform their dance at 10am and Years 1 and 2 will perform their dance at 2pm. We look forward to seeing you all there.

KS1 Christmas Bingo

On **Thursday 5th 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.

Raffle Tickets

Everyone in school should have now received 4 strips of raffle tickets. These are £1 per strip and extra tickets can be bought via the school office. There are some amazing prizes to be won! The list of prizes available are displayed on each classroom notice board. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 5th December. Good luck everyone!

Online Safety

Please can all parents be aware that there is an age limit on many gaming and social media apps and although there may be parental control settings we have been informed that these are very easy to remove. Please be vigilant and monitor your child's usage of the internet. Thank you

Nativity in St Michael's Church 12th December 2pm – Whole School including Nursery

Our annual Nativity for the whole school will be on Thursday 12th December at 2pm in St Michael's Church. The children have been practising their singing and rehearsals for the Nativity are well underway.

This year we would like our Nursery children to be included in the Nativity, therefore there will be a change to the Nursery session on this day. We would like Nursery children to come into school for the afternoon session instead of the morning. This means on the morning of **12th December there will be no morning Nursery session.**

Nursery Parents: If possible please bring your child to school at 1pm and collect from the Church at 3pm. If you are coming to watch the Nativity please be in Church ready for a 2pm start.
We look forward to seeing you all there!

Compliment from Whale Tales

We are extremely pleased to share with you all an email of compliments regarding the work Years 1 and 2 have been doing with the Whale Tales Project. Please see below:

"We were in your school a couple of weeks ago, doing some work on Whale Tales. We are a film and animation company (Haltwhistle Film Project), and were working for Prism Arts. We work in lots of schools - well over a hundred in total. My partner and I both commented on how welcoming the school was, all staff and all children.

We also met children who were really helpful, interested, and worked confidently on unfamiliar, quite demanding tasks, and could follow instructions that were (deliberately) not easy to follow. Again, not all schools generate this kind of independence.

I don't usually ever write this kind of letter to the schools we work in, by the way."

Dates for your diary

28 th November	Reception Library Visit
28 th November	Early Years Phonics and Reading Meeting at 2.15pm
29 th November	Non Uniform Day – Dress Down for Chocolate Day
4 th December	Miss Rachel Dance Performances in the Parish Rooms 10am Nursery and Reception 2pm for Years 1 and 2
5 th December	Nursery Library Visit
5 th December	KS1 Bingo in the school hall 1.30pm
12 th December	No morning Nursery – Afternoon session begins at 1pm
12 th December	Nativity in St Michael's Church 2pm including Nursery
16 th December	Reverend Peter Powell Christingle Workshops
17 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
19 th December	Christmas Parties
20 th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Toy Day
20 th December	School Closes at 1.15pm for Christmas Break
7 th January	School re opens at 8.50am (Morning Club starts at 8am) Main School only - not Nursery
8 th January	Nursery Start back 8.50am (Morning Club starts at 8am)