

St. Michael's Nursery & Infant School

NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2019

WELCOME AND WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to a new school year and to some of you welcome to your first newsletter. We 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 2 with 96%. The overall attendance was 95% and this is something Ofsted has identified as an area of improvement. Please help us to achieve this by ensuring your child is in school and on time every day so that we can meet this target.

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. 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 online at www.border-embroideries.co.uk. Please can you ensure reading books and diaries are in the bag every day

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 2020.**

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 Thursday 31st 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 Thursday 31st 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.

A Celebration of Autumn

This year our Celebration of Autumn will be at 2.00pm on Thursday 10th October in St Michael's Church. Please come along and support the children while they sing and tell us all about autumn time.

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 the Whole School

We are pleased to welcome back Miss Rachel to work with our whole school each Monday. 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.

Dates for your diary

Please check the dates on the attached page to allow you to plan for upcoming school events. Thank you

Dates for your diary

26 th September	Year 2 to Allerdale House to visit the Mayor's Office
3 rd October	KS1 and Parents Whale Tales Session in School 9-11.30am
7 th October	Full Governors Meeting
8 th October	Life Bus Visits School
10 th October	KS1 and Parents Whale Tales Session in School 9-11.30am
10 th October	Celebration of Autumn Performance in St Michael's Church 2pm
15 th October	KS1 Dodgeball Competition at St Joseph's School 9.30-11.15am
17 th October	KS1 to Whale Tales Book Launch at Mayfield – children only
30 th October	KS1 Dental Survey
31 st October	Flu Immunisations
31 st October	KS1 and Parents Whale Tales Session in School 9-11.30am
31 st October	Pumpkin Carving Competition
4 th November	Disabled Basketball Session with Coach Nate
7 th November and	Victorian Christmas at the Helena Thompson Museum for Reception, Year 1 Year 2. Children to come in Victorian fancy dress – more details to follow
7 th November	Autumn Disco 4pm - 5.30pm Reception, Year 1 and 2
11 th November	Year 2 to Cenotaph 9am
15 th November	School Photographer
15 th November	Children in Need – children to wear uniform and bring Pudsey accessories
18 th November	Road Safety Week – PCSO Renney Road Safety Assembly
21 st November	Road Safety Workshops from NIS Ltd
29 th November	Non Uniform – Dress Down for Chocolate Day – more details to follow
4 th December	Miss Rachel Dance Performances in the Parish Rooms
5 th December	KS1 Bingo in the school hall
12 th December	Nativity in St Michael's Church 2pm
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)