

St. Michael's Nursery & Infant School

NEWSLETTER – May 2021

Attendance and Punctuality

Our whole school attendance continues to stay just above the Local Authority Target at 96%. Nursery are in the lead with 98%, Reception follow with 97% Year 2 have 96% and finally Year 1 with 94%. These are excellent attendance figures. Please keep up the good work! All children should be in school before the doors close at 9.00am so that the registers can be done and lessons begin on time. **If you arrive after this time you must take children to the school office so that they can be signed in.** If you are finding it difficult to get to school for 9am don't forget that the morning club is open from 8.00am at a cost of £2 per session.

Staffing Changes in September

In September we will see some exciting staff changes! As you are aware Mrs Richardson will retire in July 2022 but sadly, Mrs Ives will leave us for early retirement this summer! Mrs Ives has been a teacher at St Michael's for 16 years and her hard work and commitment to school has been outstanding. The governors, staff, parents and children will miss her so much but wish her a very happy and healthy retirement!

Mrs Hudson will move to Early Years from September. She will teach Reception Class and oversee the Nursery too.

These changes have created a vacancy for a teacher in Year 1. School is currently recruiting a new teacher to fit perfectly in school and become part of our St Michael's family!

Governors Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor which we would like to fill as soon as possible. Becoming a Parent Governor provides parents with the opportunity to make a real contribution to the life and work of our school. Governors play a key role in the leadership of the school and work together with the Headteacher, staff and other governors to ensure that our school provides a nurturing and supportive environment for the children. For further details please see Mrs Gregory in the School Office

British Weather!

Please ensure that your child always brings a coat to school for use at playtimes. Our weather is very unpredictable and can sometimes be lovely in the morning and quite warm then turn out to be cold and wet! Also, if the weather is forecast to be sunny please apply sun cream before school.

New Nursery Children

Do you know any children that will turn 3 before September this year? If you do please tell them about our Nursery. Information about our Nursery can also be found on our website www.smhwkt.cumbria.sch.uk. We have a wrap around service providing up to 30 hours – parents can access this through applying online with www.childcarechoices.gov.uk or by paying for the service as and when required. For further information, please contact the school office.

Eurocup Fundraiser 2021!

Coronavirus has put Euro 2020 back a year to 2021, but 24 sides will still play across 11 host cities in a festival of football. To raise money for School Funds each year group in school will have a board with 24 squares to choose from – each square will represent one of the Eurocup teams. For only £2 parents/carers can buy a square for their chance to win some amazing prizes. If your square is allocated to the winning team then you've won!! The squares will go on sale in the last week of this half term.

Holidays During Term Time

A reminder that there is no change to guidance around parents taking their children out of school in term time for holidays. We have worked really hard at getting children back into school and learning, so unauthorised absence is not permitted.

Parents and carers must get permission from the Headteacher if they want to take a child out of school during term time.

It's up to the Headteacher how many days a child can be away from school if leave is granted. Full guidance for parents is available using this link. <https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence>

The Summer Reading Challenge Cumbrian Schools Competition

Please see the information below about this year's library reading challenge.

Dates for your diary:

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| <i>28th May</i> | <i>School Closes for half term at 3pm</i> |
| <i>7th June</i> | <i>School re-opens for Summer Term 2</i> |
| <i>15th June</i> | <i>Year 2 Leavers Photograph</i> |
| <i>23rd June</i> | <i>Victoria Junior Transition afternoon for Year 2 pupils</i> |
| <i>1st July</i> | <i>Victoria Junior Transition lunch for Year 2 pupils</i> |
| <i>8th July</i> | <i>Reports to parents</i> |
| <i>12th July</i> | <i>Victoria Junior Transition afternoon for Year 2 pupils</i> |
| <i>16th July</i> | <i>School Closes for Summer Break at 1.15pm</i> |
| <i>2nd September</i> | <i>School re-opens for Autumn Term 1 2021</i> |

**CUMBRIA CHILDREN'S SERVICES DIRECTORATE
SCHOOL TERM DATES 2021/2022**

AUTUMN TERM 2021

| STARTS | ENDS | HALF – TERM HOLIDAY |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Thursday 2 September | Friday 17 December | Monday 25 October – Friday 29 October |

Number of school days in term – 72

SPRING TERM 2022

| STARTS | ENDS | HALF – TERM HOLIDAY |
|------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Wednesday 5 January | Friday 1 April | Monday 14 February – Friday 18 February |

Number of school days in term – 58

SUMMER TERM 2022

| STARTS | ENDS | HALF – TERM HOLIDAY |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Wednesday 20 April | Wednesday 20 July | Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June |

Number of schools days in term – 60

Good Friday – 15 April
Easter Sunday – 17 April

Early May Bank Holiday
Monday 2 May

Number of days in year – 190

INSET Days/Sessions

The 190 day school year identified above makes no provision for the additional 5 days non-contact time for which full-time teachers are contracted.

Therefore, any INSET sessions should be arranged either outside the above school term dates or outside pupil hours.

The following dates are suggested as dates that could be used for INSET: -

Wednesday, 1 September 2021

Tuesday, 4 January 2022

Tuesday, 19 April 2022

Plus two others, to be locally determined.

The Summer Reading Challenge Cumbrian Schools Competition 2021!



Cumbria Libraries are delighted to invite you to take part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge schools competition. This year's competition is slightly different from previous years and we hope that it will mean every school can participate and be in with a chance of winning one of two Summer Reading Challenge book bundles worth over £100 for your school!

This year's theme is Wild World Heroes!



Cumbria Libraries in association with The Reading Agency has teamed up with WWF for a very special nature-themed challenge that will inspire children to stand up for the planet! Wild World Heroes will feature amazing books, awesome rewards and plenty of ideas for taking care of our environment.

All you need to do is create a promotional display to inspire your pupils to take part in the challenge. You could also have a post challenge celebration or encourage your children to bring in their medals and art work. Send us pictures of your displays and celebrations.

You can rise to the challenge in anyway that works for you. We are looking for creativity and a passion for getting every child to keep reading over the summer.

So what are you waiting for? Be it an icecaps display board, a school library jungle transformation or a gorgeous under the sea classroom book corner we can't wait to see your displays!

Send your photos to your local library contact. Closing Date for entries is 10 September 2021

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