

St. Michael's Nursery & Infant School

NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2020

Attendance and Punctuality

The current whole school attendance is 96%. Reception are in the lead with 98% followed by Year 2 with 95%, Year 1 with 94% and last but not least Nursery with 92%.

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to all parents for your continued support. The children have responded so well to our new routines and it is so lovely to have a school full of happy children ready to learn. Thank you for helping us achieve this!

Covid-19 Update

Thank you to everyone for following our school procedures and sticking to the government guidelines to help keep our children, families and staff safe. We are a small school and as we have 2 buildings the children are educated separately. We do try to keep the two groups of children separate for most of the day. However, due to the number of staff and the roles they have in school, there is a cross over of staff between bubbles and children between buildings e.g. If children require first aid at playtimes and morning club etc. As a result of this cross over, if we do get a positive case of Covid-19 the whole school would be classed as 1 bubble. If this does happen, the teachers have prepared a pack of work for all children in school and further information would be given at the time.

Allerdale Borough Council Halloween Competition

Allerdale Borough Council are currently holding a competition for children living in the St Michaels ward area to dress their windows in a Halloween theme during the October half term holidays. To help children dress their window, a bag of crafty items will be sent home from the council. Please note these items have been quarantined in accordance with current guidance. Happy Halloween everyone!

Birthday Cakes in School

It is lovely for children to share a Birthday cake in school with their friends, however, we are unfortunately unable to accept Birthday cakes until further notice due to the current restrictions and guidance. Thank you for your understanding and support with these changes.

Children in Need Friday 13th November – Non-uniform day

The BBC Children in Need brings out the best in us, it's our chance to shine, to step up, to do whatever we can to help change the lives of disadvantaged children and young people across the UK. On Friday 13th November we will be having a Pudsey activity day in school. This will be a non-uniform day. Children can either come to school in a Pudsey t-shirt, spotty clothes or non-uniform. Please remember sensible shoes and a coat for outside play. As always, we will be sending home a Pudsey decorated money tube. We would be extremely grateful if you can pop any spare change into the tube and return it on Children in Need day. The tubes will then be quarantined before we are able to count the donations.

School Photographer Monday 23rd November

The school photographer will be in school on Monday 23rd November. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic we are unable to take family photographs this year. There may be an opportunity next year to have the photographer back but we will keep you informed if we are able to do so. All children will have an individual photograph taken during the day and children who have siblings in school will also have them taken together on this day. School photographs make a great gift at Christmas so please be prompt when ordering to ensure you receive your order on time and avoid a delivery charge.

Nursery and Year 2 Parents

Please remember to apply for your child's place in either Reception or Junior School by the deadline of **15th January 2021**. Don't forget if you are unable to apply online a paper based form can be collected from the school office. For online applications please visit

<https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/lss/schooladmissions.asp>

Dates for your diary

<i>Friday 23rd October</i>	<i>Flu Immunisations</i>
<i>Friday 23rd October</i>	<i>School closes at 3.00pm October half term</i>
<i>Monday 2nd November</i>	<i>School re opens for Autumn Term 2 at 8.50am (8am Morning Club)</i>
<i>Friday 13th November</i>	<i>Children in Need Day – Non uniform day</i>
<i>Monday 23rd November</i>	<i>School Photographs</i>
<i>Friday 18th December</i>	<i>School Closes at 1.15pm for Christmas Break</i>
<i>Tuesday 5th January</i>	<i>School re opens for Spring Term 1 at 8.50am (8am Morning Club)</i>
<i>Friday 12th February</i>	<i>School closes at 3.00pm for February half term</i>
<i>Monday 22nd February</i>	<i>School re opens for Spring Term 2 at 8.50am (8am Morning Club)</i>
<i>Thursday 1st April</i>	<i>School Closes at 1.15pm for Easter Break</i>
<i>Monday 19th April</i>	<i>School re opens for Summer Term 1 at 8.50am (8am Morning Club)</i>
<i>Monday 3rd May</i>	<i>Bank Holiday School Closed</i>
<i>Friday 28th May</i>	<i>School Closes at 3.00pm for May half term</i>
<i>Monday 7th June</i>	<i>School re opens for Summer Term 2 at 8.50am (8am Morning Club)</i>
<i>Friday 16th July</i>	<i>School Closes at 1.15pm for Summer Break</i>