

# St. Michael's Nursery & Infant School

## NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2020

### 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.

#### **Staffing**

Whilst Mrs Hudson, our Year 1 teacher, is absent we have had supply cover in school. We now have a supply teacher called Miss Rhodes who will stay with us for as long as necessary.

#### **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 £2.00 per session.

#### **One Way System**

Thank you to all our parents for using the one-way system at the beginning and the end of the day. Parents should always enter school using the gate next to the church yard and exit via the Station Road gate. We appreciate this isn't always convenient but it helps everyone adhere to the Covid-19 school risk assessment and helps keep everyone safe. The Station Road gate will be locked at 9.00am. As we only have a few Nursery parents we ask them to use the side walkway to enter and leave school in a socially distanced manner.

Please remember to social distance on the school yard and if possible only one parent to enter the school grounds when dropping off and collecting children.

Year 1 and Year 2 parents must ensure they are standing well back from the Station Road gate to allow the Reception parents to leave safely and ensure our school is as Covid secure as possible. Thank you

#### **Covid-19 Update**

The school Risk Assessment is reviewed regularly and children have accepted the new routines really well. We would like to reassure our parents that we have measures and procedures in place should there be a case in school. Thank you for your continued support during these unprecedented times.

Please do not send your child into school if they have any of the Covid-19 symptoms. Please use this link for information <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/health-54182329>

#### **Building Work**

As you may have noticed the building work has now been completed and we are very happy to have our school yard back. The Early Years children will also now be able to use the playground at the rear of the school. Parents will now have a lot more space to maintain a social distance whilst they are waiting for their children.

### **Optional Nasal Flu Immunisation for Reception, Year 1 and 2 Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **PE Sessions**

Nursery and Reception children have their PE session each Thursday and Years 1 and 2 have their PE session on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please can children come to school on their PE day/s in their polo shirt and jumper/cardigan and either joggers or leggings. Please remember earrings must be removed for PE days as staff are unable to remove them. If a child comes to school with earrings on their PE day, unfortunately they would not be able to take part. Thank you

### **Snack Money Increase**

Snack Money is currently 50p per week however as agreed by the Governors this will increase to £1 per week after October half term. Please put any monies into a marked envelope and hand it to one of the staff. This can be paid weekly or termly.

### **Facebook page and School Website**

As you may know we have a private Facebook page that has lots of useful information for parents. If you wish to sign up please search for St Michael's Nursery and Infant School or use this link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/3001246116602825/>

More information and photos can also be found on our School Website [www.smhwkt.cumbria.sch.uk](http://www.smhwkt.cumbria.sch.uk)

If you are unable to find the information you require, please contact the school office on 01900608111 or by emailing [admin@smhwkt.cumbria.uk](mailto:admin@smhwkt.cumbria.uk)

**As you are aware staff are not able to add parents as friends on Facebook and now we have returned to school please avoid using the school Facebook page to contact staff directly. If you want to contact a member of staff please call or email the school office to arrange a socially distanced meeting. Thank you for your support.**

### **School Menus**

Each week a menu will be displayed on the school's external noticeboards. Our school menus work on a three-week rotation and each Monday morning the menu for that week will be displayed to allow parents to see what food will be served that week. Menus are also displayed on the school website [www.smhwkt.cumbria.sch.uk](http://www.smhwkt.cumbria.sch.uk) > Parent Information > School Meals. If you would like to make any changes to the menu an alternative jacket potato or sandwich can be provided. Changes to the menu must be made on a Monday morning. Whilst parents are unable to come into school, Mrs Gregory will be outside each Monday morning to note down the changes to the menu or alternatively you can contact the school office via telephone or email.

### **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 **15<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**

### **Holidays during term time**

Mrs Richardson is unable to authorise absence during term time unless there is an exceptional circumstance. We ask that parents ensure their children are in school every day unless they are unwell and that holidays are not booked during the school term. Term dates can be found on the next page.

## Dates for your diary

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