

St. Michael's Nursery & Infant School

NEWSLETTER – April 2018

Welcome back everyone! We hope everyone had a lovely Easter Break and the children are refreshed and ready to learn lots!

Attendance and Punctuality

Our whole school attendance continues to be slightly under the Local Authority Target at 94.63%. Year 2 are in the lead with 95.36% followed by Reception with 94.87%, Year 1 with 92.74% and finally Nursery with 89.2%.

Unfortunately punctuality still remains an issue for a few families and children are still arriving after the registers have been closed. 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 £1 per session.

Egg decorating and colouring competition

Thank you to everyone who decorated an egg for the competition. We had some fantastic entries and everyone who entered received a small chocolate egg for taking part. Also well done to all children for the fantastic colouring competition everyone completed in school. An Easter egg was given to the winners from each year group. Winners were notified individually.

Easter Service

Thank you to everyone who attended our annual Easter service in St Michael's Church. The children sang beautifully and the Easter Bonnet Parade was fantastic. Pictures can be viewed on our website gallery.

Year 2 Swimming Sessions

Swimming is a vital skill, especially in our area where there are rivers and access to the sea. We have used some of our sports funding to provide Year 2 children with a weekly swimming session at Workington Leisure Centre. These sessions will begin on Tuesday 24th April and continue each Tuesday morning for 10 weeks with the final session on 3rd July. The staff at the leisure centre cater for all ages and abilities and the sessions will be taught in the small training pool.

Each Tuesday your child will need to bring a swimming costume/trunks, a pair of swimming goggles if they use them and a towel. These should all be brought to school in a plastic bag and all items need to be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Year 2 leavers

We are currently working with junior schools to organise transition dates for our Year 2 children who will leave us at the end of this school year. There will be more information and dates in next month's newsletter.

Year 2 Maypole Dance

Our Year 2 children will be performing a traditional Maypole Dance on the school yard, weather permitting on Tuesday 1st May at 1.30pm! We are inviting Year 2 parents to come along to watch the dance and then to go into the hall where coffee, tea or juice and scones, jam and cream will be available to enjoy with your children.

SATs and Phonics Screening

In **May** Year 2 children will start their Standard Assessments Tasks and they will span over two weeks. The week beginning **Monday 11th June**, Phonics Screening will take place for Year 1 children and for the Year 2 children who didn't pass last year. We strongly advise that you do not take any holidays during term time to avoid the children missing these crucial dates.

As always please try to ensure your child gets plenty of sleep, has a good breakfast and attends school bright and early every day! Thank you.

Governors Update

Our next Full Governors Meeting is on 9th May. The Governing Body will discuss the new school budget, progress and expectations for the upcoming statutory assessments and lots more. Please look out for further updates in our May newsletter.

Dates for your diary:

19 th -20 th April	Year 2 to Hawse End
24 th April	Year 2 Swimming Lesson at Workington Leisure Centre
1 st May	Year 2 Swimming Lesson at Workington Leisure Centre
1 st May	Year 2 Maypole Dance
7 th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
8 th May	Year 2 Swimming Lesson at Workington Leisure Centre
9 th May	Full Governors Meeting
14 th May	KS1 Visit to Belvedere Dental Practise
15 th May	Year 2 Swimming Lesson at Workington Leisure Centre
17 th May	School Library Bus
14 th – 25 th May	KS1 SATs Weeks
22 nd May	Year 2 Swimming Lesson at Workington Leisure Centre
24 th May	Life Bus in school
25 th May	School Closes at 3pm for half term
4 th June	School re-opens at 8.50am for Summer Term 2
5 th June	Year 2 Swimming Lesson at Workington Leisure Centre
6 th June	Early Years Library Visit
7 th June	Nursery Sports Day 11am on the school yard
7 th June	Sports Day for Reception, Year 1 and 2 at Derwent Park 1.30pm
11 th June	Phonics Week
12 th June	Year 2 Swimming Lesson at Workington Leisure Centre
15 th June	KS1 Kinder Cricket Festival at Workington Cricket Club 9.15am-12pm
19 th June	Year 2 Swimming Lesson at Workington Leisure Centre
19 th June	9.30am-12.00pm Reception Multi Skills Festival at St Joseph's
20 th June	Governors Committee Meeting
26 th June	Year 2 Swimming Lesson at Workington Leisure Centre
3 rd July	Year 2 Swimming Lesson at Workington Leisure Centre – Final Session
20 th July	School Closes at 1.15pm for Summer Break