

# St. Michael's Nursery & Infant School

## NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2018

### **Attendance**

Unfortunately the whole school attendance has decreased slightly to 94.47% due to lots of nasty winter bugs going around. Year 2 are still in the lead with 95%, followed by Reception in second place with 94%, Year 1 in third place with 92 % and finally Nursery with 91%. Well done everyone!

**Please note at the end of this newsletter there are lots of future dates to allow families to plan their holidays and avoid missing important school events.**

### **KS1 U-Dance Performance**

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January some of our KS1 children performed their Iconic Inventions U Dance at the Carnegie Theatre in Workington. The children were outstanding during the whole day. They behaved so well, worked extremely hard and their performance was incredible. Thank you to all parents for coming along to show your support. It was a fantastic evening and we were so proud of everyone! Well done to all the children involved!

### **World Book Day**

On **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018** we will be celebrating World Book Day. This is a celebration of reading and this we are asking children to come into school dressed as their favourite book character and donate £1.00 towards school funds. During the day we will be doing lots of fun reading and rhyming activities. We will be issuing the children with a £1.00 book token. The book tokens can be used locally in either WHSmiths or Hills books.

### **Year 2 World Book Day – Sponsored Reading**

A letter was sent out earlier in the week to Year 2 parents only. This year our Year 2 class will be taking part in a sponsored reading challenge to celebrate World Book Day. The aim of the challenge is for us to read our current novel '**Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban**' for one whole hour throughout the day. The event will be timed and the children will calculate the number of pages that we read.

We would greatly appreciate your sponsorship and hope that the funds we raise will allow us to buy a selection of Harry Potter books and resources to allow us to support our topic.

Finally we would love to dress up using a Harry Potter theme for the day, so we invite the children to wear a **Harry Potter Style school uniform**.

### **Age Appropriate Games/Viewing**

During this last week there have been a couple of children who have mentioned that they have been playing on games unsuitable for their age. It is important that as parents we ensure that children are viewing or playing on games or viewing films that are age appropriate. It is very important to realise

that not all games are suitable for children. Indeed, many video games are designed for adult players only. Every game sold in stores is required by law to display an age rating on the box. In Europe, the certification body is called PEGI and in the US, it's ESRB. As well as an age rating, game boxes must also show a series of icons informing customers about the sorts of content a game will contain – including violence, sex and drug use. If a game is rated 18 or over, it should be treated like an 18 certificate movie – it is unsuitable for younger children.

### **Governors Update**

On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February we held a Governors challenge day. Several of our school governors came into school to observe our Phonics lessons, have a look through our writing progress from Reception to Year 2, speak to some of the children and have lunch with them too. The Governors also joined in with our Friday Praise Assembly where children receive rewards for achievement in school. The Governors spoke to the Headteacher to feedback their findings. The Governors thought our school was wonderful, very bright, inviting and clean! The most complimentary comments were about our dedicated team of staff and extremely well behaved children. They thought the children's work and progress was amazing!

### **Change 4 Life App - Eat Well, Move More, Live Longer**

We know that children often reach for a sugary snack when they get home from school but there are plenty of healthier alternatives that taste delicious. Change 4 Life have devised a really useful Food Scanner App which can be downloaded via your app store on your mobile device. The app allows you to scan food labels to find out what's really inside your food and drink. There is much more information on this website about how we can eat more healthy and stay active. For more information please go to <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life>.

### **Multi Agency Hub Meeting**

Mrs Tait was invited to a multi agency meeting held by the police in regards to anti social behaviour. Other agencies included Environmental Health and Housing Associations including people responsible for private letting in the area. Mrs Tait invited other local headteachers to the meeting and a manager of a private nursery. Mrs Tait was encouraged to hear that the police were taking this matter very seriously and have already put initiatives in place. All agencies agreed that the safety of the children is paramount and will continue to work together to minimise the issue. They have asked that school send out further information regarding ways that parents can report incidents through crime stoppers which is anonymous. When this information is received we will forward it to you and keep you informed of any further developments.

## *Dates for your diary*

1 <sup>st</sup> March	World Book Day
7 <sup>th</sup> March	Governors Committee Meetings
8 <sup>th</sup> March	KS1 to West House Farm Dearham
12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Meetings – More information to follow
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Final date for Hawse End Residential Payments
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Service in St Michael's Church 2pm – Nursery children are invited to attend this event for the Easter Bonnet Parade
29 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>School Closes at 1.15pm for Easter Break – please note earlier time</b>
16 <sup>th</sup> April	School re-opens at 8.50am for Summer Term 1
19 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 2 to Hawse End
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 2 Swimming Lesson at Workington Leisure Centre
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 2 Swimming Lesson at Workington Leisure Centre
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Spring Fair 1.30pm – more details to follow
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2 Swimming Lesson at Workington Leisure Centre
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Full Governors Meeting
14 <sup>th</sup> May	KS1 Visit to Belvedere Dental Practise
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2 Swimming Lesson at Workington Leisure Centre
14 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> May	KS1 SATs Weeks
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 2 Swimming Lesson at Workington Leisure Centre
25 <sup>th</sup> May	School Closes at 3pm for half term
4 <sup>th</sup> June	School re-opens at 8.50am for Summer Term 2
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 Swimming Lesson at Workington Leisure Centre
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Early Years Library Visit
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Week
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 Swimming Lesson at Workington Leisure Centre
15 <sup>th</sup> June	KS1 Kinder Cricket Festival at Workington Cricket Club 9.15am-12pm
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 Swimming Lesson at Workington Leisure Centre
19 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am-12.00pm Reception Multi Skills Festival at St Joseph's
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Governors Committee Meeting
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 Swimming Lesson at Workington Leisure Centre
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 2 Swimming Lesson at Workington Leisure Centre – Final Session
20 <sup>th</sup> July	School Closes at 1.15pm for Summer Break