

St. Michael's Nursery & Infant School

NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2018

Welcome back and a very happy New Year to everyone!!

We hope that everyone had a lovely break over Christmas. The children are back refreshed and ready to learn!!

Attendance

We have recently sent home an individual attendance summary for each child. The summary details the percentage of attendance during the Autumn Term 2017. Our current whole school attendance up to date is slightly under the Local Authority target of 95%. Please ensure that your child attends school as much as possible. Thank you

Governors Update

Our next Full Governors Meeting will be on Wednesday 17th January. The Governors will discuss the latest issues surrounding childhood obesity and how schools can help to significantly reduce this problem by supporting healthier choices. Our school cook Mrs Tice has been devising new menus to also support this strategy and will offer new healthier foods for the children to try. Children will be rewarded with stickers as an incentive to trying new foods. The government are also increasing school's sports funding this year which will allow schools to broaden their sports provision and help to keep children active.

Nursery and Year 2 Parents

If you haven't already done so please ensure that you have made an application for a place either in Reception or at Junior School for your child. The closing date for all applications is **15th January 2018**.

After School Clubs for Years 1 and 2

Coach David's football after school club has now started and will continue every Tuesday at 3pm – 4pm for 5 weeks. The last session will be on Tuesday 6th February.

Change 4 Life – 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 has issued each child with a leaflet on the importance of making healthier choices with recipe ideas too. Please check your child's book bag for these useful and informative bright yellow leaflets.

Health and Safety - earrings must be removed before children take part in PE.

Please do not get children's ears pierced until the beginning of the Summer Holidays so that they

have chance to heal. Children are not allowed to take part in PE wearing earrings or with plasters covering them and therefore they will miss 6 weeks of their PE entitlement which is an issue for their education.

Cumbria County Council Safety Advice Note States:

"For safety reasons the wearing of earrings, ear studs or other jewellery (metal or plastics) must not be permitted during sporting activities, PE or swimming. For safety and hygiene reasons this may also apply during technology. These items represent potential hazards, not only to the wearer but also to other pupils, staff and, in some instances, third parties. Current safety advice confirms that any jewellery wearing during these lessons constitutes an unnecessary risk and should be avoided at all times."

Thank you for your help with this matter.

PE kits

Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school every day. This does not have to be the school PE kit but must be shorts and t-shirt unless a specific request has been made that children wear long trousers for example after school clubs etc

Safeguarding

St Michael's Nursery and Infant School places a high level of importance on the welfare, protection and safeguarding of all its pupils. There are posters around school with useful numbers to contact if you are worried or concerned about a child or a family. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Cumbria Safeguarding Hub: 0333 240 1727

NSPCC: 0808 800 5000

Hawse End Residential for Year 2 Update

As mentioned in December's newsletter, **Monday 8th January at 2pm** we will be holding a parent's meeting in the Year 2 classroom to provide more details about the Hawse End Residential including activities itinerary, cost etc.

Udance 2018 – Change of Date – New Date 30th January

A group of children from Years 1 and 2 will represent the school in the festival at The Carnegie Theatre on **Tuesday 30th January 2018**. (Please note this date has recently been changed by request from the organisers and we apologise for any inconvenience caused).

Pupils that are taking part should have received a form to order tickets and a consent slip. If you have received one of these forms please sign and return the consent slip and order any tickets by **15th January 2018**. Thank you

Dates for your diary

8 th January	Year 2 Hawse End Parents Meeting 2pm – Year 2 Classroom
9 th January	David Wise After School Club 3pm-4pm
16 th January	David Wise After School Club 3pm-4pm
17 th January	Full Governing Body Meeting
17 th January	Library bus in school
23 rd January	David Wise After School Club 3pm-4pm
30 th January	David Wise After School Club 3pm-4pm
30 th January	Udance Performance Carnegie – Please note new date
5 th – 9 th February	Multicultural week in school – Chinese New Year
6 th February	David Wise After School Club 3pm-4pm
6 th February	KS1 Multiskills Festival at Lakes College 9am-12pm
9 th February	School Closes at 3pm for half term
19 th February	School re-opens at 8.50am for Spring Term 2
1 st March	World Book Day
7 th March	Governors Committee Meetings
12 th – 16 th March	Parents Meetings
28 th March to	Easter Service in St Michael's Church 2pm – Nursery children are invited attend this event for the Easter Bonnet Parade
29 th March	School Closes at 1.15pm for Easter Break
16 th April	School re-opens at 8.50am for Summer Term 1
19 th -20 th April	Year 2 to Hawse End
24 th April	Year 2 begin swimming lessons for 10 weeks
7 th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
14 th – 25 th May	KS1 SATs Weeks
25 th May	School Closes at 3pm for half term
4 th June	School re-opens at 8.50am for Summer Term 2
15 th June	KS1 Kinder Cricket Festival at Workington Cricket Club 9.15am-12pm
20 th July	School Closes at 1.15pm for Summer Break