

# St. Michael's Nursery & Infant School

## NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2017

### WELCOME AND WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to a new school year and to some of you welcome to your first newsletter – a bumper issue!!

I do hope you have had a great summer and it is good to see that the children have returned refreshed and eager to learn.

There are many exciting and interesting activities already planned for your child so please do take the time to read this newsletter as it should keep you up to speed with what is happening at school.

There is a list of dates already agreed for this term at the end of this newsletter.

### **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 £1.00 per session.

### **Attendance**

Last year the class attendance award was won by Year 2 with 96%. The overall attendance was 95% so we achieved the target set by the Local Authority.

Thank you to all families of St Michael's for your continued support in helping us reach this goal.

### **Book bags**

Please ensure your child brings their book bag each day to enable us to send home their books. Book bags must be able to hold A4 books, however, please do not send in rucksacks as they do not fit into children's trays. The school book bag is only £4.50 and can be purchased from the office.

### **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 2018.**

## **PE Kits for Reception, Years 1 and 2**

Please make sure that your child has a PE kit in school at all times. If you do not have a school kit, please provide a t-shirt and shorts. Kit should be brought into school on a Monday and just taken home to be washed on a Friday. PE days for your child are displayed on class notice boards. Please do not wear earrings on PE days as staff are not permitted to remove them. Our health and safety policy states if earrings are worn children cannot do PE.

## **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. In PE lessons children get changed into their PE kits and although staff try to keep everyone's clothes separate, it is still possible for items to get mixed up.

## **Parent's Curriculum Meetings**

Curriculum meetings offer parents an opportunity to find out about what your child will be learning throughout the year and how you can support them. We will be holding individual meetings for each class and we encourage parents to attend if possible.

Please see the dates and times below:

Reception meeting will be held in the Reception Classroom on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 2.30pm**

Year 1 meeting will be held in the Year 1 Classroom on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 2.30pm**

Year 2 meeting will be held in the Year 2 Classroom on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 2.15pm**

-Please note the different start time for the Year 2 meeting

## **Scooters**

If your child travels to and from school on their scooter please remember that children are not permitted to ride on their scooters on school premises, this is because there are many young children on the yard and it would be unsafe. Scooters cannot be left in school as we have nowhere to store them safely. Please take them home when you have dropped off your child. Thank you.

## **Harvest Festival**

This year our Harvest Festival will be at **2.00pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October** in St Michael's Church. Please come along and support the children while they sing and tell us all about Harvest time. In school we are collecting items of food to donate to the North Lakes Foodbank. Please find attached a list of items that we would be very grateful to receive. Please bring any donations in before 17<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you.

**Nursery are not involved in this event, however, Teddy Bear and Michael Bear Club will still run on this day.**

**Safety at home time** – can we please remind you that, if your child is going to be collected from school by someone we are not expecting, you **MUST** let us know, either in the morning when you drop your child off or by telephone (01900 608111). This applies to other parents picking up if, for example, your child is going to their house for tea or to play. If we haven't been informed, we will telephone you for permission before your child is allowed to leave. Thank you.

## **Miss Maria Dance sessions for Early Years**

We are pleased to welcome back Miss Maria from Studio 9 to work with our Nursery and Reception children each Tuesday morning. Dance supports many of the areas of development for young children and after last year's amazing performances we are really excited to have Miss Maria back!

## **Car Park**

We have noticed that there have been parents walking through the car park at the rear of the school and some have been parking in it whilst dropping off children. Please avoid parking in this area as it is for staff use only and could prevent staff from parking and getting into school on time.

This car park is also used by Cumbria County Council in the next building and is very busy so please avoid walking through it to ensure that the children are safe.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

## **Dates for your diary**

14 <sup>th</sup> September	Library Bus Visit to school
21 <sup>st</sup> September	Parents Curriculum Meetings
27 <sup>th</sup> September	Full Governors Meeting
5 <sup>th</sup> October	Primary Puppets performance in school 'The Good Samaritan'
6 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu immunisations for Reception, Y1 and Y2 – more details to follow
17 <sup>th</sup> October	KS1 Dodgeball Competition at St Joseph's Sports Hall 9.30am - 11.30am
18 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival in St Michael's Church 2.00pm
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Autumn Disco 4.30pm - 6.00pm
20 <sup>th</sup> October	School Closes at 3.00pm for half term
30 <sup>th</sup> October	School re-opens at 8.50am for Autumn Term 2
30 <sup>th</sup> October	Pumpkin Carving Competition £1.00 per entry
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Pumpkin Exhibition
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	KS1 Netherhall Gymnastics Competition
16 <sup>th</sup> November	School Photographer
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Dick Whittington Pantomime at The Carnegie Theatre Reception, Y1 and Y2
7 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm KS1 Bingo
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
13 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am Nursery Christmas Show
13 <sup>th</sup> December	2.00pm Christmas Service in St Michael's Church (Reception, Y1 and Y2)
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Parties
15 <sup>th</sup> December	School Closes at 1.15pm for Christmas Break
4 <sup>th</sup> January	School re-opens at 8.50am for Spring Term 1