

St. Michael's Nursery & Infant School

NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2017

Attendance and Punctuality

The current whole school attendance is 95.24%. Year 2 are in the lead with 98.6%, followed by Year 1 with 95.9% then Reception with 94.9% and finally Nursery with 86%.

Unfortunately we still have a few families who are persistently late. 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.

Governors

Last week the Governing Body of St Michael's met to discuss issues in school and plan a direction for the year ahead. As you are all aware a lot of cuts were made to many school budgets this year so the Governing Body discussed ways of raising money for school. The Governors came up with the idea of applying to have a bucket in either Asda or Tesco whereby people can post their blue/green tokens and raise money for school funds that way.

The Governing Body will be coming in to school to introduce themselves to the children and gain a greater understanding on how our school works. A leaflet about our school governors is in process to tell parents who they are and the role they play in school.

Harvest Festival

This year our Harvest Festival will be on **Wednesday 18th October at 2.00pm** 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 see the notice boards around school for a list of suitable items. Please bring any donations by 17th October. Thank you.

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

Autumn Disco Thursday 19th October 2017 4.30pm-6.00pm

The children are invited to our Autumn Disco on Thursday 19th October. The price is **£1.50** per child which is payable on arrival and will include a party plate and a drink. There will be lots of party games and dancing. This is an autumn disco so we ask that children come dressed in party clothes only and no Halloween costumes please. Children do not need money for the disco once the entry fee is paid. **The Nursery children will not be able to come to this event and it is for St Michael's pupils only.**

School Photographer Thursday 16th November

The school photographer will be available for family photographs with siblings who do not attend our school from **8.30a.m.** in the school hall. All children will have an individual photograph taken during the day and children who have siblings in school will also have them taken together on this day. School photographs make a great gift at Christmas so please be prompt when ordering to ensure you receive your order on time and avoid a delivery charge.

Wrap Around Care

St Michael's wrap around care started in September 2016. We originally offered Morning Club, Teddy Bear Club and Michael Bear Club. Morning Club and Teddy Bear Club are being used regularly; however, our after school Michael Bear Club is not being used as often. After several months of monitoring St Michael's Governing Body have decided to end the Michael Bear Club on Friday 20th October. Morning Club and Teddy Bear Club will continue to run as normal.

Please note our Morning Club does not offer breakfast but your child is welcome to bring breakfast with them.

Operation Christmas Child

This week we have sent home leaflets for the annual Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoebox donation. The leaflet provides details of how to pack your shoebox and gift suggestions. In previous years we have only received a few of these important shoeboxes. If you are unable to make up a shoebox for donation we would welcome any of the items listed in the leaflet such as dolls, cuddly toys, pens, toothbrushes, soap, hat scarf, gloves etc. to allow us to make up the boxes in school. Any donations must be handed in to school by 6th November 2017.

Year 1 and 2 Moky Kids After School Club 31st October 3pm-4pm for 6 weeks

Moky Kids is a fun dance workout which uses big chart hits and easy to follow dance moves designed to give a fun workout. The music and atmosphere in a Moky class is infectious and motivating! We are pleased to welcome back dance coach Rachel Falcon to start this new exciting after school club on 31st October. The sessions will run for 6 weeks in total and will be from 3pm-4pm every Tuesday with the last session on 5th December. If you would like your child to take part in this after school club, please contact the school office for a place.

Pumpkin Carving Competition – whole school including Nursery

This year we will be holding a pumpkin carving competition. If you would like to help your child carve a pumpkin and enter the competition, please can we have all pumpkins in on the first day back to school after the half term, Monday 30th October. **All entries cost £1.00.** A prize will be given for the best carved pumpkin. We will display the pumpkins around school and parents are welcome to view them on Monday 30th October at 2.45pm then all pumpkins will be sent home after school.

Autumn Raffle

As mentioned earlier we are trying to raise money for school funds. Our dining hall furniture is in desperate need of replacement so to enable us to buy new chairs for the children we are sending out raffle tickets for our Autumn Raffle. The prizes are fabulous and include a family day pass to Muncaster Castle, Identity Hair Salon voucher, Funtastic voucher, Monkey Madhouse voucher, Carnegie Pantomime voucher and much more!! The tickets cost £1 per strip and attached to this newsletter are 3 strips for your use. If you wish to purchase the tickets please return money and stubs to your class teacher by next Friday 20th October. The raffle will be drawn on the first day back after half term. Good luck everyone!

Dates for your diary:

17 th October	KS1 Dodgeball Competition at St Joseph's Sports Hall 9.30am - 11.30am
18 th October	Harvest Festival in St Michael's Church 2.00pm
19 th October	Autumn Disco 4.30pm - 6.00pm
20 th October	School Closes at 3.00pm for half term
30 th October	School re-opens at 8.50am for Autumn Term 2
30 th October	Pumpkin Carving Competition £1.00 per entry
30 th October	Pumpkin Exhibition 2.45pm
7 th November	Workington Fire Brigade Assembly for KS1 – Great Fire of London
8 th November	Governors Committee Meetings
10 th November	Remembrance Assembly with PCSO Alison Renney
16 th November	School Photographer
17 th November	Children in Need – Spotacular – Come to school dressed in spots £1 donation
28 th November	Early Years Dance Performance with Miss Maria – details to follow
5 th December	Dick Whittington Pantomime at The Carnegie Theatre Reception, Y1 and Y2
7 th December	Primary Puppets in school – Christmas Show 'Being a good person'
7 th December	1.30pm KS1 Bingo
12 th December	Christmas Lunch
13 th December	9.30am Nursery Christmas Show
13 th December	2.00pm Christmas Service in St Michael's Church (Reception, Y1 and Y2)
14 th December	Christmas Parties
15 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
15 th December	School Closes at 1.15pm for Christmas Break
4 th January	School re-opens at 8.50am for Spring Term 1