

# St. Michael's Nursery & Infant School

## NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2021

### **Station Road Crossing**

As you are aware Station Road is probably one of the busiest roads in our part of town. Each morning and after school parents, carers and children use the crossing however, not every car stops. This has been an ongoing problem for many, many years on this road. After lots of communication to Cumbria Highways the most recent improvement was to repaint the white stripes on the zebra crossing and renew the belisha beacons. This measure had little impact and there are still motorists who will not stop. We are currently awaiting the recruitment of a new lollipop person which will help with the crossing of pedestrians but we need to remain vigilant on this road. Parents must always hold their child's hand when crossing as some children will just walk onto the crossing assuming cars will stop. Please do not use the crossing until every car visible has stopped allowing you to cross safely.

A letter of complaint and a request to install a pelican crossing on this road was sent to the police this week and their response is as follows:

*"Good afternoon Ms Gregory*

*I will certainly raise this with my CCC Highways counterparts. We hold a monthly meeting where items such as this are discussed. We will review any accident history, traffic data etc and discuss. It'll likely come down to cost at the end of the day but no harm in asking*

*Will update when I know more*

*Many thanks*

*PC 1197 Leanne Pettit*

*Collision Reduction Officer (West)*

*Cumbria Constabulary"*

More near misses were reported on the road this week by parents so this will be sent to the police also. In the meantime, if you would like to report anything significant regarding Station Road, please use this link:

<https://www.cumbria.police.uk/report-it/reporting-road-safety-concerns/road-safety-concern-form>

Thank you for all your help and support with this ongoing problem.

### **Attendance**

The current whole school attendance is 94% which is just below the National Government target. Year 1 are in the lead with 96%, followed by Nursery and Year 2 in joint second place with 93%, and finally Reception 92%. We know there have been lots of nasty bugs other than Covid going around but if your child is well they must be in school as much as possible to help them learn and grow.

Letters regarding individual's attendance and lateness will be sent out later this half term. Attendance is constantly monitored in school and persistent absentees are monitored by the Local Authority. Thank you for your continued support.

## **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 2022**.

## **Royal Legion Poppy Appeal**

From **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November** we will be selling poppies and poppy merchandise to raise funds for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. There will be snap bands, wrist bands, keyrings and poppies for sale and these range from 50p – £1.50. If you would like to buy any of the items, a member of staff will be on the school yard by the Upper School entrance from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

## **Anti-Bullying Week – Odd Socks Day Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. This is one of the reasons, that 'One Kind Word' has been chosen as the theme of Anti-Bullying Week taking place from 15 to 19 of November 2021. **On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November** we are asking everyone to come to school in odd socks. There's a serious message behind the fun: let's pull on odd socks to show we're ALL unique and different, and let's be kind to each other and respect each other's individuality. This is not a fundraising event, it is simply to raise awareness. Please do not go out and buy socks for this occasion. Any socks will do!

## **School Photographer Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Unfortunately, due to the amount of Covid cases still rising we are unable to take family photographs. 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.

## **Operation Christmas Child**

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. Any completed boxes must be handed in to school by **18<sup>th</sup> November**.

## **Children in Need Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Non-uniform day**

The BBC Children in Need brings out the best in us, it's our chance to shine, to step up, to do whatever we can to help change the lives of disadvantaged children and young people across the UK. On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November we will be having a Pudsey activity day in school. This will be a non-uniform day. Children can either come to school in a Pudsey t-shirt, spotty clothes, fancy dress or non-uniform. Please remember sensible shoes and a coat for outside play. As always, we will be sending home a Pudsey decorated money tube. We would be extremely grateful if you can pop any spare change into the tube and return it on Children in Need day.

### **Dress Down for Chocolate Day Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Non-uniform day**

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November we are having a Dress down Day for the whole school. We are asking everyone to come to school in non-uniform and instead of a money donation we would like everyone to bring a bar/box of chocolates. The chocolate will be used for our upcoming Christmas Raffle.

### **Christmas Tree Light Switch On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2.30pm**

We will be hosting our very own Christmas Tree light switch on in school. We will have a big Christmas Tree from Whinlatter and we are inviting all parents and carers onto the school yard to see our Christmas Tree lights being switched on. There will be carol singing, a hot chocolate and Christmas goodies marquee, decorations and reindeer dust for sale and our Christmas Raffle will be drawn too. Come along and join the festive fun!

### **Nativity in St Michael's Church 15<sup>th</sup> December 2pm – Reception, Year1 and Year 2**

Our annual Nativity will be on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm in St Michael's Church. The children will soon begin practising their singing and rehearsals for the Nativity will soon be underway.

### **Nursery Nativity in our school hall Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 11am**

Nursery will be having their Nativity in the school hall on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 11am. All parents/carers are welcome.

It goes without saying really but obviously if anyone begins displaying any symptoms of Covid, please do not attend any school events. Thank you

We look forward to seeing you all there!

## Dates for your diary

8 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Meeting Week
8 <sup>th</sup> November	2 <sup>nd</sup> Session of KS1 After School Club
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Fire Brigade Visit to School
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Assembly
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti Bullying Odd Sock Day
15 <sup>th</sup> November	3 <sup>rd</sup> Session of KS1 After School Club
16 <sup>th</sup> November	School Photographs
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Road Safety Assembly with PCSO Alison Renney
19 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need – Non Uniform Day
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	4 <sup>th</sup> Session of KS1 After School Club
26 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School Whinlatter Trip – More details to follow
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Dress Down for Chocolate – Non Uniform Day
29 <sup>th</sup> November	5 <sup>th</sup> Session of KS1 After School Club
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Tree Light Switch on 2.30pm and Christmas Raffle Draw
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Final Session of KS1 After School Club
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Nativity 11am in the School Hall
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner Day
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity for Reception, Years 1 and 2 in St Michael's Church 2pm
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
16 <sup>th</sup> December	School Closes at 1.15pm for Christmas Break
5 <sup>th</sup> January	School re opens for Spring Term 1 at 8.50am (8am Morning Club)