



# St Michael's Nursery and Infant School

## Newsletter – April 2023



### Attendance and sickness

As always, attendance remains one of our priorities across the school, but we are very aware of all the nasty tummy bugs that are making their way around the school at the moment. Please be extra vigilant with hand washing and looking out for symptoms etc. As you know, we follow a strict 48-hour policy for any sickness/diarrhoea as per government guidance. Please call us ASAP if your child is going to be absent on 01900 608111, there is a voicemail that you can leave a message on and Miss Stagg will pick the message up in the morning. If we are not notified by 10.30am we have the right to visit the home to check on the welfare of the child/family.



### 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**

### May Bank Holidays

We have a few bank holidays this term. We have Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May which is the usual May Day bank holiday. We have Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May which is a special bank holiday that has been added this year to coincide with King Charles III Coronation. We also have the late May bank holiday which will be Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May during the next school holidays for Whit Week.

We will be CLOSED for each of these holidays.



### Strike days



We have taken careful consideration and discussed with all staff present at St Michael's and they have decided not to take part in the strikes, so we will remain OPEN on these days, the next being Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

### Hawse End Residential

What an amazing, full-filling experience all the children and staff involved had at Hawse End! Their behaviour was impeccable and we truly believe that they have taken some fantastic experiences and memories with them that will last a life time. We look forward to going again next year and hope others will enjoy this as much as we have. We know how important it is for the children to gain these skills and participate in these trips

And we will always do all we can to ensure these opportunities are available.





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### **King Charles III Coronation**

We are very excited to host our Coronation lunch on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May. I have copied below the slight changes that were shared on Class Dojo in case you have missed this:

We have had a little rethink of the logistics involved for the event and we hope that these slight changes will make the day run smoother and make the celebration more fulfilling:

**Siblings** - We have decided to have all siblings together for one sitting if they are from different groups rather than parents waiting for the next sitting and paying for two lunches. This also means the whole family can be together. We will confirm which sitting this will be when we get more replies

We have also decided that, rather than one grown up per sibling, it will be one grown up per family/child, therefore we can ensure we have as much space as possible and make it fair for everyone across the school would've like more grown ups there too.

**Uniform** - As Mrs Regan has already said, we have had a few parents ask if their child can come to school in red, white and blue or non-uniform. We are happy to allow this. This is not compulsory, so if you or your child would rather they come in standard uniform, then this is absolutely fine too. Please ensure they have suitable shoes/coat for outdoor play.

**Replies** - Please could I ask that all replies are in ASAP so that we can start preparing.

We look forward to welcoming you all!

### **National Smile Week**

We will be celebrating National Smile week across the school and highlighting the importance of oral hygiene to all children. We have managed to arrange for one of the dental hygienists to come from Belvedere/Nook Street practice to come and have a chat with all the children in their classes on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May. We will also be participating in a colouring competition for the dentist to judge and announce the winners upon their visit.



### **Science visit to St Joseph's**

We have managed to secure a visit to St Joseph's school for our Year 2 class on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to go and see how the older students engage with science and help bring this to life for them. They will get to see the special labs and equipment they use in secondary school and hopefully instil a passion for a new subject that they can take with them into the next stages of their school journey. This is within school time, so there will be no change to drop off or pick up arrangements.



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**Dates for the diary:**

Closed for May Day bank holiday	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May
Coffee and activities at the Parish Rooms	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May
King's Coronation lunch	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May
Closed for King Charles's Coronation	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May
Small group to Lakes College for a football tournament	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May
Visit from the dental hygienist	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May
Small group to St Joseph's for kicky rounders	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May
Coffee and activities at the Parish Rooms	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May
Science afternoon at St Joseph's	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May
Small group to St Joseph's for a football tournament	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May
Break up for Whit Week at 3pm	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May
Return to school at 8.50am	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June
Coffee and activities at the Parish Rooms	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June