



St Michael's Nursery and
Infant School

Newsletter – December 2022



We made it!

That's it, another year is drawing to an end and what an amazing year it has been, yet it is only really the start for some, as our academic year carries on. First and foremost, we would all like to thank our children and families for allowing us to end this year on a high. It has been very testing at times with all the illnesses that have been going around, but our children have shown true resilience and have battled through and made this a wonderful end of term.

I hope you will all agree that there has been an immense amount of effort from all the staff to provide the children with as many fulfilling activities, especially during this festive period.

We are overwhelmed by the sheer amount of generosity and kindness you have all shown in helping us raise much needed funds to enable us to make extra special memories for the children.

We are very grateful for all the community spirit that has been shown from many people and organisations from outside the school too.

Attendance

Nursery are our overall winning group this term. To celebrate, they will be having hot chocolate and a movie as a special treat. We wonder who it will be next time! Please ensure your children are in on time each morning and we can continue to start the day in a positive way. As always, if your child must stay off, please contact the office and let someone know ASAP on 01900 608111.

Weather

As you are all aware, these last couple of weeks have been very icy, we remind you all that appropriate clothing and footwear is essential and please avoid any icy areas as they can be very dangerous. Sadly, there is also the crisis that we all face with the cost of heating going up which is leaving people without a warm home to reside in. If you are struggling at all, please take advantage of the 'Warm Spots' in the town. These provide a warm space and hot drinks to enjoy, as well as a friendly ear to talk to. More information can be found on the Cumbria County Council website.

Playtime Buddies

We are lucky enough to have Amy Lawless back with us each Tuesday for 4 weeks, starting 10th January. Amy will be taking the Year 2 children and doing multi-skills activities with them. The children love these sessions and like to keep active with her.



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UDance after school club

Year 2 will be participating in the annual UDance performance again this year. We would love to invite the children to come along to an after school club that will allow them to practice their routine with Mrs Natalie Cook. The first session will be Monday 9th January and will run each week up until Monday 20th March. The performance will be held in the Carnegie Theatre on Tuesday 21st March. We would encourage full commitment each week so that the children can get the most practice and confidence. More information will follow when we return after Christmas and letters sent to parents.

Reception after school club

Coach David is going to be starting his after school club with the reception class. They will be doing multi-skills activities which helps promote independence and agility. This will run for 4 weeks, starting Tuesday 10th January 2023. We will be taking numbers when we return after the Christmas break.

Best of British themed dinner day

Our next themed lunch day will be Thursday 19th January and we will be celebrating Best of British where Mrs Miller will be serving a special dinner for the children.

Science after school club

Miss Swinburne will be holding a science themed after school club which will start on Friday 20th January and will run for 5 weeks. This club will be for KS1 children. Miss Swinburne has lots of fun experiments and activities planned and rumour has it, SLIME may be involved!!! We will be taking a list of names when we return after Christmas.

Whole school Multi-Cultural week

We as a school take great pride in being a diverse and inclusive school, so we cannot wait to celebrate Multi-Cultural week with the children. This will commence on Monday 13th February. The theme which we will be participating in, is My Chinese Life. We look forward to celebrating with the children and learning all about other cultures.

As the year now closes, we would all like to take this time to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and all the best for the new year. We can't wait to welcome you all back in January!



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Dates for the diary

Return back to school	Wednesday 4th January 2023 at 8.50am
Playtime Buddies	Tuesday 10th January 2023
UDance after school club	Monday 9th January 2023 3-4pm
Coach David after school club	Tuesday 10th January 2023 3pm-4pm
Best of British themed lunch	Thursday 19th January 2023
Science after school club	Friday 20th January 2023 3pm-4pm
Multi-Cultural week	Monday 13th January 2023
Break up for Half Term	Friday 17th February 2023 3pm