

St. Michael's Nursery and Infant School

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 2023



Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance Matters



I would like to thank you all for your continued efforts in supporting good attendance and punctuality. Our current whole-school attendance rate sits at 91.4%. We appreciate that there are lots of bugs and germs doing the rounds but please do send your little one into school if they are well enough and not contagious. Please also remember that with your written permission, we are able to administer prescribed medications if they need to be given four times daily. This too can help with supporting good attendance whilst children are recovering.

The attendance winners for Spring 1 are YEAR 1!!!!!!!

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

Governor Vacancy



There remains an open vacancy for a Co-opted Governor on our panel, if anyone would like to be considered to join St Michael's Governing Body. Becoming a governor allows people to make a real difference in school and provide the best education and opportunities possible for all our children. For details on how to get involved please get in touch with Miss. Stagg in the school office on 01900608111 or email

admin@smhwkt.cumbria.sch.uk

Student Teacher in Reception Class

This week, we welcome our new student teacher Mrs. Tennyson. Mrs. Tennyson is a student with NITE and she will be working alongside Mrs. Hudson to teach the children in Reception class for the next 6 weeks.



School Improvement works....

During February half term, we have a team of specialists coming into school to work on building improvements. There will be a number of plaster and decorators in KS1 to renovate the entire building. We also have a team of decorators who are coming to paint the external railings onto Station Road, which we hope will draw more attention to the fact that we are a school and encourage drivers to slow down! We are thoroughly excited to be able to make these improvements for the children.

Parent Networking Coffee Afternoons....

It was lovely to catch up with Margret Smith from the Mothers' Union and Lorna from St. Michael's Church who have expressed an interest to work in partnership with our school on a range of projects. The ladies have offered to support us in creating a Parent Network meeting every two weeks to offer our families the chance to liaise and catch-up with one another. A warm and free venue to sit and chat.

They are therefore going to open the Parish Rooms on the following dates between 1-3pm and offer free tea and coffee for you all;

March 1st, March 22nd, April 19th, May 3rd, May 17th, June 7th, June 21st, July 5th.

World Book Day! 2nd March 2023



This year, to celebrate World Book Day, we will be joining Cumbria for the 'Great Big Read'. Our school will join others in running a Sponsored Read event to raise funds to develop our school libraries. We will then spend our funds on Usborne Books. Skiddaw View Books in partnership with Usborne will top up these funds with an AMAZING extra 60%. So, for example, if we raise £100.00 of funds, we get to select £160.00 worth of new Usborne books for our reading areas. On this day, we are inviting children to come to school dressed in pyjamas with their favourite bedtime book to share. We are hoping to get all families involved in this event and will send further details after the half-term holiday.

After School Clubs for spring 2

The School Council and Mrs. Reay have been working hard to audit the current after school club programme and voice pupils' opinions of which clubs they would like for Spring 2. The children have expressed an interest in Dance, Gardening, Music, Football, Dressing-Up, Food Technology and Games. We will therefore be offering the following clubs next half;

*Please note that we will continue to offer childcare for siblings of pupils who are in after-school clubs. This will be priced at £2 per session.

KS1 UDance Club	Mondays 3-4pm	This club will run on; 27 th February, 6 th March, 13 th March & 20 th March.
Year 2 Phunky Foods	Wednesdays 3-4pm	This club will run on; 1 st March, 8 th March, 15 th March, 22 nd March & 29 th March.
Reception Role-Play Club	Wednesdays 3-4pm	This club will run on; 1 st March, 8 th March, 15 th March, 22 nd March & 29 th March.
Year 1 Gardening Club	Fridays 3-4pm	This club will run on; 3 rd March, 10 th March, 17 th March & 24 th March.

The Community Pantry

We are very excited to announce that next half term, we will be opening our very own 'Community Pantry' on our school yard. We have purchased a shed with the help of Asda and are working with St. Michael's Church and the Mothers' Union to build supplies for this pantry. The pantry will be open each morning and evening for families to help themselves to dried food supplies and other items. There will be no charge for taking any of the foods as all we wish to do is work as a community to help those in need. We will also be working with local supermarkets to add fresh supplies to the pantry each week. If you do have any supplies at home which are in date but you are not intending to use, please add them to our pantry to benefit others.

Let's spread some community spirit!

Face to Face Parents Meetings - week commencing 13th March 2023

During the week beginning 13th March, we will be holding appointments with parents to discuss their child's progress so far this school year and this will be done face-to-face. The class teachers will pop up their appointment schedules after the holiday.



Make an Easter Bonnet – session for Nursery Parents and Children

This year, Nursery will take part in the Easter performance at St. Michael's Church by parading their Easter Bonnets. We would therefore like to invite Nursery parents into school on Thursday 23rd March at 09.00am to help the little ones to make their bonnets. All resources will be provided so we invite you to come along and join the fun. The session will last for around an hour and refreshments will be provided.

Hawse End Parents' Meeting

An outdoor specialist from Hawse End will be coming into school at 3.15pm on Tuesday 28th March to deliver a talk for parents about the upcoming residential. Please come along to find out lots of information.

**Please note, this session is for adults only.*

Easter Service 2pm - 29th March - St Michael's Church, Workington

Our Easter Performance will be held on Wednesday 29th March at 2.00pm in St Michael's Church. The children will be working hard to practise their performance and songs so please come along and enjoy! Children can be collected from the Church after the performance at 3pm.

**Please note, Nursery pupils will join this performance. Those who do not attend 30 hours will be invited to stay for the afternoon too.*

Easter 'Decorate an Egg' competition

We will be running our annual 'Decorate an Egg' competition again this year for the whole school including Nursery – please bring your egg into school by 9.00am on **Friday 31st March 2023**. There will be a prize for best boy and girl entry for each class. Happy Decorating!



Other dates for your diary....

- 1st March 23' - KS1 Multiskills Festival at the Lakes College
(pupils who did not attend last time will be selected – letter to follow)
- 3rd March 23' - World Book Day themed lunch
- 21st March 23' – UDance performance
- 31st March 23' – Easter Fun Day – school closes at 1.15pm
- 17th April 23' – School reopens for the summer term