



St Michael's Nursery and Infant School

Newsletter – January 2023



Welcome back everyone!

All the children are settling back in wonderfully. We would like to welcome our Nursery new starters to St Michael's and hope that they are enjoying their time here and making lots of new friends.



Attendance and punctuality

As always, attendance and punctuality are vital here at St Michael's. We know there has been lots of viruses and illnesses going about and appreciate all of your efforts in notifying us of your child's absence or illness. Sickness/diarrhea requires children to stay off school for 48 hours following their latest incident. If you are concerned about your child(ren)'s health, please call 111 or in emergencies always 999. Please call the school office on 01900 608111 if your child is unable to attend school as soon as you can, there is an option to leave a message, ready for us to pick up before registration.

Along with your child's attendance, we also need them to be punctual. This allows your child to settle in, get some breakfast and get started for the day in a calm environment without distraction. Along with your own child having a positive start to the day, it also allows the other children to start the day without disruption. School doors open at 8.50am but the gates are open before 8am ready for Breakfast Club. We would appreciate it if all children are here for 8.50am, so that we can settle in ASAP. Doors close at 9am ready to start their learning.

Breakfast Club

If you would like your child to join Breakfast Club, please call the office or leave a message on Class DoJo and we will be happy for them to come along. We understand things can crop up last minute, so please don't worry if you need to contact us on the day. Breakfast Club starts at 8am-8.40am and is £2 per session.

Wrap Around for after-school clubs

Mrs Regan posted on Class DoJo last week about a fantastic idea that one of our Parent Governors had. As we have lots of after school clubs planned and lots of siblings attending St Michael's, we have decided to have a Wrap Around Service for any siblings that attend other classes to join whilst their sibling is in after-school club. This will run at the same time (3pm-4pm) as the after-school clubs and will be £2 per session. This means





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that parents aren't having to come to collect one child, then make an additional journey an hour later. We hope you agree that this will be of benefit to all, and highlights the value and importance of our parenting governors. As always, Thank You!

Snack money

Snack money for all classes this term is £6. Please pop this in a named envelope and hand to your class teacher.

As you may have seen on Class DoJo, Mrs Regan has implemented another change which means that, if you have multiple children in school, you will only need to pay one lot of snack money and this will be shared amongst their relevant classes. This comes in line with the cost of living crisis and as always, we strive to do all we can to help our families.

If you are in receipt of Pupil Premium, you are not required to pay this.

U-Dance after-school club



We are delighted to take part in the annual U-Dance performance again this year on **Tuesday 21st March 2023**. Our KS1 classes will be joining other schools in the area at the Carnegie Theatre and performing a unique dance that has a

lovely story to tell. Children will spend the day at the Carnegie theatre and will be collected after the show. More details regarding the actual performance and itinerary for the day will follow.

In preparation for the event, we would like to invite the children to join us for an after-school club with Miss Natalie, where she will choreograph their dance and the children can get lots of extra practice. Please let us know if your child would like a place on the club and if any siblings would like to stay for the Wrap Around Care. The first session will begin on **Monday 16th January** and run **every Monday**, the last session being **Monday 20th March**.

KS1 Dodgeball tournament at St Joseph's

Once again, some of our KS1 children have been invited to join other schools in a dodgeball tournament on Tuesday 17th January. This will be held at St Joseph's Catholic High School, Workington. The children will be collected by M&I Travel at 12.15pm for a 12.30pm start which means they will have an earlier lunch. They will be collected at 2.30pm and ready to collect from school as normal. Unfortunately, we are unable to welcome any spectators, however, we will be taking photos to share with you all.





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Best of British Themed Lunch

Mrs Miller will be cooking up another special menu on Thursday 19th January. This one will be Best of British! We hope they enjoy.

Visit from the Mayor

We are having a special visit from the Mayor on Friday 20th January who will be visiting our School Council team and having a chat about how they vote and make decisions.



Hearing tests

The Reception children that missed their hearing test last term, will be getting tested on Friday 20th January.

Farm to Fork

KS1 are going to visit Morrisons on Friday 20th January and learn all about the topic 'Food to Fork'. They will discover where foods come from and how their favourite foods are processed.



Science after-school club

Miss Swinburne's Science club starts on Friday 20th January, 3pm-4pm and run for 5 weeks. They will have lots of fun completing experiments and taking part in lots of other fun activities. All spaces have now been confirmed and Wrap around care issued for siblings.

Healthy eating with Reception class

The reception class will be visiting Tesco on Friday 27th January. They will learn all about healthy eating and which foods are deemed healthy and unhealthy. This is a good way for the children to identify foods and have a discussion about their own eating habits.





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Dates for the diary

U-Dance after-school club 3pm-4pm	Monday 16th January
KS1 Dodgeball competition	Tuesday 17th January
Best of British Themed Lunch	Thursday 19th January
Visit from the Mayor	Friday 20th January
Hearing tests	Friday 20th January
Farm to Fork topic at Morrisons for KS1	Friday 20th January
Science after-school club for 5 weeks	Friday 20th January
Healthy Eating visit at Tesco	Friday 27th January
Break up for half term at 3pm	Friday 17th February
Return to school at 8.50am	Monday 27th February
UDance after-school club continues 3pm-4pm	Monday 27th February