



St Michael's Nursery and Infant School

Newsletter – November 2022



Attendance and Punctuality

Our whole school attendance to date is at 92%. We aim to be above the standard which is 95%, but we understand this time of year can bring lots of tummy bugs and colds. As always, if your child has sickness/diarrhoea please keep them at home for 48 hours and call to let us know. Punctuality is very important for your child's education as we like to start their learning as soon as the doors close. If you are struggling to get to school, we still have our Breakfast Club which starts at 8am. Please call the office to book.



Weather

As the weather is getting much colder and very unpredictable, could we please ask that all children come to school with a warm, waterproof coat and shoes and wellies to change into if you have any. We will be needing hats and gloves soon too.

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
NSPCC: 0808 800 5000



School places

Could we remind Nursery and Year 2 parents, that their admission forms for their chosen Reception and Junior school will need to be submitted by 15th January 2023 if not already done so.

We also have free spaces here at St Michael's, so please SPREAD THE WORD! We would love to welcome more children to our amazing school.

Wheelchair basket ball

We have been able to organise for our children to have a go at wheelchair basket ball in our parish halls on the morning of Tuesday 8th November. This is a school only event and we are unable to welcome spectators; however, we will be uploading photos of this enjoyable event.



Anti-bullying week

On Monday 7th November we will be asking all children to wear odd socks as Mrs Kelly is holding an assembly in preparation for the anti-bullying week which is the following week. There will be other activities planned throughout that week.



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School photos

Whole school photos will be taking place on Tuesday 15th November. Doors to the hall will be open from 8.15am for all siblings that **do not attend** St Michael's to come along for their photo took together. If you have siblings that attend school together, these will be taken throughout the day.

Remembrance Day

On Friday 11th November, we will be holding our own Remembrance Service in school for the children at 11am (school members only). Following this, our Year 2 class will be going to the cenotaph at 11.15am to pay their respects.

We will have a special visit from Alan from the Beacon, in Whitehaven, who will be coming in to discuss WW2 and show the children the toys that were played with during that time. This is a great opportunity for the children to learn all about history and how much things have changed and appreciate the way we live now. Remember we still have poppies available.

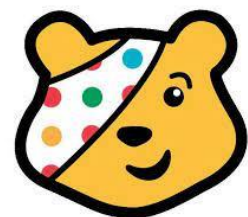


Meet your Governors

We welcome you all to join us for coffee and a chat (and cake!) with our school governors on Thursday 17th November at 2pm in our school hall. This is the perfect opportunity for you to come and meet our governors, ask any questions and pass on any feedback to us. We always love to hear what you have to say and try our best to make improvements where necessary.

Children in Need

This year, Children in Need will take place on Friday 18th November. We would love all the children to come to school in their favourite fancy dress costume or their Pyjamas. We will be sending the children home with a decorated tube for them to fill with any spare change you are able to spare. There will be lots of fun activities going on throughout the school including face painting. If you do not want your child to have their face painted, please let their teacher know.



Chocolate Non-Uniform Day

To mark the first day of advent, we would like all children to come into school in non-uniform on Thursday 1st December and bring along a chocolate donation. This chocolate will then be used for some of our raffle prizes at the Christmas Fayre.



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Christmas Fayre

On Tuesday 6th December we will be holding our annual Christmas Fayre in the Parish Rooms on Dean Street. The event will start at 1.30pm. We have lots planned for this event including raffles, crafty stalls, entertainment and refreshments.

We already have some amazing prizes that have been generously donated to us and we welcome more if people are able to give. Raffle tickets will be sent home in the coming weeks. We love to organise this each year as it means we can use the funds to go towards lots of festive treats for the children. We hope you can all come along and join in with the festive spirit.

Early Years history session

Alan from the Beacon, in Whitehaven will be coming back in to join our Early Years class for their history session on Wednesday 7th December. He will be showing the children all the Victorian toys that the children used to play with back then and having a little workshop creating peg dolls.



Nursery Nativity

The Nursery class will be holding their own Nativity on Tuesday 13th December in the school hall at 11am. The children work so hard each year to make such a lovely Nativity and we would love for you to come and watch them shine.

Nativity for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Wednesday 14th December will be our annual Nativity for the rest of the school which will be held in St Michael's Church at 2pm. Unfortunately, we were unable to show our Service last year due to Covid, so we will certainly be making up for it this year and going all out and making it as traditional as possible. We look forward to seeing you all there.



Christmas Party Day!

We know the children all love a good party, so they are all invited to come to school in their party clothes on Thursday 15th December. Please be mindful that the weather will be much colder by then, so warm clothing and sensible shoes for outdoor play is a must. We will have lots of party games and activities throughout the day.





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Cinema Morning

We will be taking the whole school (including Nursery) to the cinema on the morning of Friday 16th December. They will watch a film and have their own popcorn tray and drink. This is to celebrate all of their amazing behaviour and achievements. There will be no charge for this as we will be using funds from the Christmas fundraising events. We thank you all for your generosity to enable us to do this for the children.

Christmas Dinner day

All children will have the opportunity to have a lovely Christmas Dinner on Monday 19th December. There will even be crackers to pull with their friends!



Year Two Christmas Carol Service

We will be taking our Year 2 children to Tesco on Monday 19th December to sing some of our favourite Christmas carols and help raise some money. We will be setting off in the morning and welcome you to come along to watch them and have a sing along. More details for this will follow in the coming weeks.

Christmas Jumper Day

Our Christmas Jumper day will be held on Tuesday 20th December, so the children can come in their most festive jumper to mark the occasion. There will be no charge for this.



School breaks up

We will be breaking up for Christmas On Tuesday 20th December at **1.15pm**. We all hope you have a very Merry Christmas and we will see you all again on Wednesday 4th January!





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Dates for the Diary

Odd Socks Day – Wear odd socks on Monday 7th November

Anti-bullying week – Week commencing Monday 14th November

Wheelchair basketball – Monday 7th November

Gymnastics After school club continues – Monday 7th November 3pm-4pm

Miss Birch's Crafty Club KS1 – Monday 7th November for 5 weeks 3pm-4pm

Phunky Foods Club Year 1 – Tuesday 8th November for 4 weeks 3pm-4pm

Remembrance Day – Friday 11th November

Meet your governors – Thursday 17th November 2pm

Children In Need – Friday 18th November

Chocolate Non-Uniform Day – Thursday 1st December

Christmas Fayre – Tuesday 6th December

Early Years history session – Wednesday 7th December

Nursery Nativity – School hall – Tuesday 13th December 11am

Nativity for the rest of the school – St Michael's Church Wednesday 14th December 2pm

Christmas Party Day – Thursday 15th December

Cinema Day – Friday 16th December

Christmas Dinner – Monday 19th December

Year 2 Christmas Carol – Tesco, Workington (times to follow)

Christmas Jumper Day – Tuesday 20th December

Break up for Christmas! – Tuesday 20th December **1.15pm.**

Welcome Back! – Wednesday 4th January 8.50am

