



St Michael's Nursery and Infant School

Newsletter – January 2024



Welcome back everyone!

We would love to wish all of our wonderful children and staff a very warm welcome back! I'm sure the children have all had a lovely Christmas and they have all settled back in to their new classes.

Attendance and Punctuality

Our whole school attendance to date is at 93%. 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 Panda Club (Breakfast Club) which starts at 8am until 8.30am. Please call the office to book or use our online payment system SCO Pay. Please note, Panda Club is not available for Tiny Teds', due to staff ratios needed.



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**

Weather



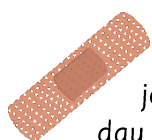
The winter weather is still with us, so please make sure your child comes to school wearing a warm, waterproof coat, suitable shoes/boots and hats, scarves and gloves. We have had a very kind donation of woolly hats and gloves that are available in the Community Pantry.

Wrap-Around

We are still offering our Koala Club for after-school care at £2 per session and runs from 3.15pm-4.15pm. Please book via the school office or online via the SCO Pay app. Please note, Koala Club is not available for Tiny Teds', due to staff ratios needed.



Jewellery and piercings



For the safety of all the children, please make sure all jewellery is removed and stud earrings are covered. The children play most of the day and we have lots of sport sessions which they would have to miss if this is not followed.



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Tiny Ted vacancies

We still have places available in our Tiny Teds' setting, so please spread the word. We accept funded hours and will always try our best to accommodate the days needed, based on availability.

Station Road Crossing:

We are very aware of the ongoing issue regarding the traffic at the Station Road crossing. We have arranged for PCSO Pape to come along and have her presence known and to see the issues we are having. Could we please ask, in the meantime, could any parent raise any concerns directly with Cumberland Council as this may highlight the issue further.



Family Learning:

We have almost finished our second Family Learning project for the year and it has been another success. If there are any other projects you would like to request, that you think may be beneficial for you and your child, please let us know as we will pass this on to Kelly and she may be able to arrange this.



After-School Clubs

U-Dance After-School Club will run every Monday, starting Monday 8th January and the final session will be Monday 18th March 3.15pm-4.15pm. This is a free club, but we must stress that, as this is in preparation for the performance, we would ask for full commitment to ensure the children get as much practise as possible.

Coach David will be taking Reception for multi-skills after-school club each Tuesday, starting 16th January for 6 weeks.

Dodgeball festival for Year 1 and Year 2

Some of the KS1 children have been invited to take part in a dodge-ball competition on today at St Joseph's Catholic High School. This will take part in school time and will be ready to collect as usual. Unfortunately, we are unable to invite any spectators, however, we will take photos and upload to Class DoJo.





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Hawse End Residential:

We have managed to secure another booking for our Year 2s to go to Hawse End on Thursday 9th May 2024. We have also arranged for one of the activity organisers to come to school and hold a parent meeting to discuss the plans for the trip and give you the chance to ask any questions. This will be held in the school hall on Thursday 25th January at 2.15pm. We hope to see you all there. If you are unable to make it, please let us know if there are any questions you would like answered on your behalf.



Once we have had the meeting, we will take provisional bookings and based on the uptake, we will confirm a final price and arrange payment plans. We will also be able to add this to our new SCO Pay app, so please ensure that you have registered.

As always, this trip will be heavily subsidised through school funds to make it as affordable as possible.



One Dance (UDance):

Some of the KS1 children have chosen to take part in our annual dance event organised by Miss Natalie, a former organiser of UDance. Miss Natalie has now organised her own event, now named One

Dance.

Miss Smith has organised for letters to be sent home to give consent and request any ticket orders. Each child has been allocated 2 tickets, but if you would like to be considered for extra, please fill this in on the form. Once all the numbers have been handed in to Miss Natalie, we will be able to see if extras can be allocated. Please send all consent slips and ticket orders in by Thursday 1st February.

Pro-Ride Coaching:

Phil from Pro-Ride Coaching is going to be coming in for the full day on Monday 29th January to work with the Early Years children (Nursery and Reception).

He will be bringing along balance bikes and will be helping the little ones develop their gross motor skills and have a whole lot of fun whilst doing so. This is the first time we have organised this and we can't wait to see how the children get on.



Book Bus:

The Book Bus will be coming again on Friday 2nd February. Some of the children will get to go on the bus and select some new stories to share with their friends.



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Chinese Culture Week:

Week commencing Monday 5th February, we will be celebrating Chinese Culture week as a whole school. We always welcome diversity at St Michael's and love to explore new cultures, religions and festivities with the children.

Online Safety Day:

We will be celebrating Online Safety Day on Monday 5th February. We have lots of conversations and activities planned in preparation for this.



We will be breaking up at normal time on Friday 9th February 2024!



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