



St Michael's Nursery and Infant School

Newsletter – March 2024



Attendance and Punctuality



Our overall whole school attendance up to date is 92.6% with a target of 95%. Hopefully now that we are entering the warmer months, some of the nasty, seasonal bugs may have gone. As always, we appreciate that some absence is not avoidable, but we do stress that, unless your child has a temperature above 38 degrees, sickness, diarrhoea or any other contagious illness, they should come into school. We have access to fresh drinking water

throughout the day and they will always be wrapped up warm whilst playing outside.

We understand that medical appointments are like gold dust at the moment, but wherever possible, please try to arrange check-ups etc after school hours as this interrupts their learning time and schedule. Please call the school office and leave a message for us on 01900 608111 **BEFORE 9AM** if they will not be in school as we will need to carry out a welfare visit to your home address if we have no contact.

Punctuality is becoming an issue again. We would like to reiterate the importance of your child being in school on time for their own benefit and that of their peers. We aim to start learning as soon as registration is complete, but before this, we like the children to have some breakfast and a drink to ease into the day. Once one child is late, this then interrupts the routine that the children need.

If your child is late, please come to the main entrance and sign them in with their name, date/time and reason for being late, as we need to record persistent lateness and if there are any patterns occurring.

Door opening times:

**Tiny Teds sessions – AM 8.30am
PM 12.15pm**

Nursery – 8.45am

Reception, Y1 and Y2 – 8.35am

As always, we do have Panda Club available from 8am-8.30am for anyone that may need this. Please book via the SCO Pay app, or message the school office.

We hope you appreciate this and we look forward to working with you all to give your child the best start to their education.



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**



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Supervising children

It is your own responsibility to ensure that you are supervising your child(ren) before and after school on the yard AT ALL TIMES. This includes while they are playing on any of the equipment or in the garden or Community Pantry.

After school clubs

Day	Club	Teacher	Last session
Monday	UDance	Miss Natalie	18 th March
Tuesday	Computing	Miss Birch	19 th March
Wednesday	Yoga	Mrs Hudson	20 th March
Thursday	Drumming	Andy	21 st March at 4pm

SCO Pay app

Please can all parents sign up to the online app, even if you do not intend on using this app, it is great to keep up date with balances and school trips, we will also be arranging for the parent meetings to be added too in the future. More letters have/will be sent out by the beginning of next week.



Zebra crossing

We would like to thank Kit's mam, Zoe Carey for her extra commitment in liaising with Cumberland Council to have changes made to the crossing on Station Road. The lights have now been changed and are more prominent and the presence of PCSO Pape has also helped a great deal, but we continue to monitor this.

Smoking and Vaping

This is a polite reminder that we do not permit any smoking and/or vaping on school premises at any given time. This includes the path way leading up alongside the car park and Church yard.



Art exhibition

The children are preparing to join another exhibition with St Michael's Church and will be creating an art piece based on their favourite book. We look forward to seeing all their wonderful work.



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Parent Meetings

The teachers have been out with dates for the parent meetings that are to commence next week. If you do not have a date, or are unable to make the one that has been arranged, please send your class teacher a message on DoJo and they can try and accommodate this.

Multi-skills competition

Some of the KS1 children have been invited to take part in a multi-skills competition with Chris Hodgson at Lakes College on Wednesday 6th March. If your child has been invited, they should come to school wearing their trainers and a warm coat and have a bottle of water with their name on.



World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. We welcome children to follow our 'Bedtime Stories' theme and come to school dressed in their pyjamas and bring along their favourite bedtime story book and we will share their stories with their friends. If you have already purchased another costume, or if your child does not want to dress up, this is also fine.

We will also be having an alternate menu on this day (hot dogs/sausages) which will be displayed in the notice board for Monday and added to Class DoJo.



Primary Puppets

We will be enjoying another show created by Primary Puppets on Friday 15th March. This time, the puppets will be creating a show based around the story of Easter.

North Air Ambulance assembly

On Monday 18th March, we have some of the North Air Ambulance team coming in to give an assembly and speak about the amazing work they do. They even have a very special guest coming with them, who is a good friend of our own Michael Bear!



Height and weight checks

The Reception children will be having their height and weight checks on Tuesday 19th March as part of a national requirement.



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UDance

Our annual UDance performance will take place at the Carnegie on Tuesday 19th March. Please ensure your child comes to school with a packed lunch to have at tea time, as they will be going to the Carnegie at 1pm and will stay there until the performance is finished, around 5.30pm. Please do not bring any sweets, fizzy drinks or glass bottles. Collection points for pick up will be confirmed in due course.



Easter Bonnet Workshop

We are holding our annual Easter bonnet workshop on Wednesday 20th March for all Nursery children. We have a very big class this year, therefore, we are going to be having two sessions; one at 9am until 10am and another from 10.15am until 11.15am. Invites will be sent individually via Class DoJo from Miss Routledge.

Year 2 Science

Simon from West Lakes has been coming in each week to meet with the children for a science workshop and they will be going to West Lakes to celebrate a Science Day on Thursday 21st March.



SEN Coffee Afternoon

We have arranged for another coffee afternoon for any parent/carer of a child with SEN or if you feel your child may have any other need. We welcome Rachel James with us, who is a speech and language specialist. She will be discussing pre-verbal and early communication and she will be happy to answer any questions and give support where needed. This will take place in the school hall on Friday 22nd March at 2pm.

Amy Linton – local artist

We will be visited by Amy Linton on Friday 22nd March, who is one of our local artists. She will be having a talk with the children and start a project with them, based on making art from washed up plastic and instilling a passion for art and sustainability.



Easter Service

Our Easter Service will be held at St Michael's Church on Wednesday 27th March at 2pm. All children will be taking part and Nursery children will be having their Easter bonnet parade. If your child is in Nursery and will not be attending for the afternoon service, please let Miss Routledge know. The children can be collected from the Church after the service, but if you are unable to join us, the children will head back to school with the teachers and can be collected as usual from school. Koala Club will still be available if needed until 4.15pm.



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Easter egg decorating competition

We welcome everyone to bring in their decorated eggs for our annual Easter egg competition. Please make sure all eggs are brought to the school hall on the morning of Thursday 28th March for judging to commence after registration. Doors to the hall will be open from 8.30am. If your child is in Panda Club, they can bring their eggs with them and we will transport them over.

Easter break

We will be breaking up for our Easter holidays on **Thursday 28th March at 1.15pm** and will return on Tuesday 16th April for our Summer 1 Term!





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Dates for the diary

Parents' meetings	Week Commencing Monday 4 th March
Multi-skills competition	Wednesday 6 th March
World Book Day	Thursday 7 th March
Primary Puppets show	Friday 15 th March
North Air Ambulance assembly	Monday 18 th March
Height and weight checks	Tuesday 19 th March
UDance	Tuesday 19 th March
Easter bonnet workshop	Wednesday 20 th March
Y2 Science day at West Lakes	Thursday 21 st March
SEN Coffee afternoon	Friday 22 nd March
Amy Linton visit	Friday 22 nd March
Easter Service	Wednesday 27 th March
Easter egg decorating	Thursday 28 th March
Break up for Easter	Thursday 28 th March at 1.15pm
Return for Summer 1	Tuesday 16 th April

