



St Michael's Nursery and Infant School

Newsletter – October 2023



Attendance and Punctuality:

As always, attendance is of great importance at St Michael's to ensure that your child has the best outcomes and opportunities. This time of year brings lots of bugs and illnesses, so please be vigilant with any symptoms and let us know ASAP if your child will be absent. There is a dedicated line when you call so that you can leave a message if you are unable to speak to anyone direct. Please avoid sending messages on DoJo as they may not always be picked up as soon as we would like and classes may be disrupted if this happens. Please always ensure your child is here on time. We appreciate that the new start times may have taken some time to get used to and can be a rush if siblings attend different schools but being late causes them to have an unsettled start. Panda Club is accessible for all children apart from Tiny Teds, so please make use of this where 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:

It is getting much colder and wetter outside, so please make sure your child is dressed appropriately. We still love to enjoy the outdoor provision and watching the seasons change, so hats, gloves, scarves and wellies, along with a warm, waterproof coat will be most welcome.



Wrap-Around

We are still running our Koala club each afternoon, after school, from 3.15pm-4.15pm (£2.00 per session) with limited spaces available, so please book on if needed.

Tiny Ted vacancies

We have finally opened our Tiny Teds, Little 2's provision and the children are settling in great. We are so happy to start this journey with them, but we still have some vacancies, so please, spread the word and help our little family grow!



Family Learning:

Our first Family Learning session will take place tomorrow, Wednesday 1st November at 1pm. There will be five sessions running each Wednesday. Thank you for all who have expressed interest and will be joining us.

Samaritan's Purse:

Mrs Kelly is still collecting for Samaritan's Purse and will be holding her special lesson with KS1 on Monday in PSHE. If you would still like to send in any donations, please do so by Friday 3rd November.





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Wheelchair Basketball:

Our annual Wheelchair Basketball session will be held on the school yard on Tuesday 7th November. Please ensure your child comes to school in an appropriate coat and footwear. Please note, Tiny Teds will not be taking part.



SEND Coffee Afternoon

We welcome all parents and carers of any child that has, or you feel may have, any Special Educational Needs to join us for a coffee and a chat to help and support each other on Friday 10th November at 2pm in the school hall. We have Vicki Smyllie coming to join us who is an autism specialist and will be please to share lots of helpful advice and resources with you all.

After School Clubs:

Gymnastics – This club will continue up until Monday 11th December.

Phunky Foods – This will be a family session where a grown up must join their child and learn together. This does not have to be the same grown up each week.

This will start on Wednesday 15th November and run for 4 weeks. There are 10 spaces available and this is only available to Years 1 and 2. All resources will be provided and funded through Sellafield ltd .

Seasonal Crafts Club – Miss Birch is holding a craft session each Friday, starting 10th November and the last session being 15th December. This is available to Years 1 and 2. There are 15 spaces available.

Christmas Music Club – Miss Swinburne will be holding a Christmas Music Club each Wednesday which starts 8th November up until 13th December. There are 15 spaces available. All clubs run from 3.15pm-4.15pm.



Parents' Meetings:

We will be organising meetings, week commencing the 13th November. Your class teacher will be out to arrange these dates, although, we may have our online system up and running to book through but we will keep you updated.



School Photos

Tempest will be coming into school on Wednesday 15th November for our whole school photos. If you would like a sibling photo taken with siblings that DO NOT attend this school, the hall doors will be open from 8.15am. All individual and in-school sibling photos will be taken throughout the day. Tiny Teds are also welcome to join us. If they are in for a morning session, they will get this taken during their session, if not, please bring them at 8.15am if you would like them to have theirs taken and they can join the sibling group.

Road Safety Talk:

PCSO Pape will be joining us on Thursday 23rd November for a Road Safety talk as the nights are getting darker, it is very important to promote this.



KS1 Library visits:

KS1 will be going to the Workington library in two groups.

Group 1 will be going on Friday 24th November and will need collected from the library at 3.15pm.

Group 2 will be going on Friday 1st December and will also need to be collected from the library at 3.15pm.



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Non-uniform Chocolate Day:

To start off Advent, we like to celebrate by welcoming the children to come to school in non-uniform and we ask for a kind donation of a chocolatey treat which will go towards our Christmas raffle prizes. This will take place on Friday 1st December.

Primary Puppets:

We have Primary Puppets coming in on Friday 1st December to give the children a wonderful, festive puppet show around the story of Christmas.



Christmas Bingo:

We are holding a Christmas Bingo event on Thursday 7th November at The Parish Halls on Dean Street, 4.30pm until 6.30pm. There will be bingo, raffles, refreshments and a whole lot of fun. If anyone could donate any raffle prizes or know of any businesses that may be able to donate anything, we would be very grateful for any help received.

Please note – More information regarding some of the dates on the following page will be given in due course.



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Dates for the diary:

Monday 30 th October - 3.15pm-4.15pm	Gymnastics continues
Wednesday 1 st November – 1pm	Family Learning session 1 of 5
Tuesday 7 th November	Wheelchair Basketball
Wednesday 8 th November – 3.15pm-4.15pm	Christmas Music Club
Friday 10 th November – 2pm	SEND coffee afternoon
Friday 10 th November – 3.15pm-4.15pm	Seasonal Crafts Club
Week Commencing Monday 13 th November	Parents' Meetings
Wednesday 15 th November from 8.15am	School Photos
Wednesday 15 th November – 3.15pm-4.15pm	Phunky Foods session 1 of 4
Thursday 23 rd November	PCSO Pape Road Safety Talk
Friday 24 th November	Group 1 to the library
Friday 1 st December	Chocolate Day!
Friday 1 st December	Primary Puppets
Friday 1 st December	Group 2 to the library
Thursday 7 th December 4.30pm-6.30pm	Christmas Bingo
Friday 8 th December	KS1 to Crafty Workshop
Tuesday 12 th December – 10.30am	Nursery Nativity in the School Hall
Tuesday 12 th December	KS1 Islamic Workshop
Wednesday 13 th December – 2pm	Main School Nativity at the Church
Monday 18 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Tuesday 19 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 19 th December 1.15pm	School closes for Christmas!
Wednesday 3 rd January	School reopens