

# St. Michael's Nursery & Infant School

## NEWSLETTER – April 2022

### **Bank Holiday – School Closed 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

**Please remember school is closed on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May for May Bank Holiday.**

**School will be open as normal on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.**



### **Attendance and Punctuality**

Our whole school attendance remains at 93%. Year 1 are still in the lead with 94% followed by Year 2 and Reception both with 93%, and last but not least Nursery with 92%. We really need to get to the Local Authority target of 95% so please attend school as much as possible and help us achieve this target as it is well within our reach! Attendance matters and it is proven that children experience less stress with good attendance.

Punctuality has continued to be fantastic and we would like to thank everyone for getting their children into school on time. All children should be in school before the doors close at 9.00am so that the registers can be done and lessons begin on time. **If you arrive after this time you must take children to the school office so that they can be signed in.** If you are finding it difficult to get to school for 9am don't forget that the morning club is open from 8.00am at a cost of £2 per session.

### **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: 0800 800 5000



### **The Power of Reading!**

Early reading ignites creativity, sparks curiosity, and stimulates the imagination in young children. Often, this leads to role-play as children grow which helps to develop other skills such as empathy, problem-solving, and morality. **Please encourage your child to read each day.** Reading and sharing stories with your children can help

them understand sounds, language, words, and even develop literacy skills. Reading with your children can also help them develop strong communication and social skills.

**Please ensure your child brings their bookbag to school each day too.**

### **Allergies in school**

We have staff and children in school with allergies and therefore we would like to remind everyone, that we are a completely nut free school. Please avoid sending your child into school with any food products containing nuts and then we can maintain our nut free environment and keep everyone safe. Thank you for your support.



Knowledge  
is power





### **Year 2 Swimming Sessions**

**Beginning Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May until Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May Year 2 children will be doing a swimming session each day at Workington Leisure Centre.**

Swimming is a vital skill, especially in our area where there are rivers and access to the sea and it is also included in the Key Stage 1 Sports Curriculum. The sessions will be taught in the small training pool by the leisure centre staff who cater for all ages and abilities.

Each day during this week your child will need to bring a swimming costume/trunks, a pair of swimming goggles if they use them and a towel. These should all be brought to school in a plastic bag and all items need to be clearly labelled with your child's name.

### **Sporting Events**

Some children from Years 1 and 2 will receive an individual letter to advise them that they have been chosen for the following sports competitions. Please look out for a letter being sent home that will advise which event your child will take part in.



- Football Competition at Lakes College Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Year 1
- Rainbow Kicky Rounders Competition at St Joseph's High School Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Year 1
- Football Competition at St Joseph's High School Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Year 2

**Please note these events will take place during the school day. Thank you**



### **Parent Governor Vacancy**

The parent governor vacancies are still available if anyone would like to be considered and join St Michael's Governing Body. Becoming a parent governor allows parents to make a real difference in school and provide the best education and opportunities possible for all our children. For details on how to get involved please get in touch with Mrs Gregory in the school office on 01900608111 or email [admin@smhwkt.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@smhwkt.cumbria.sch.uk)

### **Parent and Carer Well-being Coffee Afternoon 19<sup>th</sup> May in the school hall 2pm**

We are inviting all our parents and carers to attend a wellbeing coffee afternoon. This is for grown ups only to come along and enjoy free cake and coffee or tea and everyone gets entered into a free raffle too. During the afternoon we will have staff from Adult Learning and Healthy Hopes to talk to anyone who wishes to do so and find out more information about the services they offer. This is a completely free event so please come along and enjoy!



### **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 1pm-3pm on the Main Playground**

Please come along and join us for a fun filled afternoon of celebrations to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a beautiful afternoon of Cream Tea and activities for all parents/carers and children. There will be fun and frolics from West Coast Entertainment, a Jubilee Trail with prizes, outdoor games and much, much more.

Children's refreshments are completely free. **Adult admission is £5** each and this includes lemonade and scones with jam and cream. This is a non-profit event and purely to mark this momentous occasion. Next week staff will be on the yard taking numbers of attendance for the event. If you can make it please let a member of staff know by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May. Please note a maximum of two adults per child. Payment of £5 per adult will be required before the date of the event and this can be paid to a member of staff in a named envelope.

## Year 2 SATs

In **May** Year 2 children will start their Standard Assessments Tasks and they will span over two weeks. It is very important children are in school every day during this time. We strongly advise that you do not take any holidays during term time to avoid the children missing these crucial dates.

As always please try to ensure your child gets plenty of sleep, has a good breakfast and attends school bright and early every day!

**All parents/carers: It is extremely important that you do not mention the SATs to your child as this will be just a normal day in school with special quizzes and we do not want to put any pressure on the children at all.**

### **Brrrrrrrr it's still cold!!!**

Thanks to the great British weather we are still experiencing some cold weather! Please ensure that your child wears their jumper/cardigan and always send a coat to school for your child at playtimes as it can get quite chilly. Even if the sun is shining in the morning it can always change! Thank you



### **2<sup>nd</sup> May**

### **School Closed for Bank Holiday**

3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> May

Y2 Swimming week at Workington Leisure Centre

9<sup>th</sup> May

Y1 Football Competition at Lakes College

17<sup>th</sup> May

Y1 Rainbow Rounders at St Joseph's Astro Pitch

19<sup>th</sup> May

Parent and Carer Well-being Coffee Afternoon in the school hall 2pm

24<sup>th</sup> May

Y2 Football Competition at St Joseph's Astro Pitch

26<sup>th</sup> May

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration 1pm-3pm

27<sup>th</sup> May

School Closes at 3pm for May half term

6<sup>th</sup> June

School re opens for Summer Term 2

6<sup>th</sup> June

Whole School Trip to Rookery Woods – more details to follow

10<sup>th</sup> June

Resilience Day

14<sup>th</sup> June

Nursery Sports Day

14<sup>th</sup> June

Reception Class Multiskills Festival at St Joseph's High School

16<sup>th</sup> June

Sports Day

17<sup>th</sup> June

KS1 Kinder Cricket Festival

20<sup>th</sup> July

School Closes at 1.15pm for Summer Break