

St. Michael's Nursery & Infant School

NEWSLETTER – February 2022

Attendance and Punctuality

Our current whole school attendance is 93%. This is slightly under the Local Authority target of 95%. As well as Covid, we know there have been lots of nasty bugs doing the rounds and it has been a challenging time for many of us. Please do continue to bring your child into school every day if they are well. It is extremely important for their well being and education. By being in school each day children can reach their full potential and fly high.

If your child is poorly, please call the school office on 01900608111 before 8.50am each day and provide a reason for absence. If we are unable to contact you on a day your child is absent, in line with our school policy and as a duty of care, a home visit will take place.

Punctuality is also extremely important. 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.

Attendance Matters



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



PE kits, Bookbags and Homework

Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school every day. This does not have to be the school PE kit but must be shorts and t-shirt unless a specific request has been made that children wear long trousers for example after school clubs etc. Please remember to always label your child's clothing, coats, PE kits, hats etc to ensure they don't get lost in school.

Bookbags should be brought into school every day. This way books can be sent to and from school and changed when needed.

Please can children in Years 1 and 2 complete their weekly homework and hand it back in by the date set.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support.

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.

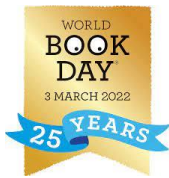
Cumbria Safeguarding Hub: **0333 240 1727**

NSPCC: **0808 800 5000**

Mr Salmon Student Teacher in Key Stage 1

On Monday 28th February we will welcome our new student teacher Mr Salmon. Mr Salmon is a student teacher at Edgehill University and he will be teaching the children in Key Stage 1 for 12 weeks. This is a very exciting opportunity for us as Mr Salmon is a Maths specialist and will be teaching the children lots of new, valuable skills.





World Book Day 25th Anniversary! 3rd March 2022

This year to celebrate World Book Day's 25th Anniversary our theme will be 'Bedtime Stories'! We would like everyone to come into school in their favourite pyjamas, dressing gowns or onesies and bring their favourite bedtime story.

Please remember sensible footwear and a coat for outdoor playtimes.

During the day we will be doing lots of fun reading and rhyming activities. We will be issuing the children with a £1.00 book token. The book tokens can be used locally in either WHSmith's or Hills books.

No donations are required, however if you would like to donate any books that you no longer use, please bring them into school and pop them into the drop box that will be on the school yard Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week. On World Book Day we will have a book stall and families can take any books they wish. This is a great way to recycle and share books in our school!

Kellogg's School Breakfast Grant

As you are probably aware from the letter we sent out before half term, we have been given a grant from Kellogg's to allow us to offer breakfast to children in school each morning!



The children have been enjoying the yummy breakfast we have been offering them and this is a great way to start their day.

As always please do offer breakfast at home and then children can choose if they wish to eat more at school or if they didn't feel like eating before school they can have something when they arrive. The choice is completely theirs. Thank you



Year 2 Hawse End Residential

We sent out a letter earlier in the year to gauge an interest a possible residential visit for Year 2 children to Hawse End. Although we had sufficient interest, unfortunately due to a backlog of bookings Hawse End is fully booked up for this school year!

Thank you to everyone who registered interest. We may not be able to go on a residential but we will certainly enjoy lots more exciting school trips in the coming months.

Easter 'Decorate an Egg' competition

We will be running our annual 'Decorate an Egg' competition again this year for the whole school including Nursery – please bring your egg into school by 9.00am on **Thursday 31st March 2022**. There will be a prize for best boy and girl entry for each class. Happy Decorating!



Year 2 Lego After School Club starting Tuesday 1st March for 4 weeks

This half term there will be a Lego After School Club for Year 2 pupils. The club will begin on Tuesday 1st March and run each Tuesday for four weeks from 3pm - 4pm with the final session on Tuesday 22nd March.

The children will be provided with a snack and drink and will then spend each session constructing models by following instructions.

Please contact the school office on 01900608111 to book your child's place.

Years 1 and 2 Visit to the Beacon, Whitehaven 11th March

On 11th March Years 1 and 2 will be travelling to the Beacon Museum in Whitehaven by train to learn all about the history of toys and childhood through the years! We are asking for a parental contribution of £8 per child to cover the cost of the train and entry to the museum.

This is payable to the school office before 11th March. Lunch, drinks and snacks will be provided by school. Children must attend school at normal time and wear uniform. Please remember to wear sensible shoes and a warm coat. The train arrives back into Workington at 3.04pm so **please collect children from school at 3.15pm on this day.**



Parents Meeting telephone calls week commencing 14th March

During the week beginning 14th March we will be making appointments with parents to discuss their child's progress so far this school year and this will be done via telephone. Over the next few weeks class teachers will speak to parents to arrange a suitable time.

Easter Service 2pm 24th March St Michael's Church, Workington

Our Easter Performance will be held on Thursday 24th March at 2.00pm in St Michael's Church. The children are working hard and practising their performance and songs so please come along and enjoy!

Children can be collected from the Church after the performance at 3pm.

Udance Performance 28th March 5.30pm in the Carnegie Theatre

U.DANCE

Children from Year 2 will represent the school in the Udance festival at The Carnegie Theatre on Monday 28th March. On the day of the performance children should come into school at the normal time. At 1.00pm staff and children will go to The Carnegie Theatre and take part in a technical rehearsal during which our children will get the opportunity to watch all of the other performances. We will remain at The Carnegie until after the event and therefore please can you provide your child with a packed tea. This food will need to be brought into school on the morning of the performance so that we can take it with us when we go to the theatre. Please do not send glass bottles, fizzy drinks or sweets and all food must be in a clearly named lunch bag. Parents who are attending the performance can collect children from the Carnegie at the end of the event. If you are not attending the performance please collect your child from the Carnegie after the event has finished at 6.30pm and a designated collection place for our school will be confirmed nearer the time.

Please return the consent slip and ticket order forms by this Friday 25th March at the latest.

Thank you



The Potting Shed

Our Potting Shed is coming along beautifully and the children will be using this over the coming weeks to promote their well-being! Thank you to everyone for their donations so far. We are still looking for: Seeds, bulbs, compost, non-plastic plant pots (stone, terracotta) watering cans, gardening tools etc. Any donations will be greatly received. Thank you

Whole School Sponsored Walk Fundraiser

Our whole school will be taking part in a sponsored walk to raise money for much needed outdoor resources for our school. The walk will be in the local area and children will be bringing home sponsor forms to allow their families to make donations and raise as much funding as possible to help enhance our outdoor resources. Please look out for more details on Class Dojo.



Dates for your diary

24 th Feb	Kinder Cricket Session with Coach Chris 1 of 2
28 th Feb	Year 2 Multiskills Festival at Lakes College
3 rd March	Kinder Cricket Session with Coach Chris 2 of 2
3 rd March	World Book Day – Bedtime Stories – Pyjama/Onesie dress up day
11 th March	Year 1 and 2 to the Beacon Whitehaven
18 th March	Primary Puppets in School – Easter Performance
24 th March	Easter Service in St Michael's Church 2pm

28 th March	Year 2 Udance Festival at The Carnegie Theatre – more details to follow
31 st March	Decorate an Egg Competition entries into school by 9am
1 st April	School Closes at 1.15pm for Easter Break
20 th April	School re opens for Summer Term 1 at 8.50am (8am Morning Club)
2 nd May	School Closed for Bank Holiday
27 th May	School Closes at 3pm for May half term
6 th June	School re opens for Summer Term 2
20 th July	School Closes at 1.15pm for Summer Break