

St. Michael's Nursery & Infant School

NEWSLETTER – March 2022



Attendance and Punctuality

As you are probably aware we have had a lot of nasty bugs doing the rounds in school recently. Hopefully everyone is over the worst and returning to school gradually. Please remember if your child is unwell and has a fever they must stay at home as this avoids passing things on to other children and staff. As always if your child has sickness or diarrhea they must remain at home until 48 hours after the last incident.

In spite of all the nasty bugs our whole school attendance is 93%. Year 1 are in the lead with 94% followed by Year 2 with 93%, Reception with 92% and Nursery with 90%.

Punctuality has been excellent recently 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: 0808 800 5000

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

Our Easter Performance will be held this 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.

If you have a Nursery child that doesn't stay for 30 hours but you would like them to join in the Easter Service, please bring them back to school for 1.30pm on this day. Thank you



U.DANCE Udance Performance 28th March 5.30pm in the Carnegie Theatre

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, 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.

Please return the consent slip by this Friday 25th March at the latest. Thank you

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!



Please note there is no charge for entering your egg into the competition.

Year 1 and 2 trip to the Beacon DATE CHANGE Wednesday 20th April

As you know we had to reschedule our Beacon Trip due to the recent outbreak of Covid in school. The new date will be Wednesday 20th April. This is our first day back into school after the Easter Break. We 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 1st April. Lunch, drinks and snacks will be provided by school. Thank you for the payments received so far.

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.**



Whole School Sponsored Walk Friday 1st April 2022

We are holding a sponsored walk to raise money for school outdoor resources!

The whole school including Nursery will be walking around Workington on Friday 1st April at 10am.



Please come to school on this day in uniform, comfortable shoes or trainers and a coat. Please note, if it is raining on the day we will still be walking so children will need a raincoat if necessary. Thank you for your continued support.

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.

Year 2 Swimming Sessions

Beginning Tuesday 3rd May until Friday 6th 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.

The Queen's Jubilee – Save the Date! Thursday 26th May 1pm - 3pm

We are planning a lovely celebration in school on the afternoon of 26th May 2022 to mark the Queen's Jubilee. Please put this important date in your diary and there will be more details to follow nearer the time!





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

Dogs on school grounds

We all love our furry friends but it is Cumbria County Council policy that **dogs are not allowed on school grounds**. We have several children in school with pet allergies and we have some children that are afraid of them. To help us avoid any hazards or risks, please don't bring your dog to school. Even if you are carrying your dog, please do not bring them onto school grounds. Thank you so much for your understanding and respect for the Local Authority policy.



Dates for your diary

24 th March	Easter Service in St Michael's Church 2pm
28 th March	Year 2 Udance Festival at The Carnegie Theatre
31 st March	Decorate an Egg Competition entries into school by 9am
1 st April	Whole School Sponsored Walk
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)
20 th April	Years 1 and 2 Trip to The Beacon Museum
2 nd May	School Closed for Bank Holiday
3 rd – 6 th May	Y2 Swimming week at Workington Leisure Centre
9 th May	KS1 Football Competition at Lakes College – more details to follow
17 th May	KS1 Rainbow Rounders at St Joseph's Astro Pitch – more details to follow
26 th May	The Queen's Jubilee Celebration
27 th May	School Closes at 3pm for May half term
6 th June	School re opens for Summer Term 2
10 th June	Resilience Day
14 th June	Nursery Sports Day
14 th June	Reception Class Multiskills Festival at St Joseph's High School
16 th June	Sports Day
17 th June	KS1 Kinder Cricket Festival
20 th July	School Closes at 1.15pm for Summer Break