



St Michael's Nursery and Infant School

Newsletter – April 2024



WELCOME BACK!



We would like to welcome all of our children and families back – old and new. I am sure you all had a wonderful Easter break and are looking forward to starting our final term of 2023-2024.

The children are all settling in a treat and we can't wait to continue their journey with them, here at St Michael's.

Attendance and Punctuality:

Our overall whole school attendance up to date is 92.7% 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.

Please note, Panda Club and Koala Club are unavailable for Tiny Teds, due to staffing ratios needed for their age.

Class	Opening times
Tiny Teds	Morning – 8.30am Afternoon – 12.15pm
Pre-Nursery	8.45am
Nursery	8.45am



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Reception	8.35am
Year 1	8.35am
Year 2	8.35am

As always, we do have Panda Club available from 8am-8.30am for £2.00 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.

Nursery finishing times:

Please note that Nursery and Pre-Nursery finish their morning session at **11.55am**. This allows transition time for those staying for their lunch as they need to go over to the hall.



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**

Online Safety:

Please can we remind all parents' carers to keep checking their child's privacy settings on any device they may use and amend accordingly should there be any concerns.



Supervising children:

It is your own responsibility to ensure that you are supervising your child(ren) before and after school in all areas of the yard AT ALL TIMES. This includes the community pantry, sensory garden and scooter bay. Both gates are open for school drop off and collection which increases the risk of a child escaping. The equipment is not designed for toddlers' safety, so please do not allow smaller children to use this without being closely monitored.

After school clubs:

Day	Club	Teacher	Class	Last session
Monday	Gymnastics	Miss Natalie	Reception	20 th May
Tuesday	Board Games	Miss Swinburne	Y1 and Y2	21 st May



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Wednesday	Destination Unknown	Mrs Regan	Y1 and Y2	22 nd May
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We have new after-school clubs available. Board games is now FULL but if you would like your child's name popped down for one of the other clubs, please let your class teacher or Miss Stagg know at the school office.

As always, Koala Club is available every night from 3.15pm until 4.15pm for £2.00 per session. If you would like to book on, this can be done via the SCO Pay app or with Miss Stagg.

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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. If you need another sign in, please let Miss Stagg know.



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.

Amy Linton Art Project:

Some of you may remember that, before the Easter holidays, Amy Linton came in to speak about her art work with the children and how she recycles bits of plastic that she finds on the shore line and creates amazing art work, which means she is taking care of the planet and creating something beautiful.

As a school, we now intend to create our own large-scale replica of Amy's colour wheel by collecting lots of plastic on our own shore-lines.

If you happen to be at the shore, can you please help your little one to safely collect plastic of their class colours (listed below) - we would also love some photographs to add to our whole-school project. Thank you :)

Tiny Teds - All colours

Pre- Nursery - All colours

Nursery - All colours

Reception - Blue and Green

Year 1 - Pink and Yellow

Year 2 - Purple, Orange and Red





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Water bottles:

Please can we remind everyone that there is only Tiny Teds children that need to bring a water bottle to their session, unless a bespoke agreement has been made to say otherwise.

All children have access to fresh water throughout the day and cups provided. We also have children with severe allergies so we need to monitor closely what is being brought into school.

Snacks:

Please can we refrain from bringing in snacks from home, unless a bespoke agreement has been made otherwise, as this can disrupt other children that may get upset not having the same. It is also a risk factor for children with allergies. We have breakfast, snacks and fruit throughout the day and encourage all children to have a try.



Kidsafe:



Mrs Cartner has started our Kidsafe project with Reception and Year 2 classes. This is a licensed scheme that we are proud to deliver to the children. Mrs Cartner and KS the monkey will explore lots of sensitive topics such as 'Yucky Feelings' 'Bullying' and 'Private Places (Year 2 only)'. This allows the children to understand their own feelings and that of others, the importance of knowing right from wrong and how

to make themselves heard if ever needed. The method in the teaching is a soft approach and with great consideration to the children's ages. Mrs Cartner will send a letter each week outlining which session they have completed should you wish to discuss this with your child. More information regarding Kidsafe can be found online at www.kidsafeuk.co.uk

Maypole Dance:

Year 1 and Year 2 children will be taking part in the May Poll Dance on Wednesday 1st May at 2.30pm on the school yard. Children from all other classes will come at watch. We would love to start this tradition again after a few years of not being able to do this, so we welcome all parents to come and watch.





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Cash4Kids sponsored Walk:

Mrs Cartner has arranged for the whole school to take part in a sponsored walk around the school yard on Thursday 2nd May throughout the day. Sponsorship forms have been sent home with your child, but if you require another, please ask.

Contributions can be made in cash using a sealed envelope with your child's name on or online (link is on Class DoJo). We hope you can all appreciate the generosity that C4K has shown the school so far, such as providing all children with a toy at Christmas, so it is our hope to raise as much money as we can to give back to their cause. It is our aim to collectively step 49500 steps altogether. WE CAN DO THIS!!

Reception Multi-skills:

Coach Reece will be taking the Reception children for multi-skills lessons each Friday morning for the term.

Bank Holiday:

Reminder that we will be closed on Monday 6th May 2024 due to it being a bank holiday.



Textiles project:

We have a lady called Deborah Esterhuizen coming in to do a textiles project with Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on Wednesday 8th May. They will explore lots of different materials and fabrics and work together to produce a collaborative art piece.

Hawse End:

We are fast approaching our residential to Hawse End with our Year 2 class (Thursday 9th May). Please can any remaining balances be paid ASAP. Payment can be made via the SCO Pay app or in a sealed, named envelope to the school office. We understand there may be some anxious parents and children, so please, if you need to know anything else, please let Miss Swinburne know. We can't wait to see what fun they will all have on this adventure!



National Smile Month:

Each year, we celebrate National Smile Month. We welcome back Fiona from Belvedere/ Nook Street Practice on Tuesday 14th May to give a talk to all the children around the importance of dental hygiene and they will also take part in a colouring competition.



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Kicky Rounders:

Some of our KS1 children will be participating in a Kicky Rounders festival at St Joseph's school on Tuesday 14th May. Miss Smith will be taking the children in the community mini bus to start at 12.30pm. An early lunch will be given on this day. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their trainers and a suitable coat and have a water bottle with their name on.



Football Festival:

Some of the Year 1 and Year 2 children are to take part in a football festival at St Joseph's on Tuesday 21st May. Miss Smith will be taking the children in the community mini bus to start at 12.30pm. An early lunch will be given on this day. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their trainers and a suitable coat and have a water bottle with their name on.

Dates for the Diary

May Poll Dance

Wednesday 1st May at 2.30pm

Cash For Kids sponsored walk

Thursday 2nd May

Closed for Bank Holiday

Monday 6th May



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Textiles Project

Wednesday 8th may

Hawse End Residential

Thursday 9th May

Dentist Visit

Tuesday 14th May

Kicky Rounders

Tuesday 14th May

Football Festival

Tuesday 21st May

Closed for May Holidays

Friday 24th May

Return to School

Monday 3rd June

