



St. Michael's Church of England Primary School

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Thursday 4th January 2024

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and a very warm welcome back to you and our pupils. It has been great to see our pupils return to school, looking smart, refreshed and ready to learn.

Thank you

Firstly, may I thank our parents and extended family members for their kindness, words of appreciation and gifts. Myself and the staff team were really overwhelmed – so may I say a huge thank you from myself and my staff team for your thoughtfulness.

Cricket Coaching

Within school our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 pupils are having weekly cricket coaching sessions. These lessons are being led by Fraser, a youth development coach for Carlisle cricket club. We hope all of our pupils enjoy these sessions.

Behaviour Policy

Thank you to all of our pupils, staff, parents and governors who contributed to the consultation period of our school behaviour policy. We are delighted with the shared feedback and collective support for our positive behaviour culture within our school. Our policy will be posted online soon.

Parents' Evenings

Towards the end of the Spring term, we will be inviting all parents into school to meet with your child's class teacher. This will give you an opportunity to review your child's achievements and progress this year. These parents' meetings will be held on Tuesday 12th March and Thursday 14th March. Further details of timings and how to book will follow in due course.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Within school, we are busy collating details of our extra-curricular clubs on offer. Watch this space!

Review of Breakfast Club and After School

This half term, myself, Miss Rennie and a governor are going to review our wraparound care provided by St Michael's C of E school. Those children and parents who use the service, and staff who deliver the service may be asked to complete a short survey so that we can gather 'the voice' of all stakeholders involved. Our key findings and any recommendations will be shared as soon as the survey is completed.

Quiz Me Questions and Curricular Newsletters

Please look out for your child's class curriculum newsletters and quiz me questions. We hope these documents provide you with the necessary information to keep you informed about what your child will be learning in school this half term.



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Library Bus

The school library bus will be visiting school on Friday 12th January. Our pupils will get the opportunity to exchange a book for one of their choice.

Winning Team

Last term, Blencathra had the winning number of tokens. Pupils in this team were treated to a morning snack treat of croissants, pancakes and fresh orange juice on the last day of term. Team totals have reset for this term and it is great to see so many pupils 'posting' tokens in their team jar for their behaviour in and around school, their learning and showing our five school values of kindness, respect, challenge, perseverance and forgiveness.

As always, if you wish to discuss or share anything with me, please contact our school office and either Miss Jonsson or Mrs Bell will make you an appointment.

Kind Regards

Lorna Smith

Mrs Smith