



# St. Michael's Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Our pupils returned to school, after half term feeling refreshed and energised. I want to share some upcoming events within school and give you some dates for your diary.

## *Our Behaviour Conduct*

On Monday in our whole school assembly we will launch our Behaviour Conduct. All staff and pupils have been involved in creating success criteria to help ensure St Michael's is a happy, safe place to learn and have fun, whereby all pupils, staff and members of our community feel valued and respected. The Behaviour Conduct has been split into two sections – both referred to as St Michaels' Style ... The first five focus on behaviours needed for learning, the other behaviours conduct in and around school. We will send home further details on Monday when we launch this within school.

## *Parents' Meetings and Survey*

It was really great to see so many parents attend these meetings. Thank you for your support and to all who completed the online survey and shared ideas about our enhanced curriculum offer for our pupils. I am collating these ideas, alongside those from the pupils and staff and we will share the outcome very soon!

## *Periods and PE*

Within school, we want to support and encourage any girls menstruating to take part in a full and active education. We want to support pupils to be active and fully participate in our physical education lessons.

## *Earrings*

We advise that all pupils remove their earrings before taking part in physical exercise. In instances where this might not be possible, due to infection or newly pierced ears, pupils will be asked to tape their ears. In the event of any play requiring fast paced action and contact, pupils wearing earrings (although taped) may be asked to take part in an alternative, less physical activity within the lesson for their own safety.

## *Poppy Sale*

Next week in school we will be selling poppies and other merchandise related to Remembrance Day. Our Year six pupils will be selling poppies zip pulls, reflectors, wristbands and snap bands during morning break each day next week. In school we will hold our Collective Worship assembly at the earlier time to withhold the minutes silence at 11am.

## *Read Write Inc Parents Reading Meeting Reception/Year 1/Year 2*

On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November @3.30pm we are sharing details of how we teach our young learners to read using RWInc. This is an information sharing session and there will be time for parents to ask any questions and get to know more about our approach within school.

## *Tempest Photographs*

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Tempest photography will be in school to take individual photos of our pupils. Group family photos with older/younger siblings not at our school can be taken before the start of the school day from 8.30am onwards.



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## *Y6 Hawes End*

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November we would like to invite all Year 6 parents to attend an information sharing session about the planned residential trip for our Year 6 pupils in June next year. Further details about timings, activities, cost etc will be shared on the night.

## *Children In Need*

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, we would like to have a non-uniform day and cake sale at break time for all pupils to help raise money for Children In Need. Cakes will be 50p and drinks 50p on the day. Pupils can wear their own clothes or anything 'Pudsey' related if they would like.

## *Reindeer Run*

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December we are once again taking part in the Reindeer Run to help raise funds for Jigsaw – Cumbria's Children's Hospice. This was a really fun event last year and our pupils enjoyed having fun whilst raising money for those less fortunate than themselves.

## *The Borrowers – Keswick Theatre*

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 pupils will be visiting Keswick Theatre to watch the theatrical performance of The Borrowers. Prior to this trip, I will be reading the book and doing a film study with the four classes. Our pupils really enjoyed studying Tom's Midnight Garden last year in the three ways and made excellent comparisons and contrasts with the imagery presented in the book/text to that of the film and dramatical production. The cost of bus travel is being met by a very kind donation from our HSA and further details of ticket cost will be sent out soon.

## *Infant Nativity*

Our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils will be performing their infant Nativity on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and 6pm in school.

## *Year 5 and Year 6 Christingle*

Our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils will take part in Christingle service at St Michael's Church on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. Our pupils will sing and share readings from The Bible to retell the Christmas story.

## *Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Play*

Our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils will perform their Christmas performance to parents and the wider community on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and 6pm in school.

## *Christmas Dinner Day*

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> will be our school Christmas dinner day. All pupils are invited to book to share this meal on Lunch shop. There will be a vegetarian option available.

I'm sure you can see we have many extra-curricular activities and experiences planned for our pupils. As always, if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind Regards

Lorna Smith