



St. Michael's Church of England Primary School

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Monday 6th November 2023

Dear Parents,

It is a very busy time in school and it is great to feel the buzz of learning throughout school. I write with some information and dates for the rest of this term.

School Council

All classes have voted for their class school councillors and those successful have been appointed. We met as a council last week and the pupils are going back to individual classes to survey their preferred way to fundraise for Children in Need. More details will follow as to what the pupils have decided to do to raise money for Children in Need. The date for Children in Need is Friday 17th November.

HSA meeting

Our HSA will be meeting tomorrow evening at 6.45pm in the Year 6 classroom. All are welcome to attend.

Design & Technology Training

This week after school on Wednesday 8th November we are hosting training to enhance the delivery of our DT curriculum for our staff and many from other local primaries. We will be working with a DT specialist to learn how to use Tinkercard and 3D printing. Exciting times ahead for our pupils.

Reading Café

Our Reading café will be open on Monday 20th November from 3.30pm. All children and their parents are welcome to attend this café in our school hall. It is a great opportunity to share a book with your child/children, whilst having a cuppa and a biscuit. We hope to see many of you there.

World Science Day

This Friday 10th November is World Science Day. Throughout school we shall be learning about some key scientists and taking part in a whole school investigation. Each class will have more time within the day devoted to learning about science and talking about what it means to be a developing scientist at our school.

Remembrance Day

Poppies and additional merchandise from The British Legion will be on sale from tomorrow during morning break time. Snap bands (£1.50), wrist bands (£1.00), keyrings (50p), zip tag (50p) and poppies (donation) will be sold by our Year 6. We will remember those who lost their lives and gave so much in our school worship on Friday 10th November.

Anti-Bullying Week/Odd Sock Day

Monday 13th November is the launch of anti-bullying week. The theme is to make a noise against bullying. As part of learning to accept and celebrate our differences we are asking that pupils and staff wear odd socks to school on Monday 13th November. We will also be sharing our zero tolerance approach to bullying within school in our assemblies and talking about our St Michael's standard to defend our school values and not be a bystander. We want our pupils to defend kindness and respect and speak up and out against anything that falls short of this.



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Governors' Monitoring Session

Within school we have a very committed governing board. Our governors attend many meetings, giving freely of their own time, (often in the evening) to ensure we have a happy, successful school. On Wednesday 22nd November we are holding a curriculum governors' meeting. Our subject leaders will meet with their assigned governor to discuss the impact of the teaching and learning of their subject area throughout school. If you would like to forward any questions or thoughts/reflections regarding our school curriculum offer, please email the school office and these can be shared at the meeting.

Individual/Family Photos

Tempest will be in school on Wednesday 15th November to take individual and family photos. Anybody wishing a family photo with siblings not attending St Michael's should come to the school hall from 8.30am. These photos will be taken first, before we start with our pupils in school.

Christmas Dates

Within school we have been busy planning festive fun and learning for our pupils.

Date	Event	Year group
14 November	Christian Aid Advent Service Carlisle cathedral	Y5 and Y6
28 November	KS2 Theatre by the Lake 'The Little Princess'	Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6
5 December	Infant Nativity 2pm and 6pm	Reception, Y1, Y2
8 December	Reindeer Run Jigsaw Fundraiser	Whole school
12 December	Carol singing Caldew Club	Y6
12 December	Christingle Service St Michael's Church	Y5, Y6
12 December	Theatre by the Lake 'Wolf'	Reception
13 December	Theatre by the Lake 'Wolf'	Y1, Y2
14 December	Christmas Performance 2pm and 6pm	Y3 and Y4
15 December	Christmas Dinner Class Parties	Whole school
18 December	Christmas craft	Whole school
19 December	Carols by Candlelight	Whole school
19 December	Last day of term 1.30 pm	



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HSA Christmas market

On Thursday 23rd November our HSA are holding a Christmas market in our school hall. It will be open at the end of the school day and we hope that many families will be able to attend and support this event.

HUGE Thank you

As a school team we want to say a very big thank you to the team of volunteers from The Cumberland, including two of our parents – Mrs King and Mrs Sharkey who arrived on Wednesday fully prepared to paint and decorate. Our library looks great and the wall at the main entrance is crisp and fresh. We are very grateful for your hard work – your efforts make a big difference to our school environment. Thank you.

Finally, if you have any questions or would like to meet with me to discuss anything in more detail, please contact the school office and Mrs Bell or Miss Jonsson will make an appointment for you.

Kind Regards

Mrs L Smith