



St. Michael's Church of England Primary School

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Thursday 8th February 2024

Dear Parents,

As we approach half term, I write with further information about school life. It has felt like a very short but full half term with so much great learning happening in school through our (EPIC) Engaging, Purposeful, Individual and Continuous curriculum. This makes St Michael's learning culture so strong.

School Crossing

Please can we encourage everyone to cross with Steve. This helps keeps you and your children safe at the start and end of the day.

Cricket Coaching

All junior classes have enjoyed a six week block of cricket coaching within school. Fraser from Carlisle Cricket Youth Development team has worked with each junior class for an hour each week. Our pupils have developed their skills and had lots of fun too.

Uniform

Please can I remind you that during the Spring term our uniform is a white shirt and tie, with grey or black trousers/skirt/shorts and a blue jumper or cardigan. Jewellery should not be worn, with the exception of small stud earrings and a watch. Black school shoes or trainer shoes are acceptable footwear. It is good to see so many pupils smart and wearing their uniform with pride.

Breakfast Club/ After school club

These sessions can be booked using the online booking system. If you do make a booking after 8am for that same day, please can you also call the office to confirm this and your child will be added to our registers for that day. Late pick ups after 5.30pm do incur a penalty of £20. This helps cover staffing costs.

St Michael's Art Gallery

We have recently created an Art Gallery in our school library to celebrate the fantastic art work of our pupils. These frames will be changed and updated as our pupils produce great pieces. We are very proud of the artistic talents of our pupils at St Michael's.

Pop Up Shop

Earlier this term, some budding Year 5 entrepreneurs approached me to ask about the possibility of running a craft stall. The pupils have created some bracelets, earrings, rings and other crafts in their own time. The pupils will sell their products during the last break on Friday 9th February. If any pupil wishes to purchase something from their 'pop up stall' it will be open tomorrow. All monies raised will be split between school and The Salvation Army. Items will be priced between 20p and £2.00.

World Book Day

Within school we will celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. Our pupils can dress up as their favourite book character. Within school we have a selection of dressing up/book related costumes that parents are welcome



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to borrow, to prevent any additional expense. If you are interested, please call at the office and we can share the box of costumes with you. We are also planning a masked reader competition, with staff sharing their favourite story. Each class will also visit Carlisle Library. (Dates for these trips will follow soon.)

Princes Teaching Institute

Within school we have been awarded the PTI kitemark for our commitment to curriculum design and subject leadership. We are very proud of this achievement and feel particularly pleased that the curriculum offer at St Michael's is EPIC. We have been recognised for our commitment to providing a broad, balanced and ambitious learning experience across all subjects. A huge thank you to our staff team and our pupils for their energy and commitment to teaching and learning – to ensure it is the best it can be. Our governors will write with further information about this award in due course.

Class Assembly

Next half term we would like to invite our parents into school to celebrate the fantastic learning of our pupils across the curriculum. Each class will have their own assembly and our pupils will share aspects of their learning with you. There will also be an opportunity to look through your child's workbooks in detail and enjoy hearing about their learning in school.

Date	Time	Year Group
Thursday 22 nd February	2.30pm	Year 6
Wednesday 28 th February	2.30pm	Year 2
Thursday 29 th February	2.30pm	Year 3
Tuesday 5 th March	2.30pm	Year 1
Wednesday 6 th March	2.30pm	Year 4
Wednesday 20 th March	2.30pm	Reception
Thursday 21 st March	2.30pm	Year 5

Parents' Evenings

Our parents' evenings meetings will be held on Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th March. Further details of how to book an appointment will be sent out in due course.

After School Club Published Art Work

We are very proud of our pupils who have designed and drawn their own artwork for the 'Perfect Pets' competition. Nineteen pupils had their drawings published in the book 'Perfect Pets 2023'. Thank you to Ms Rennie and our After School Club staff team and a huge well done to our pupils!

Finally, thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or wish to discuss anything with me in more depth, please contact the school office and Miss Jonsson will make you an appointment. I hope you enjoy a restful half term with some special family time.

Kind Regards

Mrs Smith