



St. Michael's Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents

I write with some news from school as we finish for our Easter holidays.

HSA Disco

Our pupils danced, played games, had their faces painted and enjoyed a hot dog whilst having lots of fun last night. A huge thank you to our parents in the HSA who planned, organised and ran this event for our pupils. It was a great success. Further information about the money raised for school funds will follow after the holidays.

Summer Uniform

When we return for the final term on Tuesday 16th April, our pupils will be able to wear our summer uniform. This means white polo shirts instead of a formal shirt and tie. Girls can also wear blue gingham dresses. Grey school shorts, trousers, skirts and smart black shoes, trainer/shoes continue to be part of the school uniform.

Chess

Eight Year 6 pupils attended a chess competition at Cummersdale school. Our pupils played eight matches and St Michael's won the tournament. We look forward to hosting a similar event in the summer term.

Swimming Success

Our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils represented our school at the inter schools swimming gala at The Sands Centre this week. All pupils showed great stamina, superb swimming style and sportsmanship - well done! We won 1 gold, 2 silver and 1 bronze medals.

Dodgeball

On Tuesday 19th March, a small group of Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in some friendly morning dodgeball games with pupils from Belle Vue school. Our pupils thoroughly enjoyed taking part, showing great sportsmanship and were all super ambassadors to the school.

UDance

On Monday 18th March, a group of pupils from Years 3, 4 and 5 performed in the Cumbria UDance festival at the Crown and Mitre Hotel, along with lots of other primary schools. The pupils have been working hard to choreograph and practise their dance over many weeks, with the help of Miss Butcher and Helena Lockwood from UDance.

Titled 'Cool Kids', the piece was based around the importance of including others and celebrating people's differences, with the powerful message of 'everyone's a cool kid'. Every child performed beautifully and represented St Michael's to the highest standard. Thank you to UDance for organising a wonderful event and Mrs Dalton for her help in designing the costumes.



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Class Assemblies

These have been a huge success and very well supported by our parents and wider family members - thank you. It has been a real pleasure to see our pupils confidently and proudly talk about their learning across the curriculum with clarity and passion. Many parents fed back that they really enjoyed the time to look through their pupil's work and have time to talk and ask questions about it. Our pupils also loved sharing their achievements and progress.

Book Buddies

Many pupils have enjoyed reading and sharing a picture story book with someone from a different class this half term. It has been great to hear the 'book blether' when our pupils met up on a Friday. We hope to continue to give our pupils this shared opportunity next term. Our pupils also enjoyed wear them buddy badges and being asked by staff about the book they were sharing/reading.

Easter Crafts and Service

All of our pupils have enjoyed a morning of Easter crafts today in school. They then shared the Easter message during a special service with Ben at St Michael's Church in the afternoon. Thank you as well to the Church community who have very kindly donated an Easter egg or treat to all our pupils and staff in school.

Dalston Road Closure

Many parents will be aware of the current roadworks due to the construction of the new Carlisle Southern Bypass. A section of Dalston Road (at the Peter Lane junction and heading up towards Dalston) will be closing from 1 April 2024 until 7 July 2024. We will update you with further information as we learn more.

Summer Term

Within school we are currently planning many exciting events for next term including whole school trip, sports day, swimming, individual class trips. Dates and details of these will be sent out early next term.

Finally, may I thank our pupils for their energy and enthusiasm to learn, our staff team for their hard work and dedication to our team, our governors for their active involvement and commitment to school life, and for the hours of time they volunteer and finally you as parents for the many ways you support our school and our pupils.

May I wish all of our children and families a very Happy Easter and I hope we can all enjoy some sunshine and special family.

Kind regards

Lorna Smith