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Grimsargh St Michael's Church of England Primary School Newsletter 15th December 2017

Dear Parents,

KS1 Production – Prickly Hay

Well done to all the children in Years 1 and 2 who have performed 'Prickly Hay' this week. The children were fantastic and I'm sure you are very proud of them. The singing, speaking, dancing and costumes were all superb. Thank you to all the staff who worked so hard preparing the children. Please see the attachment to this newsletter if you would like to order a DVD. Thank you for the kind contributions to our chosen charity, we raised £332.46 for the Rosemere Cancer Unit at Preston Hospital.

Clitheroe Christmas Panto

We have all had (oh no we haven't, oh yes we have!) a fantastic trip to Clitheroe today. The pantomime was great, the children did us proud and we are very grateful to all the helpers who made this trip possible.

Christmas Jumper Day

Everyone looked great in their Christmas jumpers. Thank you for the donations for the St Catherine's Hospice, we raised £165.80. We also had a lovely Christmas lunch – thanks go to our catering team headed by Mrs Hall for all their hard work.

Carol Service

Y6 will be leading our junior carol service on Monday 18th at 9.30am in church. All parents, grandparents and friends are invited to join us.

Christmas Parties

On the afternoon of Monday 18th December the infant children will be having their Christmas party and we are hoping that we will have a very special visitor during the afternoon. On the morning of Tuesday 19th December Years 5 & 6 will be having their party and Years 3 & 4 will have their party in the afternoon. The children can come in party clothes on their party day but please remember that the children will be playing out so everyone will need a warm coat and suitable footwear.

Thursday 21st December

We have our end of term assembly on Thursday morning at 10.00am. Parents are warmly invited to join us.

The Walkway Under the Bridge

We have been informed of some dangerous waste being left under the bridge near school. Please make sure your children keep away from it. The council have been advised and it should be cleared away before Monday.

'Inspiring, believing and achieving in our loving Christian Community'

Sports News

Mr Brooks took our Football 'B' Team to play against St Andrew's in Ashton on Tuesday. We played two games and narrowly lost both 1-0 and 3-1 (well done Jackson Farmer for scoring our goal!) Mr Brooks reports that the teams acquitted themselves admirably and were fantastic ambassadors for our school - well done!

Year 6

There will be a meeting for all Year 6 parents on Tuesday 9th January at 5.30pm. We will be explaining about the Year 6 tests in May, how we will be helping the children to prepare in school and how you can help at home. Year 6 is an important year as the children prepare for the transition to high school. The format and expectations of the tests has changed significantly. We will have samples of the tests for you to look at, as well as the revision books which we are buying for the children.

Swimming

Swimming will continue for Year 4 in the spring term, with swimming lessons resuming on Thursday 11th January 2018.

Music Tuition

The Year 4 flute tuition will restart on the Tuesday 9th January 2018 and the individual music tuition with Mrs Goss will restart on Monday 15th January 2018.

Winter P.E. Kits

Classes will be outside doing P.E. lessons during the winter months and so it's important that all children have track suit bottoms and hoodie tops (preferably in blue but not compulsory) in school to keep them warm. Your assistance with this matter is greatly appreciated.

Toast & Dinner Money for the Spring Term

Toast money for the spring term will be £10.00 for juniors in years 3, 5 and 6 and £8.00 for year 4 (Thursdays will be swimming day). Please could you pay the correct amount in a named envelope and send it to the school office.

Charges for lunches for the spring term will be as follows:

Monday - Friday	£110.00 (first half term £55.00/ second half £55.00)
Tuesdays and Fridays	£ 44.00 (first half term £22.00/ second half £22.00)
Tuesdays only	£ 22.00 (first half term £11.00/ second half £11.00)
Fridays only	£ 22.00 (first half term £11.00/ second half £11.00)

Payments for dinner money can be made through Parentpay. If you do want to pay by cheque please make it payable to Lancashire County Council. If you have requested an invoice this will be texted through to you by the end of term. Any remaining credit balances are carried over to the next term.

Admission to Reception Class 2018

If you have children or know of any children whose fourth birthday falls between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 it will soon be time to start the process of applying for a school place. The parents of children whose names have been recorded in the school office will be contacted.

This year the application is only online and there is no paper admissions booklet. The link to the admissions booklet is:

<http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place.aspx>

PTFA Christmas Quiz

Thank you to everyone that entered the PTFA Christmas Quiz. The winners are:

1st Noah Ebbrell, 2nd Leon Gorton and 3rd George Baines

Please see the attachment from the PTFA for further details and answers.

Online Safety

Please find attached a pamphlet regarding online safety specifically for parents managing new electronic devices over the holidays. It has been written by the Lancashire Safeguarding Team and I recommend it highly to you for information and advice.

Shakespeare Review

Please also find attached the personal review our Y6 pupils were given after they had performed 'Macbeth' at the Charter Theatre earlier this term. Our pupils did very well – as the review explains.

School will close on Thursday 21st December at 1.00pm for the Christmas holidays. There will be a crossing patrol between 12.55pm and 1.10pm. There will be no after school KOGS on the last day.

On behalf of all the staff I would like to wish you a very happy Christmas and an enjoyable start to the New Year and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 8th January 2018.

Best wishes

Miss J Moss
Associate Headteacher

Diary Dates

17 th December	Reception Nativity Play as part of the usual Sunday morning service in church.
21 st December	End of term assembly 10.00am 1.00pm School closes for Christmas

