

GRIMSARGH ST.MICHAEL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Teacher Surgeries

The teacher surgery appointments are available from 3.30pm – 4.30pm on the following days each week.
Please note that there has been an amendment to some days:

Reception Class	Thursday
Year 1	Wednesday
Year 2	Wednesday
Year 3	Tuesday
Year 4	Wednesday
Year 5	Wednesday
Year 6	Tuesday

Science Week

The week commencing 19th February is Science Week. We have lots of activities planned and the class teachers will let you know what each class is doing. On Monday 19th February we start with a Mad Science assembly and workshops for all classes. Our PTFA have kindly donated the £850 to cover these workshops – please think about supporting their invaluable work for our school in any way possible – further details are below on this newsletter. Thank you.

World Book Day

World book day is on Thursday 1st March. The teachers will be giving the children more information in class about all the different activities they will be doing that day. They will also be receiving a £1.00 book token after half term. The children are invited to come dressed as a book character on Thursday 1st March. Please do not go to any expense buying a costume – something that you and your child make together is absolutely fine.

On Friday 2nd March we will have our annual poetry speaking festival. We are asking all the children to learn one poem from the booklet which each child has brought home. It can also be found on the school website under the correct year group. Each class has a different set of poems to choose from. The children will be asked to recite their poem in class and then the two winning entries from each class will go through to the Grand Final to be held on Friday 2nd March. We are hoping that it will be great fun for the children.

KOGS/Quiet Club Invoices

If you have not already done so please pay remainder of your KOGS/ Quiet Club spring term invoice by Friday 23rd February. Thank you.

Bikes and Scooters on the Playground

Please could all parents/guardians ensure that their children do not ride bicycles or scooters on school property. The playground and footpath can become very busy at times and therefore to ensure everyone is kept safe bicycles and scooters must be walked through the grounds. Thank you for your understanding.

Girls' Football tournament

The girls enjoyed a fantastic football tournament yesterday. They started with a superb 2-0 win against St Andrew's, then we beat St Mary and St Andrew's 2-0 and followed up with a 2-1 win against St Augustine's. These results put us at the top of our group.

Unfortunately, we narrowly lost to St Ignatius (a very strong side) in the knockout stages. Our goal scorers were Isabelle (with 5!), Grace and Georgina. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and well done to all. Thank you to our parents in transporting the children to the event.

Backpacks

We have received a stock of junior backpacks and these can be purchased from the school office for £10 each. Reading folders are still £4.50 and PE bags are £3.50.

Free School Meals

If you feel that your child may qualify for free school meals you can either complete a form which is available from the school office or you can call the pupil access team on 01772 531809. Please note that free school meal entitlement is different from infant universal free school meals.

The qualifying benefits for free school meals are:

- Receipt of Income Support or Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Receipt of Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Receipt of Child Tax Credit, with an annual income of less than £16,190 and not in receipt of Working Tax Credit
- Receipt of the Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Receipt of support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Receipt of Universal Credit

Please note that eligibility for Working Tax Credit automatically means that a family is not eligible for Free School Meals

Online App Warning.

An app called 'Movie Star Planet', has recently been in the news for its inappropriate content for users. This app says it is for age 8+. However, the language is very strong, using a lot of swearing and introduces children to suggestions such as self-harming and bullying. This site also uses avatars which can be seen to be acting in inappropriate ways. I understand this app has been around for years and I'm sure there are other apps/sites which are equally inappropriate, however I would strongly urge all parents to check whether their children are accessing this site and if so to take the appropriate action to keep their children safe online.

PTFA

Details of all future events will be posted on the PTFA section of our school's website and in future newsletters. These include: an Easter Bingo night - 22nd March, a spring colouring competition and a future disco on May 24th. The PTFA not only organise these social events for all the school community but they also provide financial assistance to school. They raise monies for special events such as funding the upcoming science workshops during our Science Theme Week on February 19th and funding an author's visit into school which is scheduled for the summer term. These events enrich the lives of all our children at St. Michael's. I highly commend the PTFA to you and ask you to consider if there is a way of getting involved a little more with one of its many activities. Further information and contacts can be obtained through the school office. The next meeting will be held on April 16th at 7.30pm in The Plough - is someone in your family able to join us?

Family Quiz Night - Saturday 3rd March

On Saturday March 3rd "FAF", (Fundraising and Fun) has organised a "Family Quiz Night" in aid of "The Church Windows Restoration Fund". The event will take place at Grimsargh St. Michael's School, starting at 7pm. Cost is £5 a team (up to 6) or £1 for an individual. There will be questions for all the family, including children, and there will be a prize for the best decorated table with an Easter theme, although decorating your table is entirely optional. There will be a raffle and a few games of chocolate bingo; you are invited to bring your own refreshments. You can be in a team of 2- 6, or if you would like to come as an individual you can join a team on the night! Everyone, from 2 to 92 is very welcome. Although payment is on the door, if you think that you would like to come, please call Jayne Woollam on 704112, text/call Jayne on 07749934208, email jaynewoollam@hotmail.co.uk, or sign the list at the back of church, so that we have a "rough" idea of numbers.

The Italian Orchard - Saturday 14th April

"FAF" has organised a family meal at "The Italian Orchard" on Saturday 14th April, at 12 midday. Last year the event was hugely successful, but we hope that more families will come and share this time of fellowship and fun. The cost is £15 for 2 courses, although children's prices will be discounted. You can pay on the day, but it would help organisers, if you could sign the list at the back of church or contact Jayne on the contact details given above if you would like to join us.

Grimsargh Open Gardens - July 2018

This is a plea from "FAF" to anyone with a "beautiful" garden in Grimsargh to help the Church host an "Open Gardens" afternoon, probably on the afternoon of Sunday 15th July, although this date has yet to be confirmed. If you, your friends or relatives have a beautiful garden, we would be very happy to hear from you, especially if you could consider opening it for a couple of hours on the afternoon of Sunday 15th, July. There will be no need to provide refreshments, as refreshments will be provided at the end of the walk. If you think you can help, please contact church, call Jayne Woollam on 704112, text/call Jayne on 07749934208 or email jaynewoollam@hotmail.co.uk.

Thank you.

We close for half term today at 3.30pm and will re-open on Monday 19th February at 8.50am. I hope that you have a lovely break.

Best wishes

Miss J Moss
Associate Headteacher

Diary Dates

19 February	School reopens – Science Theme Week
21 February	Parents' evening 3.40pm -5.30pm
22 February	Parents' evening 4.00pm – 7.00pm
5 March	Full governors' meeting
5 March	Y5 – Cobble Hey Farm visit
6 March	Y5 – King George's Hall, Sing Together
9 March	Y5 – Liverpool Philharmonic concert
12 -14 March	Book fair in the hall
13 March	Y4 – STEM, Longridge High School
16 March	Clubs finish
23 March	Easter service 9.15am
23 March	School closes for Easter 3.30pm

