

GRIMSARGH ST.MICHAEL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Travelling Book Fair

Thank you for supporting our travelling book fair. I hope that the children enjoy the books that they have purchased.

Clubs

Clubs have now finished. Thank you to the teachers and teaching assistants who give up their own time to make these extra-curricular activities possible.

Easter Egg Competition

We will be holding an Easter egg competition again this year. All children are invited to bring in a decorated hard-boiled egg into school on the 20th and 21st March. Judging will take place during the afternoon of the 22nd March.

The eggs will be displayed in the classrooms this year and you are invited to come in and see the eggs at the end of the day on March 22nd.

The school kitchen will also be holding their annual Easter colouring competition. All entries will need to be in by Wednesday 21st March. There will be a winner from each class and winners will receive an Easter egg. The entry is attached to this newsletter.

Easter Service

Our Easter Service will be held in church on Friday March 23rd at 9.15am. Everyone is welcome. During the service each class will have their End of Term Class Awards presented to them. If your child has been given an award you will have been contacted via the school office today with a personal invitation to the service.

Sports News

We had our netball team play two matches last night at Brockholes Wood Primary school. The results were 6-1 to us against Roebuck Primary School and 3-0 to Brockholes Wood Primary. The team played so well!! There was good teamwork throughout and the children were positive and supportive to their own and other teams. I was so proud of them. Well done. Thank you also to Mrs Oakley who helped with transport. Miss Cross.

Longridge Cluster Armistice Day Project

Along with most schools in the Longridge area we will be taking part in a project that will culminate in performances at the Guild Hall on Sunday November 11th to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War. This follows on from the highly successful 2013 'Forget Me Not' project which was based around the events of World War Two.

For further information please visit our Facebook page

www.facebook.com/longridgeclusterschoolsarmisticeproject/ or if you wish to donate towards the cost of the project you can at www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/longridgearmistice

One of the challenges set is to ask the Longridge community to help knit 19,240 poppies – one for each soul lost on the first day of the Battle of the Somme. If you, or anyone you know, would like to take part and help with the knitting more information can be found at <http://www.barnacreroadprimary.co.uk/armistice-project/>

The project is still in its planning stages but I shall keep you updated with information as it becomes available.

Toast & Dinner Money for the Summer Term

Toast money for the summer term will be £13.40 for juniors in years 4, 5 and 6 and £10.60 for year 3 (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 summer term will be as follows:

Monday – Friday	£147.40 (first half term £74.80/ second half £72.60)
Tuesdays and Fridays	£59.40 (first half term £30.80/ second half £28.60)
Tuesdays only	£30.80 (first half term £15.40/ second half £15.40)
Fridays only	£28.60 (first half term £15.40/ second half £13.20)

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.

Attendance and Lateness Monitoring

Mrs Walsh, one of our teaching assistants, is the person in school who monitors attendance and punctuality in line with Lancashire Education Authority's guidelines. If school is concerned regarding your child's attendance she will be in touch shortly to discuss ways school and home can work together to improve attendance rates.

PTFA Easter Bingo

This event will be held on Thursday March 22nd in the school hall from 6-7.30pm. All friends and family of our school are invited. Pay on the door, £5 for three games – there will be chocolate prizes! If you are unable to attend please could I ask that you consider supporting the event by donating to school either raffle prizes or cakes to be used as refreshment for the night. Many thanks for any help – it is much appreciated.

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 as mentioned above 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 science workshops during our Science Theme Week 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?

Contact Details If you have recently changed your mobile phone number please let the school office know. I am conscious that there were a number of parents who did not receive the texts regarding school being open during the snowy weather over the past few weeks. If you are concerned that you are not receiving these texts please speak to the school office.

Church Events -

The Italian Orchard - Saturday 14th April

"FAF" (The church's Fundraising and Fun committee) 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.

Best wishes

Miss J Moss
Associate Headteacher

Diary Dates

22 March	PTFA Easter Bingo 6-7.30pm
23 March	Easter Service 9.15am in church - all welcome.
23 March	School closes for Easter 3.30pm



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