

GRIMSARGH ST.MICHAEL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Grimsargh St Michael's Church of England Primary School Newsletter 13th April 2018

Dear Parents,

I hope that you had an enjoyable Easter break. It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school and they have settled down quickly to the start of a new term.

You will receive the class curriculum letter for your child next Friday and they will also be available to read on your child's class page on our website.

The children will all have individual targets in their home school diaries by the end of next week. These are the key areas we are working on in reading, writing and mathematics. If you have any queries about the curriculum or the targets don't hesitate to get in touch with me or the class teacher.

Tests in School

The Year 6 SATs take place during the week of 14th May and Year 2's during the week of May 21st. Y1 phonics screening is during the week commencing June 11th, Y1, Y3, Y4 and Y5 English assessment week starts on May 21st and maths assessment week begins on 11 June. It is very important that all children are in school for test weeks. The months of April and May are used to prepare children for the tests and revise work which has been covered during the year.

First Gold Reading Challenge Award

Congratulations to Lillie Moore on being the first pupil in our school to achieve her Gold Reading Challenge Award - well done Lillie! All pupils have the opportunity to work towards their Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards during the year. I wonder how many more Gold Awards we will have before the end of the school year?

NSPCC Free Online Safety Talk for Adults

The NSPCC are hosting a free online safety talk to keep parents, grandparents and carers up to date with all the things they can do to keep their children as safe as possible online. It will be held in the school hall on Tuesday June 19th between 3:45 and 4:45pm. School will provide a free crèche for school-age children. Please book your places on both the meeting and the crèche at the school office. The meeting can only go ahead if we have twenty parents attending so please show your support by booking the places early in the school office otherwise the event will sadly have to be cancelled.

New Hanging Baskets

Thank you to Mrs Dewhurst for your kind donation of two hanging baskets. They both brighten up the school entrance and make it seem like summer is on its way!

Royal Wedding Lunch

On the 18th May, we will be having a 'Royal Wedding' themed lunch. There will be a choice between a hotdog or pizza with a chocolate muffin or choc ice with a drink of orange. We will assume that all infant children will be taking part unless we are notified otherwise. Any junior children who do not normally have a Friday lunch will need to complete the slip below and return to the school office with a payment of £2.20. All replies will need to be return by **Thursday 3rd May**.

Clubs

The clubs letters have been sent home and clubs will start on the week commencing 23rd April 2018. We will notify you if your child has been placed on any of the clubs waiting lists.

Considerate and Safe Parking

Please could I ask all parents to be considerate and safe when parking near school, especially concerning parking on the main road with the consideration for the safety of local residents. When dropping off or collecting your children the safest place to park is on the church car park especially with the footpath directly to school which is away from the busy road. The school car park must not be used between 8.30am & 9.15am and 3.15pm & 4.00pm unless with prior consent from the Headteacher. Thank you for your co-operation.

Sports Kits

We are planning on buying new sports kits and are looking for a sponsor. If you own a small business and would like to sponsor us, please could you contact the school office. Thank you.

PTFA

Our Easter competition – An Easter sheet of A3 paper was sent home before the holidays. Juniors are asked to draw an Easter themed picture and infants are asked to colour in the Easter eggs. Children who want to enter the competition are asked to return their entry on the **16th April** with a £1.00 competition fee. The two winners (junior/ infant) will get a £5.00 book voucher. All money raised will go to the school PTFA. Thank you for your support.

Future Events

Details of all future events will be posted on the PTFA section of our school's website and in future newsletters. **A school disco on May 24th will be taking place and a Fashion Show is booked for October 12th - please save the dates!**

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 is being held on April 16th at 7.30pm in The Plough - is someone in your family able to join us?**

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.

Film Night - On the 21st April there will be a film night at Ribchester Village Hall. A poster is attached to the newsletter and all proceeds will go towards the Longridge Cluster Armistice Project.

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 inclement 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" tomorrow, 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 below if you would like to join us.

"FAF" Meeting - Monday 21st May, 7.30pm, 204 Preston Road

On Monday 21st May we will be planning the Garden Party and other events for the summer months. A very warm welcome awaits. Please join us.

Garden Party, Saturday 16th June, 1pm

The Garden Party will take place on Saturday, 16th June at 1pm. Having practised their dance moves for many months, the school children will be performing their dance routines, the culmination of hours of rehearsal. If you can volunteer your services in any way, please sign the list at the back of church. We are hoping that there will be the usual much loved stalls. In addition, if you have any new ideas, please contact one of the "FAF" committee or message Jayne Woollam.

Car Wash - Saturday 30th June

Following on from the huge success of last year's car wash, organised by James Cowell and the Cowell family, another car wash morning has been planned for Saturday 30th June. The event raises much needed funds and you will leave the carpark smiling and with your car gleaming. More details to follow!

"Open Gardens" - Saturday 14th July

On Saturday 14th July, at least 6 breath-taking private gardens in Grimsargh will be opening for the Church. The day is very much at the planning stage. If you are interested in opening your garden or just helping on the day, it would be greatly appreciated if you could attend the "FAF" meeting on Monday 21st May. On the day, you will be able to visit beautiful Grimsargh gardens which are not generally open to the public. There will be a treasure hunt for the children, stalls and quizzes. Afternoon teas will be served at the end of the visit. Tickets are £5 per adult and £1 for children; the price includes refreshments. This is our first "Open Gardens" event, featuring some of the finest gardens in Grimsargh. Please contact Jayne Woollam 07749 934 208 if you think that you can help in any way.

"Family BBQ" - Saturday 28th July, 2018

After the great success of the family BBQ last year, "FAF" is organising another family BBQ. It will take place at 204 Preston Road. There will be something for all the family, including a quiz, delicious BBQ food and children's and adult's games. Please put the date in your diaries. A signing up list will be placed at the back of church. More details to follow.

Best wishes,

Miss J Moss
Associate Headteacher

Royal Wedding Lunch - 18th May

Name _____ Year _____

I would like my child to have the Royal Wedding lunch on the 18th May and enclose £2.20 (junior children who do not normally have a Friday lunch only)

Signed: _____

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Diary Dates

16 th April	PTFA meeting 7.30pm - The Plough
17 th April	Year 4 - Longridge High School
18 th April	Year 5 (half class) - Longridge High School
20 th April	Governors' finance meeting
23 rd April	Clubs start
23 rd April	Governors' curriculum meeting
25 th April	Year 5 (half class) - Longridge High School
3 rd May	Governors' buildings meeting
7 th May	Bank holiday
14 th May	Year 6 SATs week
18 th May	Royal Wedding lunch
22 nd May	Class/group photos
24 th May	PTFA discos - 5-6pm infants & 6.15-7.15pm juniors
25 th May	School closes for half term - 3.30pm

