

GRIMSARGH ST.MICHAEL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Tests in School

Well done to all our Y2 - Y5 children who have worked extremely hard this week with SATs and school tests. Y1, Y3, Y4 and Y5 maths assessment week begins on 11 June. The children have tried their hardest and we are proud of them.

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. Further details will follow nearer the time but if your child is unable to attend please will you let the office or your teacher know as soon as possible as it affects the choreography of the class dance.

The costumes for the dances are as follows:

Nursery	Super hero's
Reception Class	Dinosaurs - brown, green or orange outfits (shorts & t-shirts).
Year 1	Peter Rabbit - dark shorts, white t-shirts & pumps. Optional painted nose & whiskers (ears to be made in school)
Year 2	River/ nautical theme - blue and white outfits.
Year 3	Multi- coloured bright disco theme.
Year 4	Blue & white shorts and t-shirts.
Year 5	Robots - silver, grey or white outfits.
Year 6	Multi - coloured bright disco theme.

Mrs Forshaw

Mrs Forshaw has decided to retire from teaching in July this year. She has been with us at Grimsargh for many years and we will all miss her around school in September and beyond. Mrs Forshaw has touched many families with her kindness and professionalism and I am sure you will join with me in thanking her for all she has done for our school family here at St. Michael's. We will be saying 'Farewell' to her at the end of the year in various ways. The school office will be happy to pass on to Mrs Forshaw any cards or donations to her leaving collection should you wish to contribute to it.

Staffing for the New Year.

Mrs Todd, who is currently teaching in Y1, will be teaching Reception Class from September for the year. Parents and children will have the chance to meet her at their Induction Meeting on June 5th at 6pm. I shall be conducting a whole-school staffing review in the coming weeks and will write and let you know who will be teaching the other classes in the school in early July.

Pupil Absences.

If your child is absent from school due to illness please can I ask that you phone the school office and leave a message explaining the situation before 9.00am. As part of our safeguarding duty of care we must make every effort to contact parents to establish if children are safe if we do not hear from a family member. Can I also politely remind parents that any absence from school other than for illness needs to be arranged prior to the date by completing a leave request form obtained from the office. Thank-you for your help with this matter.

KOGS and Quiet Club Invoices

Please remember that the final instalment for this term is due in the first week after the holiday. If there are any unpaid balances then we reserve the right to decline places in September. Thank you.

New Sports Kit

We would like to thank Tustin's for their generous offer to sponsor our new sports' kits. The children wore them for the first time this week and looked really smart for their team photographs.

Dinner Money Invoices

Dinner money invoices have been texted home today. Please let the school office know if you have not received one and would like to. The amounts quoted do not take into account any days when your child may be on a trip and have chosen not to order a school packed lunch. Therefore, please feel free to adjust the amount if you wish. Any credit balances will either be refunded at the end of term or carried forward to September.

Summer Term

With the lovely weather, children should come to school with sunscreen already applied and a sun hat. Please will you also make sure that your child has a water bottle in school all the time. We have fresh chilled water for the children to fill their bottles.

School Bags

School bags are available to purchase from the office and the prices are as follows:

Infant reading folder	£5.00 each
Junior backpacks	£10.00 each
PE Bags	£4.00 each

Summer Uniform and Trainers for Outside PE

Summer uniform can be worn during the summer term. Sandals can be worn (weather dependant) but they must give full support to the feet to enable the children to play safely. Trainers can be worn for outdoor PE. Details regarding uniform can be found in the school prospectus on our school website under the parents section. Please can I remind you that earrings are not allowed for safety reasons.

Grimsargh Field Day

The Field Day this year is taking place on 23rd June. To celebrate 50 years of the Field Day the theme is Flower Power and Scooby Doo. The PTFA will have a stall at the Garden Party on 16th June, where families can make and buy costume items.

Concerning Internet Computer Game

Please can parents be aware that some children are playing 'Fortnite - Battle Royale' an internet computer game at home. This game is rated 12+ because of frequent scenes of violence. It is also causing concern with 'Parent Zone' a national body who advise parents on safe use of the internet as the game enables players to interact with other players around the world using on-screen and voice communication and also because of the use of online currency to buy things which may go unnoticed by parents. I have attached to previous newsletters further details but I would advise parents to discuss this with their children and monitor the situation closely. There have been some friendship issues recently in school reported to stem from the playing of this game at home, which we may need to contact parents about further if they continue.

PTFA

Future Events

Fashion Show is booked for October 12th - please save the date!

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.

Church Events -

Open Church

You are warmly invited to come into St Michael's church on Friday afternoons between 2.30 and 4.00.

You might wish to have a closer look around the church and especially the beautiful windows; perhaps you would appreciate a quiet moment of prayer and reflection; or maybe it would just be a handy place to shelter from the rain when picking up the children! There will be members of the congregation around to welcome you and the vicar, Neil, will normally be there if you want to talk or make enquiries about baptisms, weddings etc.

Please feel free to come along any Friday afternoon.

Membership launch of the Grimsargh Wetland Trust

You are cordially invited to the membership launch of "Grimsargh Wetlands Trust" on Thursday 31st May, 7.30pm at Grimsargh Club. Grimsargh Wetlands is a new and exciting nature reserve, situated on the outskirts of Preston and is of regional importance for its wintering wildfowl, breeding birds, flora and fauna.

Membership of "Grimsargh Wetlands Trust" offers you the opportunity to become part of a newly formed charity that is seeking to conserve, protect and improve The Wetlands for Grimsargh. As members, you will automatically receive certain benefits, including: guided walks of The Wetlands; regular email updates; a free car sticker; the chance to purchase Grimsargh Wetlands merchandise; the opportunity to attend the annual AGM and an invitation to attend various social events planned throughout the year. More importantly, you will also have a real opportunity to contribute to nature conservation in Lancashire.

If you would like to find out more about Grimsargh Wetlands, please join us at Grimsargh Club, 7.30pm. Thursday 31st May.

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 between 1pm and 4pm. 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

Diary Dates

4 th June	Inset Day
5 th June	School re-opens
5 th June	New reception class meeting 6pm
7 th June	Y4 Liverpool World Museum
11 th June	Maths Assessment week Y3, Y4 & Y5
11 th June	Phonics assessment week
11 th June	New Reception class in 1.15-3.15
11 th - 14 th June	Go Velo Y6
16 th June	1pm Garden Party
18 th June	New Reception class in 1.15-3.15
19 th June	Y4 Armistice Project
21 st June	Y5 Borwick Meeting 5.30pm
23 rd June	Grimsargh Field Day
25 th June	New Reception class in 1.15-3.15
25 th - 28 th June	Sports' week
26 th June	Sports' Day 10am - Infants & 2pm - Juniors
27 th June	Reserve Sports' Day 10am - Infants & 2pm - Juniors
4 th July	Y6 Edinburgh trip
10 th July	2.15pm KS2 production
11 th July	6.30pm KS2 production
11 th July	Y5 Country Dancing, Sir Tom Finney Sports Centre
13 th July	2.15pm KS2 production
13 th July	End of year service in church 9.15am - All parents welcome
18 th July	Y6 Franco's meal - 6.15pm
19 th July	Leavers' Assembly 9.15am - Year 6 parents invited
19 th July	School closes for summer 1.00pm

