

GRIMSARGH ST.MICHAEL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Grimsargh St Michael's Church of England Primary School Newsletter 19th July 2018

Dear Parents,

As the end of this academic year approaches, I would like to thank you for the support you have shown to school and your child's education over the last twelve months.

I hope you have been able to enjoy some of our recent events, including the KS2 production 'Treachery at Traitor's Quay' and the Sports' Days. The children have worked hard, had lots of exciting times and made super progress.

'Treachery at Traitor's Quay'

Well done to KS2 for their production of 'Treachery at Traitors' Quay'. Their performance was excellent and we raised a fabulous £427.44 towards Macmillan cancer support and Ronald McDonald House at Alder Hey. Thank you for your support.

Year 6 Leavers' Presentation

We held the Year 6 leavers' presentation this morning in school with many Year 6 parents, grandparents and friends attending.

Year 6 have had seven fantastic years in school. I am sure that they will all love their new schools and I hope that they will take happy memories of their time at St Michael's with them. They have been a wonderful year group and we are grateful for all they have done to help us. We are proud of all their achievements and look forward to hearing about their progress. Thank you to the parents for entrusting us with your children for the last seven years.

Staff Good-byes.

We said good-bye today to Mrs Bradford and Mrs Forshaw.

Mrs Bradford has covered Mrs Sprakes' maternity leave and leaves us to take on a further education course. We wish her well and thank her for all the things she has done for us over the year, but especially with her support for Y5 and her horticultural skills keeping our flower pots looking nice and bright! Thank you Mrs Bradford.

Mrs Forshaw retires today after 29 years teaching at Grimsargh, most of which has been in the Reception Class. She has had such a marvellous effect on all the children she has taught, readying them for a life of learning in school. She has also supported the school in the leadership of RE and Worship with many wonderful things taking place under her guidance. I also know over the years she has been a wise counsellor and guide to many of her staff colleagues. To say she will be missed is an understatement, but we wish her well in her very deserved retirement and hope that she will look back fondly on a career well-spent serving the children and families of Grimsargh. Many thanks Mrs Forshaw.

Take care ladies, and do stay in touch – pop in and see us anytime!

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

Reception/Year One Trip.

Reception and Year One enjoyed an afternoon treat yesterday with a games afternoon and ice-cream at the park. Miss Smith is already arranging an extra trip for current Reception/Year One for next half term to make up for the fact that they have not had a full day trip this year. This will be in addition to any other trips their new teacher may organise.

NSPCC Sponsored Event

A huge thank-you to everyone who sponsored our children for our NSPCC Daily Mile event. We have raised a fantastic £1,704.85! Well done to everyone! I know that many children who we will never know will benefit from your kindness and efforts - so thank-you!

Borwick Hall

All outstanding monies for Borwick Hall will need to be paid by the 4th September 2018. Please note that Parentpay will be available over the summer holidays to make payments.

SEND Report.

Please find attached the Special Educational Needs Report for our school written by our Governor Mr. Smith.

Summer Holiday Challenge

A summer holiday challenge has been sent home. Please encourage your child to take part and return it when we come back to school in September. I'm sure the children will find it lots of fun.

Toast & Dinner Money for the Autumn Term

Toast money for the autumn term will be £14.60 for juniors in Years 3 and 5, £14.00 for Year 6 (due to Borwick Hall) and £11.60 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.

Dinner money charges for the autumn term will be as follows:

Monday - Friday	£160.60 (first half term £74.80/ second half £85.80)
Tuesdays and Fridays	£66.00 (first half term £30.80/ second half £35.20)
Tuesdays only	£33.00 (first half term £15.40/ second half £17.60)
Fridays only	£33.00 (first half term £15.40/ second half £17.60)

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 it will be sent via text on the last day of term. Please ensure that any outstanding balances are fully paid by Monday. Any remaining credit balances for Years 3 to 5 will be carried over to the next term. Year 6 children's credit balances will either be sent home on Thursday or transferred to a younger sibling's account.

School grounds

Please will you help us to keep our schools grounds safe and in good condition by reminding the children that they must not climb on any of the fences or on the outdoor classroom or wooden dens. Thank you.

Church Events**Open Church**

The 'open church' on Friday afternoons has been put on hold for the time being. A new plan is being worked out for a monthly afternoon service followed by refreshments and time for visitors to come into St Michael's church. This will start in October - more details after the summer break.

If you wish to contact me for any reason, including baptism and wedding enquiries, I will be very pleased to hear from you. I can be found at vicar.grimsargh@gmail.com or on 07566 274186.
Rev. Neil.

BBQ – Saturday 28th July, 6pm, 204 Preston Road, Grimsargh

The sun will hopefully be shining, the short sleeves will be rolled up and the summer will be at its height, meaning only one thing - it's time for the annual church "FAF" BBQ fundraiser. Following the success of last year's BBQ, we are planning to repeat the evening, and hope that as many people, young and "slightly" older, will come and share the evening with us.

Admission - £5 for an adult ticket and £15 for a family ticket. Ticket price includes one sausage, one burger, tea/coffee and soft drinks. However, if you would like a drink of wine, please bring your own bottle!

There will be children's and adults' games, a raffle and a quiz. Hope to see you there! It promises to be a lot of fun!

Parent helpers

A very big thank you to all the parents who have come in to help us this year. We have had parents who come in each week, library volunteers, sports helpers, those who have accompanied on visits and those who have just done jobs that needed doing, to name just a few. We really couldn't have managed to provide the quality of education that we do without your support and we are very appreciative.

Mrs Ward.

Mrs Ward has been visiting us over the last few weeks catching up on the school's progress this year and I am delighted to say that she will be taking over the leadership of Grimsargh again from September. I know how delighted our school community is to hear this news.

I shall be staying on for a few months for a period of transition and so look forward to seeing you all in September. I would just like to put on record how grateful I am to all the staff, children governors and parents who have been both welcoming and supportive during my term of leadership. I cannot possibly thank-you all personally but you have all made my job so much easier with your kind words and supportive help and comments - so thank-you all.

School closes for the summer holidays at 1.00pm today and we will be starting the new school year on Tuesday 4th September 2018 at 9.00am, with the doors opening at 8.50am for Years 1 to 6. We look forward to welcoming our new reception class children on Thursday 6th September.

Have a lovely summer everyone!

Best wishes,

Miss J Moss
Associate Headteacher

