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

Dear Parents,

We have reached the end of our first half term and are very pleased with the way all the children have settled into classes and approached their work. Thank you for all your support. We hope that you have a lovely half term break.

Miss Moss has been working part of the time here and part of the time at St Peter's over the last few weeks. Today is her final day here and in assembly this morning we said 'good bye and thank you' for all she has done over the last year. It has been good to have her in our school community and we wish her well in the future and as she returns to St Peter's full time.

Christmas Cards

The Christmas card order forms have been sent home. The deadline to have the orders back to school is **Wednesday 31st October 2018.**

School term and holiday pattern 2019/2020

The school term and holiday pattern 2019/2020 can be found on the website and is also attached to the newsletter email.

Parents' Consultation Evening - 31st October & 1st November 2018

Parents who still haven't booked an appointment can do so via the [teacher2parents](#) link that was sent out on Monday.

Y5 Cluster Armistice Project

Tickets can no longer be purchased through school and any that have been ordered will be sent home nearer the time. New ticket orders can now be purchased from Barnacre Road School in Longridge. The performance includes over 750 children from Longridge schools and is taking place twice on November 11th, at 1.30pm and 7pm. It is going to be fantastic but is not suitable for infant age children. All money raised will be used to support the Royal British Legion.

Y6 Julius Caesar

Y6 are performing Julius Caesar at the Charter Theatre on Monday 5th November at 7pm as part of the Shakespeare Schools festival. Four schools will be performing 30 minute abridged versions of Shakespeare plays. Tickets can no longer be purchased through school but are available through the Guild Hall box office for any other parents or upper KS2 children who would like to support them and have an enjoyable evening out. Tickets ordered and paid for through school will be sent home after the holiday.

Sports News

Over the past 3 weeks, our hockey team have played a total of 5 matches. We won 1, drew 1 and lost 3. Everyone had a great time and our star player was Oscar Kelly.

On Tuesday, our football team played a home match against St Augustine's in the Harold Slater Shield. We lost 3 - 1 but played a very good game. We have also played 3 league games this week. We won against St Teresa's 3-0 and Roebuck 6-1 and lost against Deepdale 2-0. Well done to everyone and thank you to our parents for helping with transport to all sporting events.

Firework Safety

If anyone is attending a bonfire or firework event this half term, please take extra care. Please click on the link for details of the Firework Code and safety tips for sparklers and bonfires.

<https://www.rospa.com/home-safety/advice/fireworks-safety/>

Poppies

Poppies will be on sale after half term. There are also a number of different items on sale this year ranging from reflectors to pencils and rulers with prices ranging from 50p to £1.00. The items will only be on sale after school so that the children can take them home. Any children who bring in the money in the morning must hand it to the teacher for safe keeping until the end of the day.

Admission to Reception Class 2019

If you have children or know of any children whose fourth birthday falls between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 it will soon be time to start the process of applying for a school place. The parents of children whose names have been recorded in the school office will be contacted.

This year the application is only online and there is no paper admissions booklet. The link to the admissions booklet is

<http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place.aspx>

On Wednesday 7th November, there will be an open morning for parents who are interested in applying for a place. There will be a short talk at 9.30am and then year 6 pupils will show parents round, so that they can see the school in action.

Secondary School Applications

Year 6 pupils have received an information sheet on applying for secondary schools. The application must be completed by 31 October 2018 and it is recommended that it is made on-line. All the information can be found by searching the Lancashire County Council website under 'school admissions- secondary schools' on the A - Z search.

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 January. Thank you.

PTFA - Fashion Show and Pop Up Shop.

Thank you to everyone who supported the fashion show, the PTFA raised a fantastic £644.36.

Bags2school

Thank you to everyone that supported the Bags2school, the collection raised £80.00

Church news

"An Armistice Street Party"

As you are probably aware, this year marks one hundred years since the end of the First World War. "FAF" thought that it might be appropriate to mark the occasion with an evening remembering this very poignant date in our nation's history.

Tickets are £6 for adults and £3 for children. Under 5's are free. The price of the ticket includes: talks on the First and Second World Wars by Andrew Brierley and Mark Lamberty respectively, war poetry readings by our young people, Bernard's reminiscences of the war, a talk by Michael Cowell and accompanying video on the lives of Grimsargh's young men who sadly lost their lives in the war, children's games, quizzes, a good old sing-a-long, featuring Kenyon Yates and other local artists. Furthermore, we may even have a rendition of "Albert and the Lion"!

We are hoping to recreate an authentic "Street Party" atmosphere, along with bunting, Union Jacks and, of course, spam sandwiches! In addition there will be prizes for the best fancy dress costumes; it would be lovely if you or your children could don either World War One or World War Two appropriate costumes, but there is absolutely no necessity to do so.

Help us to remember this 100 year Armistice anniversary, the day that originally marked the end of World War One and also the many later wars of the 20th and now the 21st century too.

For tickets, please see Eileen Parker, Hazel Cliff, Susan Lees, Marilyn Salter, or Jayne Woollam. Tickets can also be purchased from the School Office.

Please contact Jayne on 07749 934 208 or jaynewoollam@hotmail.co.uk or message the Grimsargh Church Face Book site, or any "FAF" member for further details of the evening.

Christmas Fair - Saturday 1st December, 1pm

The Christmas Fair is being held this year on Saturday 1st December starting at 1pm. We will be having a planning meeting in November, but in the meantime, please be thinking of ways in which you could help at this event. Have you any new ideas? We would really welcome new ideas for stalls and attractions, especially for the children. There will be a list of stalls placed at the back of church. Please put your name to a stall or add a new one!

Thank you in anticipation of your kindness and help. If you have any queries, please speak to any of the FAF team or Jayne.

"Oh Yes It Is!!!"

It's panto time again!

Tracy Leho and Sally Cowell are hoping to arrange another visit to the pantomime, following last year's successful church outing to "Cinderella" at "The Thwaites Theatre", Blackburn. This year the pantomime is "Peter Pan" and once again it will be performed at "The Thwaites Theatre", Blackburn. In addition, many of our own young people will be performing in the show, which makes it all the more special. More details to follow in next month's magazine.

Future "FAF" Meetings

Please come along and join us. To date, "FAF" has raised approximately £6000 towards the restoration of the Church Windows. However, raising funds is only a part of what we do. "FAF" is much more about fellowship, friendship and fun too. If you can spare a couple of hours, please come along to one of the meetings; you will always receive a very warm welcome. The next meetings are as follows:

Tuesday 30th October, 2018 - Planning of the Armistice Street Party

Thursday 22nd November, 2018 - Christmas Fair Planning Meeting

Meetings start at 7.30pm and are held at 204 Preston Road, Grimsargh.

For further information, please contact any "FAF" member. "FAF" members include: Hazel Cliff, Susan Lees, Ruth Buckley, Eileen Parker, Penny and Keven Thompson, Hilda Tiffin, Marilyn Salter, Nellie and Philp Cowell, Anthony and Sally Cowell, Linda and Liz Eccleston, James Cowell, Tracy Leho, Gemma Perkins, Nicola Bell and Jayne Woollam. However, hopefully, the list will grow!

We finish today at 3.30pm for half term and look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 30th October 2018 at 8.50am.

Best wishes,

Mrs K Ward
Headteacher

Dates for this term

30 Oct	School re-opens
31 Oct	Parents' consultation meetings 3.40pm - 6.00pm Nursery parents' consultation meetings
1 Nov	Parents' consultation meetings 3.40pm - 7.00pm
5 Nov	Y6 Shakespeare at the Charter Theatre 7.00pm
7 Nov	Open morning for reception 2019
13 Nov	Reception - Year 5 Nasal flu vaccination
17 Nov	War Memorial evening 6 -9.30pm
20 Nov	Reception class visit - 'Imagine that!'
22 Nov	PTFA Bingo
1 Dec	Parish Christmas Fair 1pm
11 Dec	6pm KS1 (Years 1 and 2) Christmas play
12 Dec	2.15pm KS1 Christmas play
13 Dec	Christmas lunch
14 Dec	Whole school visit to see Christmas pantomime
16 Dec	10am Reception class to lead nativity as part of family service in church
21 Dec	1.00pm School closes for Christmas

