

# GRIMSARGH ST.MICHAEL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Grimsargh St Michael's Church of England Primary School Newsletter 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents,

I hope that you had a good half term, it was lovely to welcome the children back.

### **Christmas Cards**

The Christmas card order has been sent off and we look forward to receiving everything back in the next few weeks.

### **School term and holiday pattern 2019/2020**

The school term and holiday pattern 2019/2020 can be found on the website.

### **Parents' Consultation Evening - 31<sup>st</sup> October & 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018**

Thank you to everyone who attended parents' evenings this week, I hope that you found the meetings useful. If you were unable to attend please contact the office and we will arrange an appointment for you to meet with your child's teacher.

### **Y5 Cluster Armistice Project**

There are still a few tickets left for the Armistice project. We are able to take orders in school and get the tickets for you if you would like to come. Please encourage family and friends to come and support Year 5 in what will be a fantastic production. The performance includes over 750 children from Longridge schools and is taking place twice on November 11<sup>th</sup>, at 1.30pm and 7.30pm but is not suitable for infant age children. All money raised will be used to support the Royal British Legion. **Tickets have been sent home to everyone who ordered them through school.**

### **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 have been sent home to everyone who ordered them through school.**

### **Kogs and Quiet Club Invoices**

Polite reminder - please could all outstanding amounts for this term be made by Monday. If you have already paid the amount due - thank you.

### **Scholastic Book Orders**

Please remember to send in your book orders by next Wednesday at the latest. Thank you.

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### **Reception Class 'Stay and Play' - 9<sup>th</sup> November**

Our reception class parents are invited to stay on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 9am for 30 minutes. The children will come in for registration and then the doors will be open for the parents to join us. The children will be learning about shape focus and fireworks.

### **PTFA - Christmas Bingo**

Join us on 22<sup>nd</sup> November for Chocolate Bingo. Fun for all the family 5.30pm - 7pm. There will be a **non-uniform day next Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> November** and we asking for Christmas chocolate donations that we can use for prizes. Please complete the slip below to reserve your places on the night.

We would also like to hold a raffle for the adults, and sell cakes at the event so donations will be appreciated.

Funds raised from this event will help to subsidise the school Christmas panto trip, saving you money on your child's place. Please show your support.

### **Menus**

The school lunch menus are being sent home today and will be starting the week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Please note that on week 2 meat-free Tuesday, Quorn chicken pieces & chick pea curry will replace the sweet potato & chick pea curry.

### **Firework Safety**

If anyone is attending a bonfire or firework event over the next few days, 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/>

### **Fire safety**

Please see the link below from the Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service regarding fire safety at sleepovers.

<https://www.lancsfireandrescue.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Sleepover-leaflet-v1.jpg>

### **Poppies**

Poppies are now on sale at the school office at 3.30pm. 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.

### **Christmas Lunch**

We hope that all children will join in with the school Christmas lunch on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December, the cost is £2.20 for junior children, infant children are free. If your child has a packed lunch and would like a Christmas lunch please will you return the slip at the bottom and either the cash or a cheque made payable to Lancashire C.C by the **21<sup>st</sup> November**. Children who have daily school lunches do not need to send any money in if they have already paid. We will assume that all children in reception class, year 1 and year 2 will be having a lunch unless we are told otherwise.

### **Admission to Reception Class 2019**

If you have children or know of any children whose fourth birthday falls between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### **Church Path**

The path leading down to the church car park will be locked at 4.45pm during the winter months.

As the weather is getting colder, please could I remind parents that you use the path to the car park and under the bridge at your own risk. We will ensure that a suitable pedestrian route from the school building down to the main school gates is accessible in icy conditions.

### **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 20<sup>th</sup> and now the 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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:

#### **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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!

Best wishes,

Mrs K Ward  
Headteacher

### Dates for this term

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| 5 Nov  | Y6 Shakespeare at the Charter Theatre 7.00pm                              |
| 7 Nov  | Open morning for reception 2019   |
| 11 Nov | Armistice Production  |
| 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 | 9.15am KS2 Carol service in church  |
| 21 Dec | 1.00pm School closes for Christmas  |

**Christmas Lunch - 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my child to have a Christmas lunch on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018 and enclose £2.20 (junior children only)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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**PTFA - Christmas Bingo**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places for the PTFA Christmas Bingo on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

