

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

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## Grimsargh St Michael's Church of England Primary School Newsletter 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who brought in chocolate for the PTFA bingo. There are lots of wonderful prizes! Details of the event are in this newsletter so do come and support us and have an enjoyable evening.

### **Y6 Julius Caesar**

Well done to all our Year 6 children who took part in the Shakespeare festival on Monday evening. They performed 'Julius Caesar' in the Charter Theatre. Their performance was superb with every word clear and confident. Thank you to everyone who came to support and to Mr Brooks, Mrs Coulston and Mrs Walsh for producing such an excellent performance.

### **Y5 Cluster Armistice Project**

We are very much looking forward to the Armistice performance of our Year 5 pupils on Sunday. The performance includes over 750 children from Longridge schools and is taking place at the Guild Hall at 1.30pm and 7.00pm. Everyone has worked very hard and I do hope you have a memorable day. All money raised will be used to support the Royal British Legion. **Tickets for this event have been sent home to everyone who ordered them through school.**

**Year 5 don't forget we are leaving school at 8.50am on Sunday morning.**

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

Thank you all the reception class parents who attended our 'Stay and Play' event, I hope you enjoyed the activities.

### **Nasal Flu Vaccinations**

The nasal flu vaccinations will be taking place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November for reception class children through to year 5.

### **Children in Need**

For Children in Need we are planning the usual spotty non-uniform day, anything spotty will do, or even just stick some spots onto a t-shirt, it really doesn't matter it's just a bit of fun for the children. Please could all children bring in a suggested donation of £1 for this worthwhile charity.

An extra donation of £1 can be made for the 'Virtual Duck Race' taking place on-line at 1pm. Children can choose a duck (complete with humorous name) and then in batches of 20, the ducks will race, there will be a prize for the winning duck in each race. Mr Brooks and school council will organise the viewing of the races in Y6. Please click on the link below for further details.

Link <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/fundraisinghub/fundraising-ideas>

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### **Phonics meeting**

Mrs Todd will be holding a phonics information meeting on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November for all reception class and nursery parents. The meeting will start at 6pm in the school hall.

### **PTFA - Christmas Bingo**

Join us on 22nd November for Chocolate Bingo. Fun for all the family 5.30pm - 7pm. 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 any donations would 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.

### **Christmas Baubles**

\*\*\* The PTFA thought it would be a lovely idea this year for the school Christmas tree to be decorated with 215 baubles - one made by every single child in school and nursery. We have bought clear plastic baubles which come in two halves for the children to fill and/or decorate.

We are selling the baubles at £1 each, and any profit we make will be going towards the refurbishment of the reception play area. There are four prizes to be won:

Nursery/Reception

Y1/2

Y3/4

Y5/6

Baubles will need to be returned to school by **Tuesday 27th November**, so that winners can be chosen and the tree then decorated in time for the church Christmas Fair. Please remember to attach a string or ribbon to your bauble so we can hang it up!

PTFA members will be selling baubles in the playground after school next week, or children can bring in £1 in an envelope marked with their name, class and 'Bauble' and give it to their class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support. It will be wonderful to have every child's bauble decorating this year's tree. \*\*\*

### **Menus**

The school lunch menus were home last week and will be commencing next Monday, 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.

Please also note that roast dinner Tuesday will be replaced by roast dinner Wednesday. If your child opts to have a roast dinner, they will be having this on Wednesdays so please don't forget to send them in with a packed lunch on Tuesdays.

### **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 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>

### **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

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: \_\_\_\_\_



