

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

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## Grimsargh St Michael's Church of England Primary School Newsletter 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Dear Parents,

### **KS1 Production - Lights, Camel, Action!**

Well done to all the children in Years 1 and 2 who have performed 'Lights, Camel, Action!' this week. The children were fantastic and I'm sure you are very proud of them. The singing, speaking, dancing and costumes were all superb. Thank you to all the staff who worked so hard preparing the children. Please see the attachment to this newsletter if you would like to order a DVD. Thank you for the kind contributions to our chosen charity, we raised £205.30 for the charity MIND.

### **Christmas Jumper Day**

Everyone looked great in their Christmas jumpers. Thank you for the donations for the St Catherine's Hospice, we raised £173.00. We also had a lovely Christmas lunch - thanks go to our catering team headed by Mrs Hall for all their hard work.

### **Enterprise Project - Ronal**

During our spirituality week in September the children decided to sponsor a child from another country. We now support Ronal in Bolivia and pay each month to give him access to food, safe water, healthcare and education. Each class has planned an enterprise project to raise some money for Ronal. Children in all classes have been making Christmas decorations and are selling them for a minimum donation of £2.00. Please make your contribution by Parentpay if you would like to purchase your child's decoration.

### **Toast & Dinner Money for the Spring Term**

Toast money for the spring term will be £11.80 for juniors in Years 3, 5 & 6 and £9.40 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 or pay via Parentpay.

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

Monday - Friday	£129.80 (first half term £63.80/ second half £66.00)
Wednesdays and Fridays	£50.60 (first half term £26.40/ second half £24.20)
Tuesdays only	£26.40 (first half term £13.20/ second half £13.20)
Fridays only	£26.40 (first half term £13.20/ second half £13.20)

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 for this term are fully paid by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Christmas Elves**

Christmas Elves are still on sale priced at £1.50 each. The money collected will go to Derian House. As we only have 40 to sell, purchases will be on a first come, first served basis and children may only purchase one. The Elves 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.

### **Carol Service**

Y6 will be leading our junior carol service on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am in church. All parents, grandparents and friends are invited to join us.

### **Reception Class Nativity in Church - 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Our reception class will be performing the nativity in Church during the Church service on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December. The children will need to be in their costumes and arrive at church at 9.30am.

### **Christmas Parties**

On the afternoon of Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December the infant children will be having their Christmas party and we are hoping that we will have a very special visitor during the afternoon. On the morning of Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, Years 5 & 6 will be having their party and Years 3 & 4 will have their party in the afternoon. The children can come in party clothes on their party day but please remember that the children will be playing out so everyone will need a warm coat and suitable footwear.

### **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

We have our end of term assembly on Friday morning at 10.00am. Parents are warmly invited to join us.

### **Armistice DVDs**

If you would like to order a DVD of the Armistice Production at the Guild Hall please order through the school office. They are £10 each.

### **Winter P.E. Kits.**

Classes will be outside doing P.E. lessons during the winter months and so it's important that all children have track suit bottoms and hoodie tops (preferably in blue but not compulsory) in school to keep them warm. Your assistance with this matter is greatly appreciated.

### **Kitchen Christmas Colouring Competition**

Please remember entries for this competition have to be sent in by **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December**. A winner will be selected from each class and prizes will be handed out on the 21<sup>st</sup> December.

### **Free School Meals and Pupil Premium**

Whilst your child is able to get free school meals if they are in reception class, year 1 or year 2 at present, they may also be eligible to get extra funding to cover school trips, milk etc. If you are in receipt of any of the following benefits please contact 01772 531809 to see if you are entitled to this extra funding. You will need to register with school also and Mrs Garner is able to help with any queries.

- Universal Credit with a household income of less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income-Based Jobseekers' Allowance
- Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, not entitled to Working Tax Credit and household income less than £16,190
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Income Support
- Working Tax Credit 'run on' - the payment you receive for a further four weeks after you finish work

### **Church Path**

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

### **School Grounds**

We have had intruders in the school grounds during the dark evenings on many occasions recently. Whilst nothing has been taken the outdoor areas have been left in a mess. Please could I ask that everyone is vigilant and if anyone sees anything suspicious, please report it to the police on telephone number 101. Please do not approach or confront anyone. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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.

### **From Rev'd Neil:**

The end of term is approaching and there is plenty going on at St Michael's Church in celebration of Christmas. We look forward very much to welcoming Reception class children (and their families) into church this Sunday (16th) at 10.00 for their Nativity play, followed by the Juniors on Monday morning coming to hold their Christmas service.

As Christmas draws near, in addition to our normal Sunday services at 8.30 and 10.00am, we are holding the following seasonal services:

**Sunday 23rd** at 5.00pm: Crib Service with Christingle

**Christmas Eve** at 6.00pm: Festival of nine lessons and carols

**Christmas Day** at 10.00am: Christmas celebration with Holy Communion

Please come along to any of these services and help to make Christmas an extra-special time in our village.

I would also like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone for their support for our recent parish Christmas Fair. Over £2000 was raised, which will not only help support the work of the church, but also benefits school in helping us to contribute to the 'Barchester Fund', to assist with capital projects at the school.

And finally, please remember that the church is here to serve the whole community, both those who live in the parish, and also anyone connected with St Michael's School. If you wish to contact me, you can find me on 07566 274186, or [vicar.grimsargh@gmail.com](mailto:vicar.grimsargh@gmail.com)

Wishing you every blessing for Christmas and the coming New Year.

Rev'd Neil Salt, Vicar of Grimsargh.

Best wishes,

Mrs K Ward  
Headteacher

## Dates for this term

16 Dec	10am Reception class to lead nativity as part of family service in church
17 Dec	9.15am KS2 Carol service in church
18 Dec	Reception & KS1 Party
19 Dec	KS2 Parties
21 Dec	1.00pm School closes for Christmas



