

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

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## Grimsargh St Michael's Church of England Primary School Newsletter 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Dear Parents,

This is the last newsletter of this term. The last few weeks have been busy but very enjoyable and I have been proud of the children in everything they have done.

The children have enjoyed the KS1 production, reception class nativity in church, year 3 entertaining at the 'Young At Heart' party, KS2 carol service, the talent show and a visit to the pantomime. Thank you to all the parents who have helped in school and at any of the events we have held. We would not be able to give the children all the opportunities that they have without such hard working staff and supportive parents. Thank you for all your support this term.

### **Staffing News**

Miss Hughes will be leaving us on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018. She has been with us for 3 years and has made a huge contribution in the range of sports that we offer the children. We wish her lots of luck and all the best for the future.

### **Year 6**

There will be a meeting for all Year 6 parents on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 5.00pm. We will be explaining about the Year 6 tests in May, how we will be helping the children to prepare in school and how you can help at home. Year 6 is an important year as the children prepare for the transition to high school. The format and expectations of the tests has changed significantly in recent years. We will have samples of the tests for you to look at, as well as the revision books which we are buying for the children.

### **Year 2**

There will be a meeting for all Year 2 parents on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 5.00pm. We will be explaining about the Year 2 tests in May and how we will be helping the children in school and how you can help at home.

### **Swimming**

Swimming will continue for Year 4 in the spring term, with swimming lessons resuming on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

### **Enterprise Project - Ronal**

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our enterprise project. The Parentpay option will be left open over the Christmas holidays should anyone wish to donate who hasn't done already.

### **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.

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

Classes will be outside doing P.E. lessons during the winter months so it is 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**

Thank you to everyone who entered the colouring competition. As no children from Year 4 entered the competition, we have 2 winners from Year 2. The winners are as follows:

Nursery/ reception:	Zsolt
Year 1	Milly
Year 2	Mia / Tenayah
Year 3	Harrison
Year 5	George
Year 6	Makayla

From Rev'd Neil:

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.

School will close on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 1.00pm for the Christmas holidays. There will be a crossing patrol between 12.55pm and 1.05pm. There will be no after school KOGS on the last day.

On behalf of all the staff I would like to wish you a very happy Christmas and an enjoyable start to the New Year and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

Best wishes,

Mrs K Ward  
Headteacher

