

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

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## Grimsargh St Michael's Church of England Primary School Newsletter 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school. I hope that you have all had a lovely summer holiday.

A very warm welcome is extended to all our new reception class families. Our new children and indeed the rest of the school have made a super start this week. We have fantastically supportive parents and wonderful children here and we are pleased that you have joined us. There can be a lot to take in at first so do ask if there is anything that you are unsure of.

### **Borwick Hall**

Our Year 6 children have had a great outdoor educational visit this week. From Wednesday to Friday they have stayed at Borwick Hall and have thoroughly enjoyed many outdoor activities. The instructors have commented on how well behaved the children have been and how well they have worked together. Many thanks to all the staff who have accompanied the trip.

### **Summer Holiday Challenge**

All summer holiday challenges need to be returned to school by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September. The challenge needs to have a holiday scrapbook and a book list to be complete.

### **Harvest Service**

The school harvest service will be taking place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 9.15am. We are asking our KS2 children to support the Bishop of Blackburn's Harvest appeal which is supporting work in Honduras and Malawi. A leaflet has been sent home today and if you would like to contribute to the appeal, please complete the form on the back and return it to the school office with your donation by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

We are asking the KS1 children to bring an item of food (perishable or non perishable) which will be added to the church collection for the local food bank and the homeless shelter in Preston.

Thank you for your continuing support.

### **Lancashire Evening Post – Reception Class**

A photographer from the Lancashire Evening Post will be coming into school to take the new reception class photograph on the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 9.15am.

### **Class Curriculum Letters and Individual Targets**

Class curriculum letters will be sent out next week and the children in Years 1 to 6 will have targets in their reading diaries by the end of the week.

*'Inspiring, believing and achieving in our loving Christian Community'*

### **Surgery Days**

Teachers will be available on the following days between 3.30pm and 4.30pm for appointments. Appointments must be made through the school office.

Reception class	Thursday
Year 1	Wednesday
Year 2	Wednesday
Year 3	Thursday
Year 4	Wednesday
Year 5	Wednesday
Year 6	Thursday

### **Meet the Teacher Evening**

Meet the teacher and class information evenings are to take place on 16<sup>th</sup> September for Reception class, KS1 and KS2. These are an opportunity for you to meet your child's new teacher, find out about routines and expectations in the class and have a look at some of the resources which are used. The teachers will explain about routines and expectations in their rooms from 4.00pm- 4.30pm, and then repeat the talk from 4.45 - 5.15pm.

Please do try to attend as we will be giving you important information which will help us work together to help your child during the next year.

### **Admission to Reception Class 2020**

If you have children or know of any children whose fourth birthday falls between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 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 30<sup>th</sup> October there will be an open morning for parents who are interested in applying for a place at this school. 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 Open Evenings**

Applications for high schools must be completed by 31 October 2019 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.

#### Open evenings and mornings

Longridge High School	12 <sup>th</sup> September 2019, 6pm - 8.30pm 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2019, 9.30am
Archbishop Temple	16 <sup>th</sup> September 2019, 9am - 11am 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2019, 9am -11am
St Cecilia's High School	19 <sup>th</sup> September 2019, 6pm - 8.30pm
Clitheroe Royal Grammar School	11 <sup>th</sup> September 2019, 5.30pm - 7.30pm

### **Uniform**

The children all look very smart in their school uniforms but please could I ask that all items of clothing are named. Please can I remind you that earrings cannot be worn in school.

### **Roadworks**

As you will have probably noticed there are some major roadworks starting on Bluebell way in the next week or two. Please allow extra time when planning your journey to and from school (including KOGS) as delays are to be expected.

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

Toast money for the autumn term will be £14.60 for juniors in Years 3 and 5, £14.00 for Year 6 (due to Borwick Hall) and £11.60 for Year 4 (Thursdays will be swimming day). Please could you pay via Parentpay or send the correct amount in a named envelope into the school office.

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

Monday - Friday	£160.60 (first half term £74.80/ second half £85.80)
Wednesdays and Fridays	£66.00 (first half term £30.80/ second half £35.20)
Wednesdays only	£33.00 (first half term £15.40/ second half £17.60)
Fridays only	£33.00 (first half term £15.40/ second half £17.60)

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.

**PTFA Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm at The Plough - new members welcome.**

### **Church events**

#### **Cheese and Wine Evening, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2019**

"FAF" has organised a "Cheese and Wine Evening", Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm, Grimsargh St. Michael's School. It promises to be a fun evening, with a leading expert from Preston Wine Circle explaining the provenance of an assortment of wines from all over the world. There is something for every palette. During the evening you will be given the opportunity to sample an assortment of fine wines paired with wonderful cheeses, breads and salads. Tickets are £12 and the price includes all wines and cheeses. All proceeds will go to "The Church Windows Restoration Fund". As we are holding a raffle on the evening, we would be grateful for donations of raffle prizes.

Tickets are available from Hazel, Jayne, Penny, Ruth, Eileen, Susan, Marilyn and James. Alternatively, you can contact Jayne on 07749 934 208 and order your tickets.

We hope that we can get as many people as possible to support this event - please spread the word and help to make this a memorable evening. Cheese and wine are simply made for one another!

#### **Christmas Fair - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

Reminder - At the time of writing Christmas is only 110 days away. This year we hope that our church Christmas Fair will sparkle, ever more brightly.

This year's Christmas Fair takes place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December, starting at 1pm Grimsargh St. Michael's School Hall. We really would welcome ideas for new stalls. If you have any ideas, or think that you can help in any way, please contact Jayne or any "FAF" member or alternatively, come along to a "FAF" meeting on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 7.30pm, 204 Preston Road. The "Fundraising and Fellowship" group meets regularly throughout the year to organise a variety of fundraising events and we warmly welcome new people who would like to get involved in any capacity. There will be a list at the back of church for stallholders.

Best wishes,

Mrs K Ward  
Headteacher

Diary Dates:  
13 September  
16 September

Y5 Cobble Hey  
9.15am School harvest in church  
Curriculum meeting 4 - 4.30pm and 4.45 - 5.15pm  
7.30pm PTFA meeting at The Plough

23 September

After school clubs start

29 September

5pm Governor Buildings meeting

30 September

Confirmation service in church

8 October

5.30pm Governors' curriculum meeting

Individual photographs

18 October

5pm Governors' finance meeting

School closes for half term

