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Dear Parents,

Charities and Fairtrade Fridays

This school year, our support of charities will continue, however instead of paying on each of the charity days we are asking for £10.00 per child to cover the whole year. Payments are to be made via parentpay and the £10 will cover:

Fairtrade Fridays - autumn term, spring term and summer term

Children in Need

Save the Children (Christmas jumper day)

Comic Relief

World Vision - The charity we support and sponsor a child called Ronal in Bolivia.

If you require a new parentpay log on, please contact the school office.

Fairtrade Friday

The first Fairtrade Friday has been set for the 1st November 2019. Please ensure that you pay the charities and Fairtrade Friday money by parentpay, in order for your child to take part.

Sports News

On Tuesday 1st October, the team finished their hockey league with two draws against Alston Lane (1 - 1) and Broughton (0 - 0).

In the Barnacre tournament on the 3rd October at Longridge High School both our football and netball teams did well to reach the semi-finals. Our football team won 4 games, drew one and lost one. Lucas scored 2, Sam 1, Megan 1, Joshua 1 and Ben 1.

The netball team won 2, drew 1 and lost 1, with Emily and Holly scoring the goals.

Well done everyone!

Site Supervisor

We are currently advertising for a site supervisor, who is committed to working effectively with the cleaning staff and to take pride in the appearance and smooth operation of the school building and grounds. If you are interested or know of any relatives who may be interested in applying, please click on the link below:

<https://www3.lancashire.gov.uk/corporate/vacancies/vacancyDetails.asp?id=53884>

Message from Mrs Slattery - Tree planting

The Longridge cluster schools are excited to be taking part in an environmental project where all children will be planting tree seeds after half term in order to try and preserve our planet and improve our air quality. Each child will plant their seeds in school and be asked to look after them at home until they have germinated. As a school we will also be writing to local land owners to ask if we can plant our trees after they have germinated. There are plans for all cluster schools to plant their tree seedlings on a specific day with media coverage at a special launching event. Please can you help?

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

- Can each child bring in up to 10 tree seeds which they have collected (e.g. spinning Jenny, conkers, acorns, beech seeds etc) and give them to their teacher for planting after half term
- If anyone has any connections of local land owners who might have unused land which we could plant trees on then please let the office or Mrs Slattery know. The children will be writing letters to land owners asking for permission.
- Can you donate any pots or compost for our tree planting day, or if you have any connections to anyone who might donate compost then please let them know of our appeal.

Nursery

If you have a pre-school child or know friends/ relatives with children aged 3 or over and would like them to attend nursery, we have places available. You are welcome to visit the setting, the telephone number is 01772 793313.

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 have been 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 30th 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 Applications

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.

PTFA

Ink Cartridges - The PTFA are raising money by collecting empty ink cartridges. Your children have received a bag recently to put in any empty ink cartridges.

Aldi vouchers - The PTFA are collecting Aldi vouchers. Each class has a jar in which to collect them.

Fab-Bricks - The PTFA are sending home leaflets for personalised Lego. You can make up mini figures and keyrings and £1.00 of every order goes to school. All orders must be received in school by 1st November.

Church events

Cheese and Wine Evening, Friday 18th October, 2019

"FAF" has organised a "Cheese and Wine Evening", Friday 18th 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!

Friday 15th November, "Family Beetle Drive", 7pm Grimsargh School

"FAF" is hosting a "Family Beetle Drive" on **Friday 15th November**. The cost is £3 and the price includes a hot dog, tea/coffee or a soft drink.

The event is being organised as fundraiser for the "Church Windows Restoration Fund"; it is very much hoped that everyone will have a lot of fun and we can all enjoy a time of fellowship together. It is an incredibly exciting game, and, hopefully, it will appeal to children and adults alike!

If you would like to participate in the "Beetle Drive", please sign the list at the back of church so that we can have an approximate idea of numbers. Alternatively, you can pay on the door, but by signing the list, it will help with catering arrangements. If you have any queries please call, Jayne 07749 934 208, or contact any "FAF" member. It promises to be a great night for all the family!

Thank you

Christmas Fair, Saturday 7th December, 1pm

Nothing gets you more in the mood for Christmas than sharing a Christmas Fair, especially when it is being held in the heart of your community. Saturday 7th December heralds the start of Christmas for many, with the annual Christmas Fair offering a festive afternoon on our doorstep.

Father Christmas will be making a special appearance and children of all ages will be able to visit his grotto! Ben will be playing festive music and there will be the usual sparkle and glitter! A wide range of stalls will fill the hall, including a bottle stall, Christmas Hamper, knitted toys stall, guess the weight of the cake, "Win a Meal for Two" game, festive stall, cake stall, chocolate bola, games, jigsaw stall, crafts, toy stall and much more! There will also be delicious pies, courtesy of BAKO, and mushy peas served from 1pm. Indeed, if you would like to order a "Pie and Pea" lunch, you could perhaps sign the list at the back of Church, in order to help with catering arrangements. This is by no means compulsory and you can, of course, purchase your lunch on the day.

But we do need your help. If you can donate the following items to help us to stock the stalls, we would be extremely grateful: bottles for the bottle stall, cakes for the cake stall, chocolate for the chocolate bola, toys for the toy stall, good quality jigsaws, donations for the hamper etc

There is a list of stalls at the back of Church. If you feel that you can run a stall, we would be grateful if you could sign the list at the back of church, or perhaps you would like to become a stallholder and organise a new stall! Please sign up, if you feel that you can help in any way, from running a stall, to helping in the kitchen. There are so many ways to get involved.

We will be setting up on Saturday 7th from 9.30am, and again would be delighted if you could help. If you have any queries, please contact Jayne 07749 934 208 or any "FAF" member.

While the money raised goes towards the cost of running the Church here in Grimsargh, it is important to note that Church helps the school financially, as well as spiritually, in so many ways. Christmas is the time for giving and sharing. Please help us to make this year's Christmas Fair reflect the true meaning of Christmas. Come and join the celebration! Thank you

Best wishes,

Mrs M Warburton
Associate Headteacher

Diary Dates:
18 October

School closes for half term

