

GRIMSARGH ST.MICHAEL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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 can 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.

Reception Class LEP Photo

We have been advised that the Reception New Starter photo will appear in the Lancashire Evening Post on Thursday, 14th November.

Poppies

Poppies are now on sale at the school office at 3.30pm. There are also a number of different items on sale this year including reflectors, wristbands, zip pulls and snap bands with prices ranging from 50p to £1.50. The items 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.

Fairtrade Friday

The first Fairtrade Friday has been set for **tomorrow**. Please ensure that you pay the charities and Fairtrade Friday money by parentpay, if possible.

School is making an attempt to operate a more cashless system. The banking of money is becoming increasing more difficult with bank closures and the closure of the post office in Grimsargh. Whilst we understand that we will not be able to eliminate cash altogether, we are trying to limit the amount of money coming into school for both security reasons and a more effective use of office time. We would like to thank parents for their continued support, however, if anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact school.

KOGS & Quiet Club Payments

Please remember that the outstanding balance on any KOGS or Quiet Club accounts needs to be cleared by Monday 4th November. Children on our waiting list will not be offered places if accounts are not paid on time. Thank you.

Children in Need 15th November

On Friday, 15th November children are invited to come to school in spotty/stripey clothes in aid of Children in Need. We will be forwarding to Children in Need the kind donations already paid by many of you within your £10.00 donation. If you have not already made the £10 charities donation and wish to do so, please preferably pay £10.00 on Parentpay to cover all of our regular charitable events this year or send your donation in a clearly labelled envelope to school. Many thanks.

Dinner Money For This Half Term

Dinner money charges for next half summer term will be as follows:

Monday - Friday	£85.80
Wednesdays and Fridays	£35.20
Wednesdays only	£17.60
Fridays only	£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.

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

The nasal flu vaccinations will be taking place for all children for whom we have received consent forms on Friday 8th November 2019.

Christmas Hamper Appeal

This year the whole school is supporting Crossgate church in Preston with their 'Crossgate Hope Christmas Hamper Appeal 2019'. The Christmas hamper will include non-perishable items and will be donated to families living in poverty around Preston. If you would like to get involved, please send in one or more luxury items and they will be sent to Crossgate church. Please ensure that all items are in school by Thursday 28th November. These items can be biscuits, tins etc. Please see the attached flyer for further information. Thank you.

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 this 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?

- 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 this half term
- If anyone has any connections with 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

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>

Secondary School Applications

Applications for high schools must be completed by the end of **TODAY** 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 sent home a leaflet before half term 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 **tomorrow, 1st November**.

Church events

"Cheese and Wine" - "Oh What a Night!"

The "Cheese and Wine Evening" was a huge success! Fifty plus people enjoyed a wonderful evening, when Mick, of "Preston Wine Circle", delighted an appreciative audience with his knowledge of fine red and white wines. Having learnt about the provenance of the wines, we then sampled them! Perhaps, some of us felt a little fragile the next day, but it was certainly a very memorable and entertaining evening, and in the event £345 was raised in aid of The Church Windows Restoration Fund.

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 in the School Hall

Bells will be jingling and jangling and the tinsel bedecking the school hall!

This year the Christmas Fair is on Saturday 7th December, 1pm, in the School Hall. If you can help in any way, please message Jane Woollam or any FAF member, or sign the list at the back of church. If you can help on a stall, offer a new stall or just offer another pair of hands in the kitchen, we would be very grateful.

Why not visit Father Christmas in his grotto? Or enjoy a delicious pie and pea lunch? There will be something for all ages, knitted toys, jigsaws, cakes, festive music, children's toys, children's games, bottle stall, crafts, win a hamper, and much, much more!

We still need donations of raffle prizes, toys, bottles, cakes etc. If you have anything that you can donate, please see any FAF member or call Jayne 01772 - 704112.

If you can help set up stalls, we will be setting up in school from 9.30am on Saturday morning.

Best wishes,

Mrs M Warburton
Associate Headteacher

Diary Dates:

1st November
12th November
15th November

18th November
20th November
22nd November
2nd December
7th December
12th December
13th December

16th December
19th December
20th December

Fairtrade Friday
Eco Cluster - Barnacre School's Woodland
Children in Need - charity event
Y5 Longridge High school taster day (1/2 class)
Governors' meeting
Imagine That! Trip - reception class & nursery
Y5 Longridge High school taster day (1/2 class)
Parents' consultation evening 3.00pm - 6.30pm
Parish Christmas Fair
Whole school panto
Christmas jumper day - charity event
School Christmas Dinner
School carol service
School talent show
9.15am End of term assembly
School closes for Christmas

