

# Grimsargh St Michael's Newsletter

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'Let your light shine before people so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven' (Matthew 5: v.16)



## Congratulations!

We have enjoyed another busy week in school. Two of our classes (reception and year 4) visited St Michael's Church to bring their classroom learning to life. Reverend Neil guided our children through their visits and will do so again on Monday when our year 1 children visit. Our children have continued to shine this week and have impressed us with their hard work and perseverance.

Well done to the following **STARS** who have shone all week:

Reception (Miss Lemmings): **Henry B and Sophie J**

Year 1 (Miss Threlfall): **Harry M and Thomas G**

Year 2 (Miss Sweeney): **Jocelyn B and Matilda E**

Year 3 (Mrs Patterson/ Mrs Slattery): **Avneet S and Alice R**

Year 4 (Mr Brooks): **Harley W and Tillia W**

Year 5 (Mrs Loughran): **Abigail K and George G**

Year 6 (Miss Cross): **Katie W and Samantha W**

## HOUSE POINTS

We are starting to use our school house points again as a reward. From September, the team leading at the end of a half-term will receive an extra break time! Shakespeare continue to set the early pace!

Finney (yellow): **167**

Shakespeare (blue): **338**

Seacole (red): **169**

Pankhurst (white): **228**

## DIARY DATES

### 24th May

9:15am  
Whole school Worship

### 27th May

8:45am  
Year 4 swimming

### 27th May

2:45pm  
Whole school virtual  
Celebration Assembly

3:15pm/3:25pm  
School closes for half-term

### 28th May FRIDAY

INSET DAY

## Nursery

If you have a pre-school child or know friends/ relatives with children aged 3 or over and would like them to attend please give them a call on 01772 793313



## Perseverance

### Do you persevere when you meet a personal challenge?

As we gathered for worship, we listened to, 'As the deer pants for the water,' reminding us that God is our strength and our shield. When St Paul was a prisoner in Rome, he sent a letter to his friends saying:

*"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."* Philippians 4:13

As we face challenges, whether they are big or small, it is important to remember that we are never alone because He is with us.

A group of Year 6 pupils performed a short sketch about a boy called Griff. He faced challenges and with the support of his family and friends, coupled with his faith in God, he persevered and achieved his goals.

Have you ever needed perseverance and courage to meet a challenge?

Have you ever tried something like Griff even though you would rather have stayed at home?

Is there a challenge that you are facing now that is new and a bit scary?



Lord Jesus,  
When I feel worried about facing a  
new challenge, help me to persevere.  
When the going gets tough, help me  
to persevere.  
When I feel like giving up, help me to  
persevere.  
Amen



## Pentecost and the Holy Spirit

If you go into church you will see an array of beautiful clay sculptures that Year 6 have created, depicting Pentecost and the Holy Spirit.

They took their inspiration from the story of Pentecost when the disciples waited for a sign to go out into the world and spread God's word.



## Parent Governor Elections

Yesterday morning, Mr Booth, Miss Smith and Mrs Garner counted the votes for the parent governor elections.

After all votes were counted, we were happy to be able to appoint Mr Will Clarke and Mr Wayne Bretherton. Well done also to Mr Mark Bell as the votes were extremely close.

Thank you to all those of you who voted and returned your paper/s.



## **PTFA**

The PTFA will be having a meeting via zoom on Monday 24th May at 7.30pm. We will be discussing our fundraising initiatives and how best to support school and the children with PTFA funds saved over the last 18 months. Please get in touch if you'd like to join us on the 24th, if only to listen in and decide whether you'd like to get more involved. It would be much appreciated.

Contact PTFA for zoom details on  
[ptfa@grimsargh-st-michaels.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:ptfa@grimsargh-st-michaels.lancs.sch.uk)

## **School Hall Roof**

Starting on Friday 28th May (inset day), our school hall roof is being repaired. The damage to the hall roof is significant, although is not visible from the ground and has been in need of repair for a while. The hall is safe for us to use and we can continue to do so while the work is carried out. Scaffolding will be erected around the complete exterior of the hall building and much of the staff car park will be out of use. Staff will be parking on the Church car park for the duration of the work which should take 6 weeks, with Friday 9th July given as the completion date.

## **Creepy Crawly Roadshow**

Our reception children have a visit from the Creepy Crawly Roadshow on Tuesday next week. This will definitely bring their mini-beasts topic to life!

John Vale BSc (Hons) Animal Welfare and Behaviour has been the only fully qualified presenter in this field for over 30 years and has been captivating children and staff with his presentations throughout.

## **STAFFING**

We received news this week that our deputy headteacher, Mrs Caroline Towers, will not be returning to our school in September. Mrs Towers will be working much closer to home and is thus looking forward to having more time with her young family. I am sure you will all join our school staff in wishing Mrs Towers all the best in her new school.

Unfortunately, I will now not be in a position to share our staffing plan for the next academic year (2021/22) until after half-term.

I will write to you, parents/ carers, to inform you of the new plan as soon as I am in a position to do so.

## **National Numeracy Day**



On Wednesday May 19th, we celebrated National Numeracy day. Teachers planned a day full of exciting maths activities and as we were fortunate to have sunny weather, many of our classes completed these outside.

One of the main areas of focus for all classes was on identifying how we use maths in our day-to-day lives. In our year 3 class the children came up with more than 20 ways in which maths is involved in a game of football; our year 6 children spent the first hour of the day completing an active angle quest challenge outside; our year 2 children played a variety of board games in which strategical thinking was involved; our children in reception completed a 1-20 number hunt outside and our year 1 children played 'Find my friend'- a matching numerals and words game.