

# Grimpsargh St Michael's Newsletter

09.12.2022

*'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 to our **STARS** who have let their **lights shine** this week. Our Celebration Assembly was made extra special by having the families of our stars join us.

Reception (Miss Lemmings): **George P and Harry C**

Year 1 (Miss Threlfall): **Theo B and Anaiyah C**

Year 2 (Mrs Coupe): **William T and Jocelyn G**

Year 3 (Mrs Todd/ Mrs Slattery): **Harvey G and Eilee S**

Year 4 (Mr Brooks): **Ruby W and Evan W**

Year 5 (Miss Reeve): **Alfie R and Tia T**

Year 6 (Miss Cross): **Katie P and Ted C**

Please note that there will be no 'Star' awards next week.

## Weekly Attendance

(Week beginning 28th November)

**WHOLE SCHOOL: 97.3%**

Reception: 92.7%

**Year 1: 99.3%**

Year 2: 97.6%

Year 3: 96.7%

Year 4: 97.2%

**Year 5: 100%**

Year 6: 97.7%

## Tuesday 13th December

### **Whole School Christmas Carol Service in St Michael's Church**

Reverend Neil, along with some of our children, will lead us in our final worship of this term.

You are welcome to join us but with our whole school attending there will be limited seating. In addition to some available seating, there will be standing space at the back of church.



## DIARY DATES

### Monday 12th

9:30am Reception Nativity  
(dress rehearsal)

### Tuesday 13th

9:15am Whole school Christmas Carol service at St Michael's Church (families welcome)

### Wednesday 14th

10am Reception Nativity at St Michael's Church

[10am Years 3/4 Christmas Party](#)

[1pm KS1 Christmas Party](#)

### Thursday 15th

[9am Years 5/6 Christmas Party](#)

[1pm GRIMSARGH'S GOT TALENT!](#)

### Friday 16th

2:45pm Celebration Assembly



## SOCIAL MEDIA



'grimsarghstmichaels'  
on Instagram

'Grimsargh St Michael's C of E  
Primary School' on Facebook.





## **Advent 3 - John The Baptist**

**Why is John the Baptist special?**

**Do you know about his birth?**

**What was his special task?**

When we gathered for worship on Tuesday morning, Miss Cross kindly settled the children and ensured that they waited patiently for Miss Smith. Miss Smith apologised for being late, by saying, 'Sorry to have kept you waiting. I hope you are ready.' (The teachers staged this).

For Christians, Advent is meant to be a time of waiting for the coming of Jesus, and preparation for the celebration of His birth.

We are all busy getting ready for Christmas and the children formulated a list of jobs for Advent. This included writing cards, buying presents, wrapping presents, baking cakes, putting up decorations, hanging stockings and singing carols.

Long before Jesus was born people were preparing for His coming. They didn't know when, where, or how He would come, but they started preparing.

Here's the list the children collated:

- The Prophets: Reminded people about God.
- Gabriel: Announced the good news to Mary and the shepherds.
- Mary: Looked after herself and the baby inside her; preparing for the birth.
- Joseph: Looked after Mary and prepared for the birth.
- John the Baptist: His birth was very special. A gift from God and later, he announced Jesus' special work.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_OO84K9RuFO](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_OO84K9RuFO) (copy into your browser)

The children had to wait at the beginning of worship, we hope this reminded them that Advent is a time of waiting and being ready. As well as preparing things for the celebrations, we need to prepare ourselves.

**Dear God,  
We thank you for this special time of Advent,  
a special time of waiting and preparation.  
Help us, while we go about our preparations,  
to find time to think of the gift of Jesus  
that you gave to us at that first Christmas time.**

**Amen**

*Inspiring, believing and achieving in our loving Christian community*

## **PARISH and Grimsargh Community NEWS**

A huge thank you to all the families and friends who contributed to the community and church events last weekend.



### **Friday 2nd December**

On Friday evening we were delighted to join Reverend Neil at the Blessing of the Crib service and event on the park. The service included Bible readings from representatives from Alston Lane Church and St Michael's Church and a range of traditional carols. Families and friends gathered with Reverend Neil to bless the crib, enjoy festive food and drinks and listen to the wonderful singing from Miss Lemmings and our school choir. The event was extremely well attended and concluded with the big switch on- the Christmas tree lights.



### **Saturday 3rd December**

On Saturday afternoon, the parish Christmas fair was also extremely well attended and it was wonderful to see so many of our children, their parents and friends, enjoying themselves. Our staff stall was very well stocked, as a result of the wonderful red, white and blue items donated by you. Thank you.

A huge thank you too to all the children who sang at the opening of the Christmas fair and/or helped out on the stalls.

Reverend Neil, Jayne Woollam and many other parishioners, parents and friends have asked us to thank everyone who contributed to both events and they asked us to mention the amazing art work in the hall and the beautiful singing.

**The proceeds from the Christmas Fair exceeded £2,200.** The money is shared between church and school and enables us to fund projects and purchase extra resources for the benefit of the children.



## **Consultation on Admissions Arrangements for September 2024**

The governors are consulting on the admission arrangements for September 2024. Details can be found on the school website and any correspondence relating to this needs to be fed back to Mrs Garner by 29th December 2022.

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## PANTO

On Tuesday we travelled on four coaches to The Grand theatre in Clitheroe.

It was the perfect venue with the performance just for us!

The children represented school superbly, enjoying the show...and the refreshments! We were informed that we have been the tidiest school who have visited this Christmas.

I would like to thank all volunteers for giving up their time to help make this visit possible.

Also, thank you to our wonderful PTFA who kindly made a contribution to each child's ticket.

## HOUSE POINTS



The children have been excited about earning 'gems' and 'orbs' to add to their house container this term.

You can see from the photo that **PANKHURST (silver gems)** are the winning house for this term. Children in

PANKHURST can wear non-uniform on our last day– Friday 16th December.



James Cowell (a past pupil) has again produced a Christmas quiz to help raise funds for the church. James' quizzes are always good fun, especially for adults and grandparents. If you would like to purchase one, then please bob into the school office with £2. There is a prize of £20- the winner will be chosen at random from a hat.

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December sees the return of

## **GRIMSARGH'S GOT...**



Get practising over this weekend ready for auditions early next week.

School Council are looking forward to channelling their inner Simon, David, Alesha and Amanda as our professional judges.

We can't wait to see what talents will wow us this year- look out for photos on Social Media!



### Scores for 28th November—4th December



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| 1st place: reception | 22, 540 pts |
| 2nd place: year 6    | 15, 583 pts |
| 3rd place: year 5    | 13, 880 pts |
| 4th place: year 3    | 13, 465 pts |
| 5th place: year 2    | 10, 060 pts |
| 6th place: year 4    | 7, 220 pts  |
| 7th place: year 1    | 3, 930 pts  |

### Top Student

**Alexander B (reception) 3,280 pts**