

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)



Mrs Hall's Colouring Competition Winners



Congratulations to all children who took the time to colour in and enter a picture for the annual colouring competition that Mrs Hall organises each December. Mrs Hall very kindly purchased a selection box for each of the class winners:

Reception: **Charlotte H**

Year 1: **Dylan H**

Year 2: **Noah H**

Year 3: **Harvey G**

Year 4: **Aamal I**

Year 5: **Bob G**

Year 6: **Eshaal I**



Weekly Attendance

(Week beginning 5th December)

WHOLE SCHOOL: 95.5%

Reception: 99.3%

Year 1: 95%

Year 2: 91.7%

Year 3: 98%

Year 4: 97.2%

Year 5: 90%

Year 6: 97.3%

100% Attendance

At the start of next term, we will be presenting children with their 100% attendance certificates for this, the autumn term 2022

Unfortunately, and as I am sure you can appreciate, with 208 children in our school, we will not be able to respond to queries regarding attendance records.

To reassure you, we do record the reason you provide for your child's absence at the time of communication.



DIARY DATES

Monday 2nd January

SCHOOL CLOSED– Bank Holiday

Tuesday 3rd

SCHOOL OPEN

3pm Whole School Worship

Wednesday 4th

3pm KS2 Worship

3:40pm/ 4:10pm/ 4:40pm

Parent/ Carer Spring Term Class Curriculum Meetings

Thursday 5th

3pm KS1 Worship

Friday 6th

2:45pm Celebration Assembly

Yr5 @ Longridge High



SOCIAL MEDIA



'grimsarghstmichaels'
on Instagram

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



Key Stage 2 Carol Service

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas!



Reverend Neil and our Key Stage 2 children took the lead during our service on Wednesday morning. It was wonderful to be able to gather together to worship in church with parents, carers, grandparents and friends, whilst taking time out to reflect on the deep meaning of Christmas. The children sang beautifully and spoke very clearly. Thank you to all involved, especially the year 3 and 4 children, who eloquently shared their thoughts about the true meaning of Christmas via poetry and metaphors for Jesus and the year 5 children who sang 'The Calypso Carol' with lively percussion. Our year 6 pupils were excellent role models throughout the service and they read the story of Christmas from the Bible whilst others shared their own seasonal prayers.

The children were reminded of the significance of the Advent candles in the Church of England and how the candles help us understand how characters from the Bible made promises.

- Candle one reminds us of Abraham and the patriarchs. He was the father of the nation of Israel. He praised God and prepared the way for Jesus and our faith as Christians.
- Candle two reminds us of the prophets, including Isaiah, Amos and Moses. The prophets help to bring us closer to God's heart.
- The third candle, reminds us of John the Baptist. John was a special prophet.
- Candle four reminds us about Mary. Her faith illustrated how she brought our light, Jesus, into the world.

Reverend Neil talked about the promises in the Christmas story. The promise that God made to Abraham, the promise that Mary made to Angel Gabriel and the commitment she made as the mother of her baby- Jesus, the promise that the shepherds made to the angels and the promise that the baby Jesus brings to the world.

**How does it feel when you make a promise?
How does it feel when the promise is fulfilled?
How does it feel if the promise is broken?**

How are you preparing for the promise of Jesus this Christmas?



At the end of the service, we lit the candle for Christmas Day.
The candle represents Jesus. He brings light into the world.
Reverend Neil asked us how we bring light into the world?

How will you take time out to be with God this Christmas?



Our services at St Michael's Church are as follows:

- Sunday 18th Dec 6pm Carol Service
- Christmas Eve 4pm Christingle and Crib Service
- Christmas Day 8:30am Communion Service
- Christmas Day 10am Family Communion

You are all welcome and join us for our Christmas Services.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Ellie A, Scarlett B, Eleanor H, Mia T and Isla W** who were confirmed by the Rt Reverend Dr Jill Duff, Bishop of Lancaster on Sunday 11th December. You are letting your light shine within and beyond our parish.



James Cowell (a past pupil) has again produced a Christmas quiz to help raise funds for the church. They 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.

Spring Term Information Meetings

At the start of the spring term, each class teacher will again hold parent/ carer information meetings. These will take place in your child's classroom. Class teachers will outline what will be taught during the term and will provide other relevant information.

The spring term meetings will be on Wednesday 4th January. To ensure you are able to attend meetings for each of your children, class teachers will run meetings at three separate times- 3:40pm; 4:10pm and 4:40pm.

GRIMSARGH'S GOT TALENT

Congratulations to our 2022 winners...

- 1st: Eleanor H** (year 6)- Gymnastics
2nd: Heidi B and Violet E (Year 6)- Singing and Gymnastics
3rd: Quinn T (year 3)- Gymnastics

Well done to all finalists...

- Hattie** (reception)- gymnastics
Nes (year 1)- Irish dancing
Prim (year 1)- singing and guitar
Brook (year 2)- singing Sky Full of Stars
Ruby, Jocelyn and Isla-Rae (year 2)- magic and singing/dancing
Charlotte (year 3)- singing Last Christmas
Charlie (year 4)- cricket skills
Ellie and Amelia (year 4)- magic
Tobias (year 5)- singing Rockin Around the Christmas Tree
Rory (year 5)- magic

Big thanks to **Katie P** and **Alex J** for hosting.

Congratulations

This week we appointed Mrs Coupe as our new Key Stage 1 Leader. Mrs Coupe takes over this role from Miss Smith who will now focus on her deputy headteacher role and other roles she has in school.

This appointment of Mrs Coupe further strengthens our school Senior Leadership Team.

If you have any issues regarding children in Key Stage 1, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance and then Mrs Coupe if you feel you need to speak to a more senior member of staff.



Scores for the AUTUMN TERM



1st place: year 2	241,497 pts
2nd place: year 3	235, 639 pts
3rd place: reception	229, 745 pts
4th place: year 4	211, 592 pts
5th place: year 6	211, 517 pts
6th place: year 5	162, 202 pts
7th place: year 1	118, 767 pts

Top Student

Charlotte H (reception) 35,140 pts

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SPRING TERM DIARY DATES

Date	Event
January	
Tues 3 rd	School OPEN
Weds 4 th	Parent/ Carer Information Meetings (3:40pm/4:10pm/ 4:40pm)
Thurs 5 th	Epiphany
Fri 6 th	Year 5 at Longridge High
Tues 10 th	Year 5 at Longridge High (Hockey Skills 1-4pm)
Mon 16 th	School extra-curricular clubs start
Weds 18 th	Winnie the Pooh Day- KS1
Fri 27 th	Multi-cultural Book Day
February	
Thurs 2 nd	Harry Potter Book Night- KS2 (6-8pm)
Mon 6 th – Fri 10 th	Children's Mental Health Week
Tues 7 th	Internet Safety Day
Fri 10th	School Closes @3:25pm
Mon 20 th	School OPEN
Tues 21 st	Shrove Tuesday
Weds 22 nd	Ash Wednesday
Tues 28 th	Parents' Eve (3:30-6:30pm)
March	
Weds 1 st	Parents' Eve (3:30-6:30pm)
Thurs 2 nd	World Book Day
Mon 13 th	Year 5 Liverpool Philharmonic Concert
Thurs 16 th	Year 5 at Cobble Hey (9:15am-2pm)
Fri 17 th	Last day for school extra-curricular clubs
Fri 18 th	Mothering Sunday (19 th)
Thurs 23 rd	World Maths Day
Mon 20 th – Fri 24 th	Easter Story Worship
Mon 27 th	Year 3/4 Easter Performance Dress Rehearsal
Tues 28 th	Year 3/4 Easter Performance 2pm
Weds 29 th	Year 3/4 Easter Performance 6pm
Friday 31st	School Closes @3:25pm

Nativity



Well done to the children in Reception class for letting their light's shine in their Nativity performances on Monday and Wednesday this week. Miss Lemmings and Miss Begbie are really proud of them all for their hard work in learning their lines, songs, actions, stage directions and more! They performed with such enthusiasm and confidence and told the story of Christmas beautifully.

Well done Reception class!

Thank you to our families for braving the freezing weather conditions to support our reception children.

Thank you also to Mr Chow for filming the nativity– Miss Lemmings will send the link to watch the nativity as soon as she receives it. Finally, thank you to the parishioners who gave up their time to provide refreshments.

Well done to Miss Lemmings and Miss Begbie for preparing the children and ensuring they were ready to perform as they did on stage.

KS1 Christmas Nativity **'Bethlehem Bake-off!'**

Last week, the children of Year 1 and 2 let their lights shine in their Christmas Nativity production. We had dancing cupcakes, rocking shepherds and dazzling Angels taking centre stage to tell the story of the first Christmas.

The children worked extremely hard to put on such a fantastic performance and amazed us all with their singing, dancing and acting.

Well done everyone!

Thank you very much for your contributions towards our chosen charity, 'Rosemere Cancer Foundation'.

You raised a grand total of £254.



Merry Christmas

On behalf of all school staff, I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

