

Grimsargh St Michael's Newsletter

20.01.2023

'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!

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): **Beth McG and Niamh M**

Year 1 (Miss Threlfall): **Hugo H and Lexie P**

Year 2 (Mrs Coupe): **Keiran C and William L**

Year 3 (Mrs Todd/ Mrs Slattery): **Joshua P and Rory B**

Year 4 (Mr Brooks): **Evan W and Anabelle L**

Year 5 (Miss Reeve): **Tobias L and Avneet S**

Year 6 (Miss Cross): **Amy C and Cody H**

Weekly Attendance

(Week beginning 9th January)

WHOLE SCHOOL: 96.6%

Reception: 96.7%

Year 1: 93.3%

Year 2: 98.2%

Year 3: 99.7%

Year 4: 94.5%

Year 5: 97.9%

Year 6: 96.4%

Talent

Through the activities we provide as a school, we maybe aware of some children who stand out in some areas such as art, football, swimming or for playing a musical instrument at a higher level.

However, we are not aware of all that your talented children do, including the examples above, so to ensure we avoid missing anyone off our list, we also need your input. We want to be able to celebrate these talents in school and not miss anything or anyone out.

If you feel your child is talented in a specific area, please complete the table within the letter (see separate attachment) and return to Mrs Slattery.



DIARY DATES

Monday 23rd January

YEAR 3 SWIMMING all week

3pm Whole School Worship

Tuesday 24th

3pm Singing Practice

Year 4 STEM afternoon

Wednesday 25th

3pm KS2 Worship

9:30am Year 3 Parish

Council visit (Jayne Woollam)

Thursday 26th

3pm KS1 Worship

Friday 27th

2:45pm Celebration Assembly



SOCIAL MEDIA



'grimsarghstmichaels'
on Instagram

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



Why is forgiveness important?



Have you made a New Year's Resolution?



Many people make promises about their lifestyles or perhaps try to give up something which they think is bad for their health such as chocolate or sweets. During worship this week, we challenged ourselves to make a resolution that we will keep. We thought about how we can see the New Year as an opportunity to let go of grudges that we may be holding and to forgive people. The children listened to the story of The Unforgiving Servant (Matthew 18:21-25). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ED3fzks-bhA>

What does the parable teach us about forgiveness? Do you forgive and forget?

A prayer for forgiveness

Dear God,
Jesus told his followers that they must learn to forgive from the heart.
Forgiveness is hard.
When people hurt us, we want to hurt them back.
Help us to understand forgiveness,
Help us to learn to forgive.
Help us to practise forgiveness whenever we can.

Did you know in the Jewish New Year, people cast small stones or pebbles into water as a sign of the 'casting off' of sins and forgiveness? In school, the children decorated a rainbow and thought about a grudge they hold and cast it out by giving the rainbow away or by adding it to our prayer tree and talking to God/ praying about it.



Attendance- Autumn Term

Children were presented with their 100% attendance certificate during our celebration assembly last week.

97% of sessions were attended during the autumn term, with **2.8%** of those not attended being authorised and **0.2%** unauthorised.

Year 3:	98.1%
Reception:	98.0%
Year 4:	97.6%
Year 2:	97.3%
Year 6:	96.7%
Year 1:	96%
Year 5:	95.6%



Harry Potter Book Night!

On Thursday 2nd February, from 5pm till 7pm, all Key Stage 2 children are invited to celebrate Harry Potter Book Night in the school hall! This is a fun-filled evening of Harry Potter themed activities such as wand making, quidditch pong and trying on the sorting hat. Harry Potter themed fancy dress is optional!

If your child would like to attend, please follow the link below and fill out the form to secure a place. The link will close on Friday 27th of January. This link will also be sent out to all parents via email today.

<https://forms.gle/fMYtzgbDiDuGEiL58>



SAFEGUARDING

Please see the separate attachment- **'World of Warcraft'** guide for Safeguarding tips.

World of Warcraft originally launched way back in 2004, and since then the game has blossomed into a major entertainment property. It's spawned spin-off novels, merchandise and even a Hollywood movie adaptation ... but why are we still talking about it in 2023? World of Warcraft's most recent iteration,

Dragonflight, launched last November and marks the game's ninth major expansion. This latest addition has attracted a whole host of lapsed players back to the game – as well as newcomers jumping into the realm of Azeroth for the first time.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as the potential for online addiction, in-game purchases and simulated violence.



Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



Scores for: 9th to 15th January



1st place: reception	26,607 pts
2nd place: year 4	23,184 pts
3rd place: year 2	20,150 pts
4th place: year 3	16,836 pts
5th place: year 5	15,970 pts
6th place: year 1	12,650 pts
7th place: year 6	12,646 pts

Top Student

Evan W (year 4) - 5124 pts

