

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)



Welcome to our first newsletter of this new school year. I hope you are all well and have enjoyed the lovely sunny weather this week.

We are extremely happy to have welcomed you and your children back after the summer break.

A special welcome to our new reception children and their families. Miss Lemmings, Miss Begbie and Miss Ashworth have all been impressed with how the children have settled into their new surroundings. We are excited about what this new school year has in store for us all.



DIARY DATES

Monday 11th September

3pm Whole School Worship

Tuesday 12th

3pm Hymn Practice

Wednesday 13th

3pm Key Stage Worship

Thursday 14th

3pm Key Stage Worship

Friday 21st

2:45pm Celebration Assembly

PTFA: COLOUR RUN - NEW DATE!!

Couldn't make it to the PTFA Colour Run in July? Sadly we had to cancel the planned event due to the weather! It does mean that if you couldn't make the original date, you might be able to make the new one: **Saturday 23rd September!**

If you'd like to come, tickets are still available via ParentPay at £5 per runner.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our children have returned to school looking incredibly smart and on the whole, in full school uniform, which has been great to see.

A reminder that earrings and jewellery must not be worn. Some children have returned with their ears pierced, which is fine as long as they are not wearing their earrings for school. I am aware that despite having ears pierced at the start of the holidays, the holes can sometimes close up while the earrings are out. I understand this is not ideal but it is our policy that children do not wear earrings for school so please adhere to this.

School shoes must be worn at all times, other than when it is PE day or when your child has a sports club either before or after school and thus wears their PE Kit to school.

Our School Uniform Policy can be found on our school website under 'Key Information' and then 'School Policies'.



SOCIAL MEDIA



'grimsarghstmichaels'
on Instagram

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



New Beginnings

During whole school worship on Monday, the children discussed their experiences of their first day in a new class. They talked about their new school uniform, new teachers, new teaching assistants and new books.

Have you experienced anything new today?

The children enjoyed listening to Bishop Phillip's message about new beginnings. He used the story of Blind Bartimaeus to encourage us to reflect on new beginnings. What can we learn from Bartimaeus?

<https://collectivechurch.com/childrens-lessons/jesus-heals-bartimaeus>

Prayer

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for new beginnings.

We thank you for our school, our friends, our teacher and all those who build this school community.

Help us at the start of this new year to make a friend in your Son Jesus Christ.

Help us to build a strong and joyful Christian community here and help us discover our gifts that we can delight in the new future that Jesus has for each of us.

Amen

Picture News

Christian Value:
COURAGE



Individual Liberty

There are many challenges and adventures we will face throughout our lives. Some we may choose to do; others we do not. We can, however, choose how we respond to these challenges and the actions we take.

News from St Michael's Church

Dates for your diary

- **Sunday 10th September 10am: JIGSAW CLUB- all Primary School Age children welcome**
- **30th September:** Family Walk: Fleetwood to Cleveleys (6 miles– push chair/ pram friendly!)
- **Friday 20th October:** Cheese and Wine evening in school



Shri Krishnan Janmashtmi is a Hindu festival celebrating the birth (janma) of the god Krishna.

Celebrations take place on the eighth (ashtami) day of the dark fortnight of the month of Bhadrapada (August– September).



Welcome back

After a change in circumstances, Mrs Lock will continue to support our year 1 children on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We are really happy that Mrs Lock continues to be part of our staff team.

Acceptable Use Agreements

You should have received a 'Pupil Acceptable Use Agreement' online form that also includes a section for you, as parents/ carers, to complete. Please discuss this agreement with your child/ren before signing and completing.

It is imperative that you read, sign and complete these forms so your child can access the full computing curriculum. The internet is a valuable tool and can offer many opportunities and experiences to our pupils. We take online safety seriously and are committed to keeping all pupils and staff safe.

SAFEGUARDING

- Our school Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is **Mr Stuart Booth**
- Our deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are **Miss Helen Smith and Miss Lucy Cross**
- Our Safeguarding Governor is **Mr Wayne Bretherton (Chair of Governors)**
- Our Online Safety Governor is **Mr Jonny Galbraith (Governor)**

All school staff received the latest Safeguarding training during our inset day on Friday 1st September.

I also requested a Safeguarding audit from Lancashire County Council before we finished for summer. The outcome of the audit is incredibly positive and identified the excellent Safeguarding Culture that we have in our school.

Please see the separate attachment- '**What parents and carers need to know about sharing photos online**'

One of the more heartwarming, life-affirming aspects of social media is being able to share special moments in our children's lives with family and friends: from the first day at school or blowing out birthday cake candles to smiling holiday selfies and cute Halloween costumes. Is there, however, such a thing as too much sharing – and can it actually put children in danger?

**Keeping
children safe
is everyone's
responsibility**



With potential risks such as accidentally displaying identifying details (images showing where a child lives or what school they go to, for example) and photos being seen and saved by strangers, perhaps we need to take a little more caution over what we post and where we post it. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide runs through some safety considerations when sharing images.

2023/24 Diary Dates: Autumn

DATE	EVENT
September	
Mon 4 th	School OPEN Curriculum Newsletters out and on website
Weds 6 th – Fri 8 th	Year 6 Borwick Hall
Mon 18 th – Fri 29 th	Year 4 swimming
Tues 19 th	Clubs start Year 4 Educational Visit- Helmshore Mill
Sat 23 rd	PTFA- Colour Run
Weds 27 th	Nasal Flu vaccinations
Thurs 28 th	St Michael's Day @ St Michael's Church (9:15am)- parents/ carers welcome Year 2 Educational Visit- Knowsley Safari Park
October	
Mon 2 nd	Harvest @ St Michael's Church (9:15am) - parents/ carers welcome
Tues 3 rd	Individual photographs
Thurs 5 th	Reception Educational Visit- Little Lancashire Village
Tues 10 th	World Mental Health Day
Weds 18 th	Parent/ Carer meetings (1-6:15pm- online)
Fri 20 th	School Closes at 3:25pm
Mon 30 th	School OPEN
November	
Fri 10 th	Remembrance Day
Mon 13 th – Fri 17 th	Anti-bullying week: 'Make a noise about bullying'
Mon 27 th	Advent Worship begins (1 st Sunday in Advent- 3 rd Dec)
December	
Fri 1 st	Clubs finish
Sat 2 nd	Christmas Fair (1-4pm)
Weds 6 th	PANTO 1pm
Mon 11 th	KS1 Christmas performance- dress rehearsal 2pm
Tues 12 th	KS1 Christmas performance 2pm
Weds 13 th	KS1 Christmas performance 6pm
Mon 18 th	Reception Nativity- dress rehearsal 9:30am
Tues 19 th	Rocksteady Concert- 10am
Weds 20 th	Reception Nativity @ St Michael's Church 10am
Thurs 21 st	Christmas Worship @ St Michael's Church 9:15am (Parents/ carers welcome)
Fri 22 nd	School Closes at 3:25pm