

Grimsargh St Michael's Newsletter

12.01.2024

'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 back

On behalf of all school staff at Grimsargh St Michael's, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very happy new year.

It was lovely welcoming you and your children back into school on Monday this week- we are excited about what this term and year has to offer. I would also like to thank those of you who sent Christmas cards and gifts for school staff- all were very much appreciated.

There will be no 'Stars of the Week' awards presented this week.

Year 3 swimming



Our year 3 children have completed their first week swimming every day for 45 minutes at Fulwood Leisure Centre and have one more week to go.

They have shown a super attitude to the sessions, have listened to instructions excellently, have shown perseverance and resilience when needed, have impressed the swimming teachers and have thus represented our school incredibly well. All our school staff have been immensely proud. Well done year 3 and we look forward to watching your progress in the pool next week.

Weekly Attendance

(Week beginning 18th December)

SCHOOL MINIMUM TARGET: 96.4%

WHOLE SCHOOL: 95.6%

Reception: 94.6%

Year 1: 95.3%

Year 2: 93.7%

Year 3: 95.8%

Year 4: 96.5%

Year 5: 97%

Year 6: 96.6%

Primary Admissions

If your child is in their last year of pre-school/nursery, apply for their primary school place now at: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application. You must apply even if you already have siblings in school. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your online application.

The closing date for primary applications for September 2024 is 23:59 on 15 January 2024.



DIARY DATES

Monday 15th January

3pm Whole school worship

YEAR 3 SWIMMING

Tuesday 16th

3pm Singing practice

11:30am Kurling competition

9:30am Year 5 at Longridge High- Hockey skills

YEAR 3 SWIMMING

Wednesday 17th

3pm Key stage worship

YEAR 3 SWIMMING

Thursday 18th

KS1 Winnie the Pooh day

3pm Key stage worship

YEAR 3 SWIMMING

Friday 19th

2:45pm Celebration Assembly

YEAR 3 SWIMMING



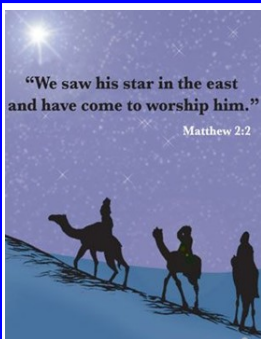
SOCIAL MEDIA



'grimsarghstmichaels' on Instagram

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





Epiphany

As the children gathered for worship on Monday afternoon, they listened to an animated version of a well-known carol, 'What can I give Him?'

www.youtube.com/watch?v=1aJfL8TE9kY

**Can your son/daughter tell you the story about the wise men visiting Jesus?
How do you think the wise men felt when they visited the baby Jesus?**

How were the shepherds and the wise men different?

The shepherds were poor and the wise men were rich. The shepherds came from the same country as Jesus and the wise men came from a different country. God wanted the wise men and the shepherds to see the baby Jesus. This shows us that God wants everyone to see Jesus. In God's eyes, it doesn't matter if we are rich or poor, Jew or gentile, or what country we are from. The wise men were the first non-Jewish people to visit Jesus. This is the time when the promise that Jesus is for everyone started to be fulfilled.



What would be the best gift to give to the baby Jesus?

Three wise men gave gifts to Jesus but Christians believe that God gave them the greatest gift of all, Jesus. His gift to us forever.

A prayer for Epiphany

Almighty God,
Who by the light of a star, showed the magi the way to Jesus,
Lead us and all your people to you.
That we may bring our best gift to you.
And serve you as our King.
Amen.



Mutual Respect and Tolerance

We are all different. Learning about each other can help us understand and respect one another. Emojis should represent our diverse world and be inclusive.



Picture News

Bible Quote: Joshua 1:9

Christian Value: Respect



Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti marks the auspicious day where Sikhs celebrate the birthday of the 10th Guru- Guru Gobind Singh.

Guru Gobind Singh's birthday will be observed on 17 January 2024.



STANDARDS

We have been impressed with how the children have returned to school after the Christmas break– there has been a lovely and calm feel around school this week.

We are passionate about looking for ways in which to raise standards and will continue to focus on doing so this term. As a staff team, we are focusing on making improvements to our behaviour policy this term. Once these changes have been made, the policy will be shared with our school governors, agreed and then shared with the children and yourselves as our parents/ carers.

Please ensure your child/ ren attend school looking smart by following our school uniform policy, which you'll find on our school website. It is important that all children attend school looking smart as if they look smart, they'll feel smart and as a result, behaviour will be of a higher standard.

SAFEGUARDING

Please see the separate attachment- 'What Parents and carers need to know about Managing Screen Time'

Our free online safety guide provides some practical tips for helping to reduce your family's screen time and promote healthier use of their devices.

From using them for communication, work, shopping and entertainment, devices such as smartphones, laptops and the rest are now deeply ingrained into modern society. Small wonder, then, that young people – who've grown up surrounded by such gadgets – can sometimes struggle to put them down, switch them off or keep themselves occupied without them.

While limiting our screen time may require a great deal of restraint, the effort can be rewarded with significant benefits to our physical and mental health.

Our #WakeUpWednesday guide has simple tips for helping to manage the amount of screen time in your household- encouraging the whole family to spend more quality time together and live in the moment.



Scores for: 18.12.23– 7.1.24



1st place: year 1	45, 793pts
2nd place: year 5	43, 415pts
3rd place: reception	26, 123pts
4th place: year 3	26, 012pts
5th place: year 4	20, 383pts
6th place: year 6	15, 560pts
7th place: year 2	12, 631pts

Top Students

Reception:	Thomas E
Year 1:	Charlotte H
Year 2:	Amelia G
Year 3:	Leo C
Year 4:	Emilia E
Year 5:	Amelia T
Year 6:	Emilia L