



St Michael & St John's RC Primary School

NEWSLETTER - 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016

*Following the example of Jesus, together we learn,  
love and respect one another to be the best we can be.*

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Salford Diocese Inspection**

As you know, on Wednesday, we were inspected by the Diocese of Salford. It was a wonderful opportunity to share with the Inspectors all that is special about St Michael and St John's. I would like to sincerely thank the parents and governors who were able to talk to the Inspectors and the friends and family who attended the Mass. Thanks must also go to our wonderful pupils who, as always, were amazing! The inspection report will be available, in about 2 weeks, for everyone to read and I am looking forward to sharing the outcomes of the inspection with you all then.

### **Stations of the Cross**

Miss Britnell and the children in school will continue, each day next week, with Stations of the Cross, at 8.45am in the Year 1 classroom. All children, parents, family members and parishioners are very welcome to attend. Junior children wishing to join do not need to go in to class early for 'response to marking' time.

### **The 'Big Question' this week**

This week, in our assembly, we discussed the parable of "The Prodigal Son" which teaches us about God's love and forgiveness. This week we are asking:-

➤ **"How can we show love to others?"**

Please discuss this with your child.

### **"Purple Thoughtful Thursdays"**

Just a reminder about the above, throughout Lent, where the children are invited to wear an item of purple clothing/hair accessory alongside the remainder of their full school uniform and bring 20p to support our fundraising for St Joseph's Penny.



## **"Wear Purple" for Epilepsy Day**

We are asking the children to pay a £1, as a voluntary contribution and attend school on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March wearing non-uniform - purple if possible or blue if they do not have purple as we will be supporting the "Wear Purple" for Epilepsy Day which is officially on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> March.

## **Next Week is Stem Week**

Next week in school we are celebrating STEM week (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). Mr Connolly, Mrs Jackson and Mrs Thornton have planned a very exciting week where the children are working, for some of the week, in teams with children from other year groups to create a moving object.

On Friday afternoon the children in the Infants will showcase their creation in the classrooms. Parents will be invited to come and look at their work between 3.00pm - 3.20pm.

The Juniors creations will be set out in the hall. Parents are invited to view these in the school hall in 2 timetabled slots of 2.15pm - 2.40pm for children who have worked with Miss Smith or Miss Acklam and 2.55pm - 3.15pm for children who have worked with Mrs Jackson or Mr Connolly.

Due to the number of children and logistics we ask that you attend in the 'correct' session. If you have children in more than one year group there will be enough time for you to visit both sessions.

As a result we will not be having a celebration assembly.

## **Gardening**

The Reception class and Year 4 children, supported by Mrs Collinge have, over the past 2 weeks, been weeding the flowerbeds in the garden, followed by a biscuit and some milkshake as a treat for their hard work. Well done and thank you to them all.

## **Year 5 & Year 6 Rugby Team**

On Thursday a team of boys and girls from Year 5 and Year 6 entered the Hyndburn & Ribble Valley Tag Rugby Tournament at Clitheroe Rugby Club. The children did very well, placing 4<sup>th</sup> out of about 20 local teams. Thank you to Mr Connolly for taking them and to the other staff and parents who provided transport.

## **Primary Maths Challenge**

Congratulations to all of the children who entered this. A special well done to Katie, in Year 6, who achieved a Silver award and to Ellen, Trinity, Molly and Ruby also in Year 6 who all achieved Bronze awards.

## **Parents' Evening**

Next week is parents' evening. Your child should have brought home their appointment time today.

## **Sports Clubs**

Next week is the final week of Sports Clubs for this term.

Parents/relatives are invited to see what the children have been doing as they perform, on the day given below, at 4.15pm:-

- Monday - Gymnastics
- Tuesday - Cheerleading
- Thursday - Dance club

On Monday you will receive a grid to complete, to request a place for Sports Clubs, for next term.

## **Next Week at School**

Monday, 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Stations of the Cross (all week, 8.45am)
Monday, 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Last week of Sports Clubs
Monday, 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Assessment Meeting in the School Hall (5.30pm)
Tuesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Olaf Grimson ('Viking Visitor' to Year 6)
Tuesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 My Skillz Showcase - Grand (6.00pm)
Tuesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Reconciliation in Church (6.30pm)
Wednesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception class Coffee Morning
Wednesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Swimming - Year 6
Wednesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Lunchtime Gardening Club begins
Thursday, 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Class Lent Mass - Year 1 & Year 5
Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Class Lent Mass - Reception, Year 2 & Year 4
Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Drama Club

## **Celebration Assembly**

Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> March                      No Celebration Assembly - STEM "Open" afternoon

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards.

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**Headteacher**