



St Michael & St John's RC Primary School

NEWSLETTER - 1st July 2016

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

Dear Parents/Carers

Weld Mass

On Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 10.30am in the garden (weather permitting). If the weather is wet Mass will take place in Church. This is a special Mass during which the children on the Sacramental programme at SSMJ and St Mary's, Sabden will be presented to the parish and will receive their certificates and booklets. This is a joint parish Mass.

Following Mass families and parishioners are invited to bring a picnic and complimentary strawberries and wine will be on offer. Again, if the weather is wet this will take place in the social centre. Please join us for this special joint Mass if you can.

St Peter and St Paul's Mass

On Wednesday our junior children attended a Mass to celebrate this feast day. There were many comments made about the children's exceptional behaviour and reverence.

NUT Strike Action

You might be aware that the National Union of Teachers is planning to take industrial action next Tuesday, 5th July 2016. At the moment school will remain open as normal.

Great Outdoor Week

Thank you to Mrs Collinge for organising our Great Outdoor week, last week. Each class took part in activities outside, in and around school, on the field and in the garden. This included mini beast hunts, gardening and orienteering. The children thoroughly enjoyed it.

New Reception Children

On Wednesday, we welcomed our new Reception children and their parents to school for their first visit. It was lovely to see them playing happily and beginning to form new friendships. This was the first visit of three and they will join us again, on Tuesday, next week.



Mrs Collinge and Mrs Clarkson will also be visiting the children in their nurseries next week.

Prayer Friends Tea Party

Thank you to Miss Britnell, Miss Smith, Mrs O'Donnell and Mrs Lambert for arranging our Prayer Friends Tea Party which took place on Wednesday. Our guests had a wonderful time, as did our Year 3 boys and girls, enjoying wonderful sandwiches and cakes made by the very talented Mrs Coar. The choir were also amazing, singing beautifully and entertaining our visitors.

This is our way of saying thank you to the Prayer Friends for the support and prayers they have offered the children on their sacramental journey. We thank SVP for their help with transporting the Prayer Friends.

Year 6 and Year 2 Trips

This week Year 6 and Year 2 have been on trips to the Pleasure Beach and Butterfly House which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you to all the staff and volunteers involved in the preparation and for accompanying the children to ensure they were safe whilst having fun! As always their behaviour was impeccable. Well done children.

Pupil Chaplaincy Day

On Thursday Emily and Gabriella, from Year 5, attended a special day of celebration as representatives from our Chaplaincy team accompanied by Mrs Clarkson and Mrs Webb. They had a wonderful day. Thank you to the staff for taking them.

Euro Tournament

Well done to the 10 children from Year 5 and 6 who took part in the Euro tournament on Thursday. They did really well and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship. Thank you to Mr Connolly for taking them and to the parents who helped with transport.

Sports Day

Unfortunately, due to the weather overnight Sports Day had to be postponed and will now take place next Friday, 8th July.

Thank you Megan & Thomas

Today was Thomas and Megan's final day as students. We would like to thank them both for all they have done for the children at St Michael & St John's.

Family Fun Fundraiser

This week the Friends of SSMJ are appealing for wine and chocolate for the "grown up" tombola, at the Family Fun Fundraiser, on Friday, 15th July. Any donations would be gratefully received, in school, next week.

Special Lunch – Thursday, 21st July

On Thursday, 21st July Mrs Coar is organising a “special” lunch as an end of year treat for the children. A selection of their favourite dishes will be on offer along with an “ice cream” parlour which went down extremely well last time!!

If your child *does not* normally have a school dinner on a Thursday and would like one on this day, please send in £2.20, to Mrs Moon, by Friday, 15th July.

Lancashire's Reading Journey Summer 2016

As we approach the summer holidays I am pleased to advise that all Lancashire Libraries will, again, be running The Lancashire Reading Journey from Saturday, 16th July until Saturday, 24th September 2016.

The Lancashire Reading Journey is not just about reading books but also about going to events, visiting museums, writing stories, taking part in digital activities and much more. To finish the journey children must complete 8 tasks out of a choice of 25.

Clitheroe Library will be holding various events and activities throughout the summer and details can be found on the Lancashire Libraries website: www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries

Next week at school

Monday, 4 th July	Bowland High Induction Day - for Year 6 pupils starting in September
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Tuesday, 5 th July	St Augustine's Intake Mass (6.00pm)
Tuesday, 5 th July	Second induction visit for our new reception children
Wednesday, 6 th July	Swimming Gala
Wednesday, 6 th July	Bikes & Scooters - Reception
Wednesday, 6 th July	Residential Parents meeting - Year 5 (6.00pm)
Friday, 8 th July	Re-scheduled Sports Day
Friday, 8 th July	Mad Science
Friday, 8 th July	Leavers' Party for Year 6 - Parish Centre (7.00pm)

Celebration Assembly

Friday, 8th July NO Celebration Assembly

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards.

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Headteacher