



St Michael & St John's RC Primary School

NEWSLETTER - 22nd April 2016

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

Dear Parents/Carers

100% Attendance for the Spring Term

Well done to the 72 children who achieved 100% attendance overall. Congratulations to Austin, Harriet, Vincent, Isaac, Henry, Megan and Sonny whose names were drawn out for a "free" play pass at Leaping Lizards.

Parents' Evening Questionnaires

The results from the parents' evening questionnaires are attached. Thank you for your feedback.

Thank You

Many thanks to two of our parents Mr Swarbrick for providing school with a range of paper which we always find valuable within school and Mrs Aspinwall for the donated passes for Leaping Lizards.

Welcome

This week we welcome Joshua, who has joined our Reception class and our St Michael & St John's family.

Winning House Team

Well done to Whalley who were the winning house team for the Spring term. Mr Connelly is currently arranging a suitable treat.

Access to Water

All children have access to drinking water, in classrooms, at all times. To avoid spillage and to utilise learning time effectively it is helpful if children have their water in a plastic bottle, rather than in cups. If you wish, please send in a plastic bottle, clearly labelled with your child's name, in order that this may be filled when required or, if your child



would prefer to bring in their own plastic bottle of water, on a daily basis, please feel free to send one in and they can dispose of it at the end of each day. Water will still be accessible and provided for children who do not have a water bottle.

Bags to School Collection

A total of 370 kilogrammes was collected through The Bags to School collection which contributed to £148.00 being raised towards the PTA/School Council fundraising for I-pads. Many thanks for all the donations received.

Reception Class - New Intake September 2016

We are looking forward to welcoming our new children and families to St Michael & St John's in September.

Thursday, 19th May at 7.00 pm will be our Reception Induction Meeting for Parents of children starting school in September 2016. At this meeting all of the further transition arrangements, induction dates and events will be discussed.

Sports Clubs

Places for Gymnastics on a Thursday evening (3.30pm-4.30pm) are still available for children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2. Places will be given on a first come, first served basis and, therefore, should you wish your child to take part in this Club please complete a consent slip available from the office.

Sports Clubs commenced this week and you should have had confirmation, by letter, whether your child has been successful in the Club/s of their choice. If you have not received confirmation please contact Mrs Cook.

Could you please ensure that all Clubs are paid for no later than next Friday, 29th April. If paying by cheque please make this payable to LCC.

Trips

The accounts within school have now changed, therefore, with immediate effect all cheques for trips, sports clubs, etc. should be made payable to LCC and not St Michael & St John's. These should be paid separately and not combined with dinner money. Your co-operation is appreciated.

Food Bank

Today Mrs Clarkson, Mrs Webb, Libby and Darcy took all the donated food to the Food bank in Clitheroe. Thank you so much for sending in all of the food. An amazing 67kg will be greatly appreciated by those who access the Food bank.

If you would like to donate items, via school, they are currently in need of washing powder and fabric conditioner but all items are appreciated.

Special Lunch

Today the children enjoyed a wonderful, special lunch prepared by Mrs Coar to celebrate the Queen's birthday and St George's Day. Fabulous cakes decorated with "crown jewels" were amongst the items on the menu. Thank you Mrs Coar and her team.

Packed Lunch Children - Friday, 29th April

Mrs Coar is, again, preparing a special lunch, for each class, next Friday, 29th to coincide with our Rainbow Day.

If your child usually has a packed lunch on a Friday and would like a school dinner instead please send in the appropriate money (£2.20) to Mrs Moon.

St Joseph's Penny

Well done to all of our children and families for raising a wonderful total of £380.08 for our St Joseph's Penny Collection. Last year we raised £192.40 so this is a super effort.

Gabriella

Well done to Gabriella, in Year 5, who took it upon herself to undertake 500 skips a day during Lent. Through sponsorship she raised a wonderful £50.00 for Cafod.

St George's Day

As St George's Day is tomorrow Saturday and school is closed any children wishing to wear their Scout, Cubs, Brownie or Rainbows uniform to school on Monday, to mark the occasion, may do so.

Free School Meals Eligibility

If you think your child may qualify for Free School Meals it is very important that you apply even if you do not wish your child to have a school lunch or if they already receive an infant free meal. Qualifying for this benefit not only attracts increased funding to school but may also make your child eligible for other benefits within school such as funding support for school trips and visits.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:-

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

Please telephone Lianne Waring, from the Local Area Office Free School Meals Team, on 01254-220714 and she will be able to advise you. Forms are available on the school website or from the school office.

Next Week at School

Monday, 25th April

Monday night Gymnastics Sports Club begins
(5th May - Thursday Gymnastics Club starts)

Wednesday, 27th April

Life Education Van

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Swimming - Year 4

Thursday, 28th April

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Friday, 29th April

Rainbow Day

Friday, 29th April

Special lunch

Celebration Assembly

Friday, 29th April

Celebration Assembly - Year 3

Kind regards.

Mrs Z Mabbott

Headteacher