



St Michael & St John's RC Primary School

NEWSLETTER - 22nd January 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 Autumn Term

Well done to the 78 children who achieved 100% attendance. Congratulations to Dexter, Max, Louise, Bethany, Abi, Callum and Oliver P whose names were drawn out for a free play pass at Leaping Lizards.

Many thanks to Mrs Aspinwall, one of our parents, for these passes.

Last week, we also won the local schools attendance competition meaning we had more pupils in school every day, than any other school in our area. Today, during celebration assembly a name will be drawn out as the winner of a voucher enabling them to have 2 free tickets for an Accrington Stanley football match. Well done.

Whole School Mass to Bless our New Mission Statement

I would like to thank all the children including our Pupil Chaplains, readers and altar servers for their contributions in preparation for and during our beautiful Mass last Tuesday. Also, we thank the staff who helped with preparations and Father Kevin and Callum for a beautiful Mass.

We also thank the parents, family members and parishioners who were able to share in this special Mass and for the positive comments and feedback received about the reverence, excellent behaviour and beautiful singing by our wonderful children.

Following our special Mass to bless our new mission statement, your child should have brought home 10 mission statement cards. We are asking the children to share our school mission by taking the cards to family members and family friends and explaining our new school mission statement to them. Please support your child with this, by discussing the mission statement and what it means and by choosing with them who they could share their mission cards with.

In the interests of safety, can I please ask parents and carers to ensure the children only choose adults known to your family. Your support is appreciated.



The Big Question this week

Part of our Mission statement talks about respect for one another. This week we have been thinking about *"how can I live out our school mission statement everyday."* We have been thinking particularly about respect and what this means particularly for us as a school community in term of respecting adults, children, property, the world around us and celebrating and respecting difference.

As a school community we work within the understanding that everyone, who is part of our community, deserves respect. As parents, you can support and reinforce this at home.

Friends Chocolate Bingo Event

A final reminder, that this event is taking place at the Parish centre after school tonight. There are some tickets left which will be sold on the door. Children must be accompanied by an adult. This is always a successful and fun filled event. Thank you to the Friends for their hard work in organising this.

Sports News - Multi-skills Event

On Wednesday afternoon our Year 5 class attended the multi-skills event at Hyndburn Sports Centre with a number of other schools from the Ribble Valley and Accrington.

The children were excellent ambassadors of the school, representing themselves and the school impeccably. They all enjoyed themselves and had a fun filled afternoon. Please see the photographs on our school website sports page.

Sports News - Cross Country

We had planned a Cross Country Club which was due to take place on a Monday lunchtime. Unfortunately, at the present time we are unable to run this Club due to the condition of the school field. As soon as the weather and condition of the field improves this Club will commence. Advance notice will be given.

Payment for Sports Clubs

Please could all monies outstanding for the morning/after school Sports Clubs be paid as soon as possible - cheques made payable to: St Michael & St John's RC Primary School. Your co-operation is appreciated.

Students from St Augustine's

We would like to thank the 7 students who have spent the last 2 weeks with us in school. They have represented themselves and their school excellently, demonstrating a mature and committed work ethic and being a real help to the staff and children in school. Well done and thank you to you all. It was a pleasure to have some of our past pupils back in school.

Callum

On Wednesday we said farewell and good luck to Callum who has been on placement, within our Parish, since September as part of his training to become a Priest. Callum has been in to school regularly to work with the children and we would like to thank him for the work he has done in helping the children to deepen their understanding of their faith. We wish Callum all the very best.

Next Week at school

Monday, 25 th January	Assembly (10.00am) - Visitor from St Joseph's Penny No parents
Tuesday, 26 th January	Year 5 trip to Jodrell Bank
Wednesday, 27 th January	Bikes & Scooters - Reception class
Friday, 29 th January	Year 4 Club - The Grand (12.45pm-1.10pm)

Celebration Assembly

Friday, 29 th January	Celebration Assembly - Year 6
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Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

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Headteacher