



St Michael & St John's RC Primary School

NEWSLETTER - 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016

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Dear Parents/Carers

We come to the end of another busy but enjoyable and rewarding term.

During Lent, as a family, we have supported one another in prayer and by helping those in need through our collections for the Food Bank, Purple Thursdays, St Joseph's Penny and Caritas. Thank you for your support.

### **Lent and Holy Week**

Holy Week, in a Catholic school, is a very special and important time and each class has been learning about the significance of the events of Holy Week as we prepare to celebrate the great feast of Easter.

Thank you to Miss Britnell and the children in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 who have led the daily Stations of the Cross and to the children and parents who were able to attend.

### **Class Masses**

Last week Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5 attended class Masses, at Church, on the theme of forgiveness during which our Year 6 Pupil Chaplains also led the post communion reflection with their beautiful and moving performance of 'Were You There'. The children, as always, were respectful and reverent.

### **Easter Eggstravaganza and Resurrection Rock**

On Tuesday, our Infant children told us about Easter in their own very special way, showing us some of their work and through beautiful singing and readings. We are very proud of their confident and enthusiastic performance. Thank you to all the many friends and relatives who came to watch them and to the staff for their efforts in the preparation of this. Through your kind donations, we raised £208.65 which will supplement our Lenten collections for Caritas. Thank you.

This afternoon we were treated to a performance of Resurrection Rock, by the Junior children, who also told us the Easter story through excellent singing and readings. Well done to all of the children and, in particular, to those who bravely and beautifully sang solo



and who dramatized the events of Holy Week so well. Thank you also to the Year 6 Pupil Chaplains who, for the final time, performed their special version of 'Were You There' and to the Year 5 Pupil Chaplains for leading the prayers. Again, thank you to the staff for their efforts in preparation for this and to all of the parents, friends and relatives who attended.

### **Services at Church**

Maundy Thursday 8.00pm - Maundy Thursday Mass - Year 3 children have been invited to have their feet washed.

Good Friday 9.00am - Stations of the Cross, 10.00am - Ecumenical Service at St Mary Magdalene's followed by procession of the Cross to the Castle Gate and 3.00pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion.

Holy Saturday - 9.00pm - Easter Vigil.

Easter Sunday 9.30am - Mass & Renewal of Baptismal promises.

### **St Joseph's Penny Boxes**

If you have not already done so, please return these boxes to school, after the Easter holiday. Thank you for your support with our fundraising for St Joseph's Penny.

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

On Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March the school community at St Michael and St John's RC Primary School again supported the annual "Wear Purple" for Epilepsy Day.

As a school we raise money for numerous Charities and this is not only a very worthwhile cause but one close to our hearts as we have a pupil in school who suffers from epilepsy, so we very much value the opportunity to work with the family and Denise, the Epilepsy nurse to raise funds for and awareness of Epilepsy.

We had a wonderful day which began with a short assembly. The children contributed to attend school in non-uniform, took part in a class competition to 'guess the number of purple balloons'. We also decorated our dining room and held a cake sale which was extremely well supported by our families who sent in cakes to sell. Well done and thank you to everyone involved! We will let you know how much was raised as soon as possible.

### **Easter "Special" Lunch**

Thank you to Mrs Coar and her team for the "wonderful" Easter decorated cakes at lunch today.

## Parents' Evenings

Thank you to all parents for your attendance at parents' evening supporting the continued partnership between school and home. Thank you for your feedback, via the questionnaires, which will be analysed and the outcomes shared with you.

## Miss Holt

Today was Miss Holt's final day as a Welfare Assistant as she was covering for Mrs Young's maternity leave. We would like to thank Miss Holt for all she has done for the children at St Michael & St John's.

## Year 6 Tower Challenge

Earlier this week six of our Year 6 pupils took part in the next round of the "Tower Building Challenge" sponsored by Johnson Matthey. Well done Amy, Daisy, Finlay, Mary, Oliver P and Reece.

## Bags to School

You should have received a Bag to School, via your child, for you to "fill" if possible over the Easter holiday. Here's the ideal opportunity to sort out any winter clothes that won't fit, any summer clothes that are now too small, bedding, towels, etc.

Unfortunately, they will not accept damaged or worn out items or school uniform. A full list of items accepted is provided on the bag.

These will be collected at 9.00am on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> April, therefore, as space is limited within school please send in any full bags from Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> April to Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> April. Thank you for your co-operation.

## Viking Visitor in Year 6

Last week Ollie Grimson, from Roman Tours, visited our school and spent the day with Year 6 so that they could learn, from an expert, all about life during the time of the Vikings and the famous battle of Brunanburh. The children examined a range of artefacts and had a great time.

## Milk - Payment

Just a reminder, as we approach the Summer term, any parents wishing their child to have milk from Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> April will need to sign up and pay via the Milk4Life's website: [www.milk4life.com](http://www.milk4life.com) The discount code for our school is M4L-22LA.

If your child is under 5 please could you **ring** Genevieve Griffiths at Milk4Life on: 01443-742112 rather than using the above website.

We are aware that some parents have paid up until the end of the Summer term, should this be the case, you **do not** need to take action.

## Summer Uniform

When we return after the Easter holidays summer uniform may be worn.

## Diary Dates for the Summer half term

Tuesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> April	School re-opens to pupils
Wednesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Bags to School can be sent in up to the 18 <sup>th</sup> April
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> April	PTA Meeting - Parents welcome - 1.45pm
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Drama Club - 3.30pm
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> April	RAISE Talent Show Final at the Grand - 6.30pm
Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Sports Clubs start (excluding gymnastics)
Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Bags to School to be collected
Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Swimming - Year 4
Thursday, 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Thornton Hall Farm visit - Reception class
Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Drama Club - 3.30pm
Monday, 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Gymnastics Sports Club begins
Wednesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Life Education Van
Wednesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Swimming - Year 4
Thursday, 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Life Education Van
Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Bank Holiday - school closed
Wednesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Swimming - Year 4
Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Mad Science - 3.30pm
Week commencing 9 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS week - KS2 (Juniors)
Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Swimming - Year 4
Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Bikes & Scooters - Reception class
Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Mad Science - 3.30pm
Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Coffee Morning - Reception class
Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Swimming - Year 4
Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Intake Evening for "new" Reception Class - 7.00pm
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Mad Science - 3.30pm
Week commencing 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Sports Clubs finish
Week commencing 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Bikeability week - Year 6
Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Swimming - Year 4
Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> May	School closes for half term - 3.30pm
Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> June	School re-opens to pupils

### Celebration Assemblies

Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Celebration Assembly - No class
Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Celebration Assembly - Year 4
Friday, 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Celebration Assembly - Year 3
Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Celebration Assembly - Year 1
Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> May	No Celebration Assembly
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Celebration Assembly - Year 6

This is the final newsletter of this term and I would like to take the opportunity to thank the children, staff, parents, relatives and members of our Parish family for your continued support and efforts in fulfilling our mission and ensuring that as we follow the example of Jesus, together we learn, love and respect one another to be the best we can be.

As we look forward to the great celebration of Easter, may God bless you and your families. We wish you a Holy and peaceful Easter.

Kind regards.

Mrs Z Mabbott  
Headteacher