



St Michael & St John's RC Primary School

NEWSLETTER - 26th February 2016

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

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back everyone. I hope you had a lovely half term.

A New Addition

Congratulations to the "Wilkins-Odudu" family on the birth of baby George on Tuesday, 23rd February. Congratulations and best wishes, a wonderful new addition to the St Michael & St John's family.

The 'Big Question' this week

This week, in our assembly, we looked at the Transfiguration of Jesus and as our 'big question', this week we are asking:-

- **What fills us with wonder what makes us go wow?**

Please discuss this with your child.

Door of Mercy

On Monday, the 7 Year 6 Pupil Chaplains, Mr Moon, Mrs Wilkinson and I took the Door of Mercy to pass on to our sister school St Mary's, Sabden. To hand over the door, we joined some staff and children, from St Mary's, in a short reflection which was a wonderful opportunity to pray with another school in our Catholic family.

Pupil Chaplain Commissioning Mass

Congratulations to our 8 new Pupil Chaplains Amber, Demi, Emily, Florence, Gabriella, Katy, Martha & Shannon. On Tuesday they were commissioned by Father Kevin in a special Mass. They were asked by Father to reflect upon the following, as they take on this very important role:-

- Whether they are willing to undertake this role with gladness, cheerfulness and willingness? Are prepared to make time for prayer, give up some of their time to serve others, be humble and follow Jesus in all that they say and do?



The children are confident that they are ready and our wonderful Year 6 Pupil Chaplains will now support, guide and help to induct our new Year 5 Pupil Chaplains into their role.

Once again, at Mass, Father Kevin commented upon the reverence and respect of the children.

"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.

St Joseph's Penny Box

During this half term, we will be continuing to help the children to prepare for the great celebration of Easter. We help them understand that Lent is about trying to become closer to Jesus through Prayer, Penance and Alms-giving. Each class will have a special time of prayer each day.

We try to make Penance a positive act so rather than giving something up, we encourage the children to actively show they are trying to be more like Jesus - perhaps by helping at home, being more patient with others, doing what they are asked the first time! Your child has been given a St. Joseph's Penny box - this is our annual Lenten Collection - please give generously and return to school to help our fundraising for St Joseph's Penny.

Bible Buddies

William, Connor, Karolina & Bradley have been appointed as our new Bible Buddies. This role involves leading sessions, at lunchtime, where they will tell the children bible stories followed by fun activities.

This is a new and very important role in school which I am sure they will enjoy.

St Augustine's Science and Maths Quiz

Well done to our 7 children, from Year 6, who took part in the annual Science and Maths quiz at St Augustine's on Tuesday evening. They had lots of fun and were proud to be placed second overall. Thank you to Mr Connolly for taking them.

French Trip - Current Years 3 & 4

If you wish your child to take part in the French trip in 2017 could you please forward their deposit, to school, by Monday, 29th February. Cheques should be made payable to St Michael & St John's RC Primary School Fund.

Milk - Payment

Any parents wishing their child to have milk from last Monday, 22nd February will need to sign up and pay via the Milk4Life's website: 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 Spring term or, even the end of the Summer term, should this be the case you **do not** need to take action.

Packed Lunch Children: Book Week Special Lunches - Next Week

Mrs Coar will be cooking a number of nursery rhyme "themed" lunches, next week, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday to coincide with book week:-

- Monday: Hickory Dickory Dock
- Wednesday: Three Little Pigs
- Friday: The Owl & The Pussycat

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

Dinner Money

It is a real help to Mrs Moon if you can pay dinner money at the start of every week (£2.20 day/£11 per week) or, at the beginning of the term, if you pay half termly.

From last Monday, 22nd February up to Easter (Thursday, 24th March) the amounts are as follows:-

• 5 days per week	=	£52.80
• 3 days per week	=	£30.80
• 2 days per week	=	£19.80
• Friday only	=	£8.80

Cheques should be made payable to LCC.

Building Work

The building work is progressing well. The builders have worked really hard throughout the half term holiday. The roof is almost ready to go on to the new extension and the doorway has been created, from the Year 1 classroom, to provide immediate access for outdoor play and continuous provision.

I would like to thank the whole team of builders for ensuring minimal disruption to school life and all of the builders, Mr Moon and Mrs Brown for the 'big clean up' last Friday to ensure school was safe, clean and tidy ready to re-open on Monday.

Book Week

Next week is book week, which Miss Acklam has kindly organised. A separate letter has been sent out about this. A variety of fun and engaging sessions and activities are planned including a visiting storyteller and some sessions where our parents have kindly agreed to come in and read to our children. Thank you for your support, we look forward to an exciting week.

Next Week at School

Monday, 29 th February	Book week all week
Monday, 29 th February	Themed lunch - Hickory Dickory Dock
Wednesday, 2 nd March	Reception class - Bikes & Scooters
Wednesday, 2 nd March	Themed lunch - Three Little Pigs
Wednesday, 2 nd March	Junior Bookshare (parent reading in class)
Wednesday, 2 nd March	"Friends" meeting (8.00pm)
Thursday, 3 rd March	Choir to Young Voices, Manchester
Thursday, 3 rd March	Infant Bookshare (parent reading in class)
Friday, 4 th March	World Book Day - Dress as a book character
Friday, 4 th March	Themed lunch - The Owl & The Pussycat
Friday, 4 th March	Drama Club (3.30pm-4.30pm)

Celebration Assembly

Friday, 4 th March	Celebration Assembly - Year 4
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Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards.

Mrs Z Mabbott
Headteacher