



St Michael & St John's RC Primary School

NEWSLETTER - 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015

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

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Advent and Advent Masses**

On Monday, the children looked wonderful with their 'splashes of purple' as we entered the season of Advent. The children are invited to wear a purple item again on Monday. This week, our classes celebrated Advent Masses in Church. The children's behaviour was impeccable, they showed wonderful reverence and respect, which was remarked upon by Father Kevin, the staff and parishioners. Thank you to the parishioner who took the time, to telephone school, to praise the children for their behaviour and conduct in Church.

### **Book of Remembrance**

Our Pupil Chaplains have begun a book of remembrance, which is kept in the school entrance. This book is for all pupils, parents, relatives, staff or members of the parish who would like us to remember a loved one in our prayers.

### **Friends Christmas Fair**

This will take place after school today. Please support this event which will involve many different activities and stalls. Tea, coffee and cake will also be available. The children have made calendars and also Christmas decorations which you can purchase at the event. Thank you to the "Friends" for organising this and the staff for their support.

### **Gymnastics/Dance Club**

Well done to our Year 1 & Year 2 children who performed their routines to parents on Monday and Thursday evenings. They were wonderful and are all super stars! Many thanks to Catherine Crew and Clair Bruce for 'training' them.

### **Christmas Post**

The Christmas post box has been placed in the school hall. Children wanting to send Christmas cards should write the child's name and class on the front and the cards will be delivered by some of the older children in school. This ensures cards are delivered with minimal disruption to learning time. Thank you for your co-operation.



## Choir

The choir have started their fundraising efforts and have spread some "Christmas cheer" singing in Sainsbury's and Booth's this week and, to date, they have raised £351.14. On the front page of the school website ([www.ssmj.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.ssmj.lancs.sch.uk)) is a totaliser so you can track the progress of our fundraising efforts for this year's chosen Charities.

## Sports Clubs

Clubs have now finished for this half term and a 'choices grid' will be sent out next week for children to request places, for the Spring term clubs, which will begin week commencing Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

New activities include 'Cheerleading' & 'Bocca' - a demonstration of this was given to our Reception, Year 1 and Year 3 children on Wednesday morning (Year 2 were in our Advent Mass); all the children seemed to enjoy it and we are pleased to be able to offer this sport in our morning club activities.

## Building Fund

May I thank everyone who sent in a contribution towards the Diocese building fund.

## Second Gold Cardiac Smart Award

We have been awarded our second Gold Cardiac smart award in recognition of our First Aid teaching and skills in school. This award is presented by the North West Ambulance Service to very few schools, colleges and companies.

We first won the Silver award in 2010, the first Gold was won in 2013 and now we have won our second for our continued good practice and skills. This afternoon Mrs Jackson and Mr Evans received the award on behalf of school. I would like to thank them for their hard work with this.

## Staffing

This week the Governors appointed Mrs Moon to the post of Assistant Bursar to work alongside Mrs Wilkinson who will start full time in January. Congratulations and welcome to the team Mrs Moon!

## Packed Lunch Children: Christmas Lunch - Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December

Mrs Coar will be cooking a traditional Christmas lunch on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December. If your child usually has a packed lunch, on a Wednesday, and would like a school dinner please send in £2.20 to Mrs Moon.

## Uniform Orders

If you order your school uniform, via the school office (sweatshirts, polo-shirts, cardigans) please note orders must be received no later than Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December for collection week-commencing 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

## Next Week at School

Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup> December	-	No French Club this week
Tuesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Infant Nativity - 2.00pm
Tuesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Choir singing at Sainsbury's - 3.00pm/5.00pm
Wednesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Infant Nativity - 10.00am
Wednesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Choir singing at Booths - 3.00pm/5.00pm
Thursday, 10 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Pantomime, Grand - <b>Separate letter to follow</b>
Friday, 11 <sup>th</sup> December	-	No Celebration Assembly
Friday, 11 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Infant Party
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Choir singing outside M&Co - 10.00am/12 noon

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

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