



St Michael & St John's RC Primary School

NEWSLETTER - 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016

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

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Salford Diocese RE Inspection**

Next week is an important week for our school as we will be inspected by Salford Diocese. These inspections happen about once every 5 years and are a very important occasion in the life of any Catholic school. Our faith is central to everything we do at St Michael & St John's and we are looking forward to sharing our lovely school, with the Inspectors, so they can experience first-hand what a wonderful Catholic community we are as we 'follow the example of Jesus'. The Inspectors will arrive at school early on Wednesday morning and will observe worship, celebrate Class Lenten Mass with us, observe lessons and talk to children, parents, staff and governors.

### **Stations of the Cross**

Beginning on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> March Miss Britnell and the children in school will lead the Stations of the Cross, each day, at 8.45am in the Year 1 classroom. All children, parents, family members and parishioners are very welcome. Junior children wishing to attend do not need to go in to class early for 'response to marking' time.

### **Adverse Weather Condition**

I would like to thank our dedicated staff for their efforts this morning, working as a team, to ensure that the school remained open and that the safety and welfare of our pupils and families continued to be top priority.

As long as staffing levels allow and, it is safe to do so, it is always our intention to keep the school open for the children. However, we respectfully remind our families and staff members that you should only travel, to school, if it is safe for you to do so.

In adverse weather the front page of the school website will be updated and if we do need to close this would be announced on Radio Lancashire and on the webpage: [www3.lancashire.gov.uk](http://www3.lancashire.gov.uk) Thank you to the many parents who passed on their appreciation to staff this morning as they were gritting, shovelling, clearing safe paths and looking after the children inside school and out.



## Food Bank Assembly

On Monday Mrs Haldane, from the Ribble Valley Food Bank, delivered an assembly to the children.

During the Year of Mercy, one of the Corporal Acts of Mercy is to feed the hungry, therefore, as a school we are collecting items which will then be forwarded to the Ribble Valley Food Bank to help those in need. Initially we are asking all families/children to contribute if they can and, over time, we may look at structuring this into class collections.

Many thanks for the donations received this week.

## "Wear Purple" for Epilepsy Day

On Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March our school will be supporting the "Wear Purple" for Epilepsy Day by asking the children to attend school wearing non-uniform - purple if possible or blue if they do not have purple.

Purple Day is an International grassroots effort dedicated to increasing awareness about Epilepsy worldwide. Annually, on the 26<sup>th</sup> March, people in countries around the world are invited to wear purple and host events in support of Epilepsy awareness. Last year, people in dozens of countries on all continents including Antarctica participated in Purple Day!

This is a very worthwhile cause and, as you may know, we have a pupil in school who suffers from Epilepsy and so we very much value this opportunity to raise funds and awareness whilst supporting a cause so close to all of our hearts. Last year we raised a wonderful £265.06 and would love to exceed this if we can.

We are asking the children to 'pay' £1 to attend in non-uniform and there will also be an opportunity to buy cakes, at morning break, if your child would like to bring in some extra money for this. Any parents wishing to donate cakes, for the cake stall, can do this on the day. More details to follow nearer the time.

## The 'Big Question' this week

This week, in our assembly, we discussed our first Corporal Act of Mercy and as our 'big question' this week we are asking:-

- **How can you show you have helped other members of the local or, wider community, by the end of the week?**

Please discuss this with your child.

## "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.

## Adult Leaders of GIFT Chaplaincy Teams

On March 1<sup>st</sup>, Feast of St David, Mrs Clarkson and Mrs Webb attended a wonderful celebration and presentation of certificates by Bishop John Arnold for their role as 'Adult leaders of GIFT Chaplaincy Teams'. They have attended the four day training course at Salford Diocese covering a wide range of aspects of the Churches Mission in Education. Thank you and well done to both of them.

## Tempest Photographs

Your child should have recently received their school class photograph. Please note that orders need to be back, at the school Office, by Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> March in order for them to be sent to Tempest.

## Work Experience Students

We would like to thank Daniel and Tariq from Clitheroe Royal Grammar School for their help in Year 6 and Year 3 this week. They have been a credit to themselves and their school and have been an asset to the classes and a real help to the children.

## Book Week

What a wonderful, fun filled week. The children have reinvigorated their love of reading through a range of activities including visits to the library, teacher swops and parents reading stories to them. This culminated with a dressing up day which included a special assembly this morning. Thank you to Miss Acklam for organising this.

## Young Voices

On Thursday night, Mrs Lambert, Miss Acklam, Mrs Layzell, Mrs Moon and I took 39 children to the Young Voices Concert in Manchester. The children have worked incredibly hard with the support of Mrs Lambert and Miss Acklam to prepare for this wonderful event singing alongside 7886 other children. This was a fun filled evening of singing, dancing and celebration which the children (and staff) thoroughly enjoyed! We were also treated to a special performance by Alexandra Burke.

## Bags to School

We will be organising Bags to School next term and these will be collected after our Easter break on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> April.

The bags should be arriving within the next 2 weeks and will be sent home for you to "fill" over the Easter holidays. 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.

### **Next Week at School**

Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Stations of the Cross all week (8.45am)
Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day for Tempest class photos to be returned
Wednesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Class Lent Mass - Year 3 & Year 6 (9.15am)
Wednesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Swimming - Year 6
Wednesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Salford Diocese RE Inspection
Thursday, 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Rugby Tournament, Clitheroe Rugby Club
Friday, 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Drama Club

### **Celebration Assembly**

Friday, 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Celebration Assembly - Year 5
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Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards.

Mrs Z Mabbott  
**Headteacher**