



St Michael & St John's RC Primary School

NEWSLETTER - 8th 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

Happy New Year

We would like to wish all of our families and parishioners a very happy New Year. I hope you have all had a peaceful break. It is lovely to welcome back the children following the holiday. They have returned smiling and ready to learn.

Welcome

We are pleased to welcome 3 new children to our SSMJ family: A warm welcome to Harry in Year 2, Lyndon in Year 3 and Keelan in Year 4.

Our new Mission Statement

As you are aware, we have recently revised our school mission statement. We are having a Whole School Mass on Tuesday, 19th January to celebrate this. All parents are welcome.

Prayer and Reflection Books

Your child should have brought home a prayer and reflection book to make special and 'decorate' in an appropriate way making it special to them, but also reflecting that this is a religious book. Please support your child with this over the weekend and return the book, to school, on Monday, 11th January. Thank you.

Epiphany

This week we have celebrated the Epiphany with a worship session and in classes.

Year of Mercy

Pope Francis announced the Jubilee Year of Mercy which began on 8th December, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and will close on November 20th 2016 with the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The motto of the Holy Year is "Merciful like the Father."

The Door of Mercy will be arriving at St Michael and St John's on Friday, 12th February 2016.



School Admissions

If you have a child due to start Primary school, in September 2016, then you need to apply online at: www.lancashire.gov.uk The closing date for Primary school applicants is Friday, 15th January 2016.

Sports Clubs

All Sports Clubs begin week-commencing Monday, 11th January for 4 weeks. Clubs will not take place week-commencing Monday, 8th February and will then recommence Monday, 22nd February for 4 weeks. Children wishing to participate have received a letter confirming whether they have secured a place in the requested Club/s. The clubs grid and information is on the school website.

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 the beginning of this term up to the end of the February half term (Friday, 12th February) the amounts are as follows:-

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| • 5 days per week | = | £63.80 |
| • 3 days per week (Mon, Wed, Fri) | = | £37.40 |
| • 2 days per week (Mon, Fri) | = | £24.20 |
| • 2 days per week (Tue, Fri) | = | £26.40 |
| • Friday only | = | £13.20 |

Cheques should be made payable to LCC.

Golden Time

Golden time begins again today. The children are working hard to follow the Golden Rules so that they keep all of their golden time. The stampers have now arrived and following parent feedback, class teachers will now be stamping children's reading records if they have achieved all of their golden time. This means you can celebrate this achievement with them.

PE Kits

Physical Education is a National Curriculum requirement and children need to have the appropriate kit in school so they can take part safely. Please ensure your child has their full PE kit, in school, every day as sometimes they might need it on days other than those timetabled for PE.

Diary Dates for the Spring half term

Week beginning 11 th January	Sports Clubs commence St Augustine's Students begin work experience placements for 2 weeks
Thursday, 14 th January	Tempest Photographer - Class Groups (except Y3)
Friday, 15 th January	Year 4 Club - The Grand (12.45pm-1.10pm)
Friday, 15 th January	Closing date for Primary school admissions
Friday, 15 th January	SSMJ Friends Meeting (2.45pm)
Friday, 15 th January	Non uniform day for chocolate bingo
Monday, 18 th January	Tempest Photographer - Year 3 Class Group
Tuesday, 19 th January	Whole school Mass (9.15am) - Launch of new mission statement
Wednesday, 20 th January	Year 5 to Multi-skills event (1.00pm-3.00pm)
Friday, 22 nd January	Year 4 Club - The Grand (12.45pm-1.10pm)
Friday, 22 nd January	SSMJ Friends Chocolate Bingo (Parish Centre)
Friday, 22 nd January	St Augustine's students finish
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)
Week beginning 1 st February	Last week of Sports Clubs
Tuesday, 2 nd February	Reception class - Coffee Morning
Thursday, 4 th February	Global Renewables to visit Year 6
Friday, 5 th February	Year 4 Club - The Grand (12.45pm-1.10pm)
Friday, 5 th February	SSMJ Friends Disco (7.00pm-9.00pm/Parish Centre)
Week beginning 8 th February	E Safety week Door of Mercy week No Sports Clubs
Tuesday, 9 th February	E Safety day
Wednesday, 10 th February	Whole school Mass (9.15am) - Ash Wednesday
Thursday, 11 th February	Global Renewables to visit Year 6
Friday, 12 th February	Door of Mercy arrives
Friday, 12 th February	School closes for half term
Monday, 22 nd February	School re-opens to pupils

Celebration Assemblies

Friday 8 th January	Celebration Assembly
Friday, 15 th January	Celebration Assembly - Year 2
Friday, 22 nd January	Celebration Assembly - Year 1
Friday, 29 th January	Celebration Assembly - Year 6
Friday, 5 th February	Celebration Assembly - Reception
Friday, 12 th February	No Assembly

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

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