



St Michael & St John's RC Primary School

NEWSLETTER - 8th July 2016

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

Dear Parents/Carers

More Great News for SSMJ!

We are very proud to share with you information about two recent awards we have achieved:

East Lancashire Awards Evening

Our school was nominated and shortlisted for the 'Primary School of the Year Award' in the East Lancashire Education Awards 2016. The celebration evening took place on Tuesday night and although not overall winners, St Michael & St John's were 'highly commended'. This is in recognition of the outcomes in our recent RE inspection and the care, guidance and support provided by our school as recognised by the recent Outstanding judgements by Salford Diocese. Thank you to Mr Connolly and Miss Britnell for attending the awards evening to represent our school.

Behaviour Quality Mark

As previously mentioned our school was assessed in June by Mrs Russell-Hayes from the Local Authority. On Thursday, she returned to school to present the certificate and award. We are very proud to announce that we were awarded 'Gold' and are one of about 30 school of the 480 schools in Lancashire to have achieved this award.

During the assessment day, Mrs Russell Hayes observed assembly, spent time in every class, observed the children interacting at playtime and lunchtime and their movements through school and spoke to individual and groups of children. She also looked at school policies, procedures and systems and a range of other information.

On presenting our award, Mrs Russell-Hayes commended our children on their excellent standards of behaviour in and out of learning and on the way they look after each other so well. She also noted how fortunate the children are to have such wonderful, hardworking and dedicated staff. Thank you and Congratulations to all children and adults at SSMJ.

Altar Servers Recognised and Congratulated

Well done to Katie in Year 5 and Tilda in Year 4 who were presented with the Guild at Mass on Sunday and to Jessica in Year 4 who will be presented with the Guild on Saturday evening. They having been altar servers now for a year, well done and congratulations.



St Augustine's Intake Mass

Thank you to all the families who attended the Intake Mass on Tuesday evening and to the children who took part, the Priests for celebrating Mass and all the staff involved at St Augustine's.

New Reception Children

On Tuesday, we welcomed our new Reception children and their parents to school for their second visit. It was lovely to see them playing happily with their new friends.

Next week will be their final visit and they will stay for lunch along with their parents who are invited to enjoy the wonderful food prepared by Mrs Coar.

Sports Day

Unfortunately, once again, we had to cancel our sports day to the wet weather making the field unsafe. As we approach the end of term the school diary is extremely busy and so we will try our very best to fit in a sports day, however this might have to take place at short notice (we would text you).

Swimming Gala

Well done to our squad of Year 5 and Year 6 pupils who attended the swimming gala on Wednesday. The children represented the school very well and were amazing, individually and in their teams. Congratulations.

Gymnastics

Thursday's club will be showing their skills off in a short demonstration on Thursday at 4.15pm (just before the cheerleading show).

Cricket team

On Wednesday night our cricket team of girls and boys played in a tournament and played really well demonstrating excellent sportsmanship in the true spirit of the game.

End of Year Reports

Today you will receive your child's end of year report. If you wish to discuss any aspects of the report with your child's class teacher, please telephone school to make an appointment.

If family members are separated and require more than one copy of their child's report, and have not received one, please contact Mrs Wilkinson in the office who will be more than happy to help.

Rainbows

Well done to our children who have completed the Rainbows program recently and thank you to Mrs Clarkson for delivering the Rainbows program once again.

Bowland High Induction Days

On Monday and Tuesday three of our Year 6 pupils attended the induction days at Bowland High school. They had a wonderful couple of days and had the chance to meet members of staff and, some of the children from other schools, who will be starting in September.

Family Fun Fundraiser

This week the Friends of SSMJ are appealing for good quality home furnishing items for the White Elephant stall at the Family Fun Fundraiser, on Friday, 15th July. Any donations would be gratefully received, in school, next week.

Music Service Tuition

You should have received a letter about the music service and the tuition services offered which your child can access if they wish to learn to play a musical instrument. More information can be found at www.lancsngfl.ac.uk/curriculum/music

You may wish to apply online at www.lmsenrol.co.uk

Keyboard lessons are available in school, but this is with a private tutor: Mr Paul Lee. Please contact him direct to discuss lesson costs and arrangements. Mob: 07859 906 720

Readers at Mass

If any of our parents, grandparents or older children who feel confident enough would be interested in reading at Mass and adding their names to the parish rota at the weekends, Peter Donnelly is offering a session on Monday 18th July at 7.30pm. This will provide any clarification/guidance required regarding timings, using the microphone and so on.

Special Lunch - Thursday, 21st July

On Thursday, 21st July Mrs Coar is organising a "special" lunch as an end of year treat for the children. A selection of their favourite dishes will be on offer along with an "ice cream" parlour which went down extremely well last time!!

If your child *does not* normally have a school dinner on a Thursday and would like one on this day, please send in £2.20, to Mrs Moon, by Friday, 15th July.

Next week at school

Monday, 11 th July	Intergen Tea Dance - Year 6
Wednesday, 13 th July	Wild Boar Park trip - Year 3
Wednesday, 13 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Play (6.00pm)
Thursday 14 th July	Preparation for Crossroads Mass (all Y6 children welcome)
Friday 15 th July	Farmer and Seeds Celebration Y4 & Reception
Friday, 15 th July	"Friends" of SSMJ Summer Fair (5.00pm-7.30pm)
Sunday, 17 th July	Year 6 Crossroads Mass (9.30am)

Celebration Assembly

Friday, 15th July NO Celebration Assembly due to setting up/preparing for the family fun fundraising.

Thank you for your continued support.
Kind regards.

Mrs Z Mabbott
Headteacher