



St Michael & St John's RC Primary School

NEWSLETTER - 9th October 2015

"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." (John Ch10 vs10)

Dear Parents/Carers

October - The month of the Rosary

As mentioned in last week's newsletter regarding the Rosary, below are the details as promised:-

The Pupil Chaplains will lead the Rosary, everyday next week, in Miss Britnell's classroom (year 1), starting at 8:45am. The final session will take place on Monday, 19th October so we can join in the 'Million People Say The Rosary'. We would like as many children and parents/relatives to join us on any or all of these days.

Parents' Evening

You should have received your appointments for parents' evening. We have made every effort to accommodate you, at your specified time, but as I am sure you will appreciate some times are more popular than others. We look forward to seeing you next Wednesday, 14th or Thursday, 15th October 2015.

For Health and Safety reasons children attending with parents need to be supervised at all times, therefore, a Crèche facility will be in place in the dining room on both evenings.

France Trip

I would like to thank Mr Connolly, Miss Acklam and Mrs Makepeace for accompanying our children to France last week and ensuring they had wonderful time. The children were full of excited tales on their return to school. Thank you also to St Mary's, Sabden for partnering with us. We are currently reviewing the residential visits we offer as we are hoping to continue our strong links with St Mary's.

Sporting Success

Thank you to Mrs Cook and Mr Connolly who took two teams to Ribblesdale to play in the Ribble Valley Football Tournament.



The "red" team: Oliver Monaghan, Joe Blackburn, Oliver Procter, Sonny Watson, Reuben Walker, Max Thompson, George Jackson and William Brisley played extremely well and came runners up beaten by St Leonard's in the final.

The "blue" Team: Vincenzo Burzio, Jack Acres, Florence Rowley, Emily Evans, Jack Swarbrick, Dylan Rushton, Daniel Meloy and Mackenzie Counsell also did very well, particularly as they are all in Year 5 and a year younger.

Both teams were a credit to our school and to themselves and played in the true spirit of the game. Well done children!

School Sports Council

We have another new group of pupils, in school, who are representing the thoughts and views of their peers in relation to sports. Congratulations to the newly elected members of our School Sports Council who are:-

- Year 6: Oliver Procter/Molly Murphy
- Year 5: Jack Swarbrick/ Florence Rowley
- Year 4: Lucas Murphy/Olive Aspinwall
- Year 3: Isobel Clarkson/Jack Bradley
- Year 2: Vincent Boothman/ Eleanor Acres
- Year 1: Harriet Young/ Peter Holden

St Augustine's Car Share from September

One of our grandparents is interested in car sharing to and from St Augustine's from September and has asked that we provide you with his details so that you can contact him should you be interested. His details are: George Reynolds - 07824-644412.

School Admissions

If you have a child due to start Primary or Secondary 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 and for Secondary school **Saturday, 31st October 2015** (within the **half term** holiday)

Children being dropped off early - morning

May I remind parents that children must not be dropped off early in the morning. Staff are not on duty until 8.45am and the weather is becoming wetter and more wintery. This is a Safeguarding and Health and Safety issue. Sunflowers operate a "breakfast club" and children can be dropped off there (fee payable) if you are having difficulties with childcare.

Parent Governor Election

I am pleased to inform you that Mr Ben Layzell has been elected unopposed to the Governing body.

Extra-Curricular Activities - Sports Clubs

Please note that next week is the final week of Sports Club activities for this half term. Clubs will re-commence week commencing Monday, 9th November (no Clubs the first week after half term) with the final week being week commencing Monday, 30th November.

Football (Wednesday night) and Netball (Monday night) Clubs finish next week due to the night's drawing in.

School Council and Harvest

Thank you on behalf of the School Council for all the food which has been sent into school for Harvest. This weekend it will be taken over to Church and will then be distributed to Maundy Grange or members of the Parish. If you know of somebody in our Parish who would benefit from a harvest parcel, please contact the school office with their details.

Non-Uniform Day Donations

Thank you for all the items received to help raise funds for the Parish Autumn fair and school.

Christmas Cards

A separate letter will be sent out by Mrs Thornton who is organizing the "Cauliflower Christmas cards" this year. The children will bring home their design early next week and orders along with payment are required, via the school office, no later than Tuesday, 20th October.

Next Week at School

Monday, 12 th - Thursday, 15 th	-	Last week of Sports Club activities
Wednesday, 14 th October	-	Swimming - Year 6
Wednesday, 14 th October	-	Parents Evening
Thursday, 15 th October	-	Parents' Evening
Friday, 16 th October	-	Celebration Assembly - Year 1

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

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